

A1-Branch Reserves Constitutional Motion: Edinburgh Greens Branch Reserves Policy

Proposer: Edinburgh Greens Branch Committee

Motion text

- 1 Insert into EGP Constitution, Section 4:
- 2 In order to ensure the ongoing financial sustainability of the Edinburgh branch,
- 3 reserves should be retained in the branch bank account for the equivalent of one
- 4 (minimum) to two (desirable) years' branch running costs. Costs may include, but
- 5 not be limited to, monthly branch and committee venue hire, Edinburgh Greens
- 6 website hosting and domain charges, and an accessibility bursary fund. As at
- 7 2020, the reserves would be set at £3000 for one year's running costs or £6000
- 8 for two years'.

Reason

This policy should not be difficult to uphold, given the ongoing generosity of the standing orders from Edinburgh branch members. However if circumstances were to change, it is important to ensure that each committee passes on a financially sustainable branch to the next. By requiring 1-2 years running costs to remain in the bank, it means that if there is a drop in income in the future, there will be time to find new funds before needing to cut back on constitutionally required activity. Please note that running costs do not include costs involved with elections.

Supporters

Becky Luff (Treasurer); Ben Parker (Co-Convener)