

## 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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