

A16 Branch structure review - changes to the Standing Orders

Proposer: Rob Gowans

Motion text

1 In the Standing Orders:

2 Delete references to 'Local Teams' in 2.2.5 and 2.2.8

3 Delete section 3 (Local Teams)

4 Amend section 4.2 (Sub-Branches Formation and dissolution) to read:

5 "4.2.1. The formation and dissolution of a Sub-Branch shall be agreed by a
6 simple majority of those present and voting at a quorate and properly convened
7 Branch AGM or EGM.

8 "4.2.2. If a Sub-Branch is no longer able to meet these standing orders, it can
9 agree with a neighbouring Sub-Branch to merge with that Sub-Branch."

10 Delete section 4.3.1

11 Amend section 4.3.2 to read: "Sub-Branch office bearers shall inform Scottish
12 Green Party members living within the Sub-Branch area of the meetings of the
13 Sub-Branch.", and move to end of section 4.7 (Office Bearers)

14 Amend section 4.3.5 to read: "Sub-Branches shall be represented on the Branch
15 Committee sub-group responsible for Sub-Branch and membership support."

16 Amend section 4.3.6 to read: "The representative on the Branch Committee sub-
17 group can be any member of the Sub-Branch, and shall be selected at a Sub-Branch
18 meeting."

19 Delete section 4.3.7

20 Amend section 4.7.1 to read: "Sub-Branches are encouraged to elect office
21 bearers, but are not required to do so. If the Sub-Branch elects Co-Convenors,
22 at least one of them must be a woman."

23 Amend section 4.8.1 to read: "Sub-Branches will be allocated a proportion of
24 branch funds. The specific proportion will be determined by the Branch
25 Committee."

26 Amend section 4.8.5 to read: "Sub-Branches will operate to a budget agreed with
27 the Branch Committee. This may include a proportion of branch funds or
28 fundraising income related to Sub-Branch members.

29 After section 4.8.5, insert:

30 "4.8.6. One Sub-Branch office bearer must take responsibility for liaising with
31 the Branch Committee over financial matters. Sub-branches without elected office
32 bearers will not be entitled to control their budget."

Reason

This motion makes changes to the branch Standing Orders to implement the outcomes of the structure review, in particular removing the distinction between Local Teams and Sub-branches

Supporters

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