

A44 Edinburgh Branch to bring "Reforming National Executive" motion to conference

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Motion text

1 Constitutional motion: Reforming National Executive

2 Preamble

3 There is compelling evidence that the National Executive needs reform.

4 The party went to the crucial 2026 election with more than a hundred thousand
5 pounds less than planned in our strategic plan and had to resort to a 150
6 thousand pound loan from the Green Party of England and Wales .

7 Autumn conference left the party with an almost 25 thousand pound overspend
8 showing lack of proper oversight of party staff.

9 The cultural review which has been agreed years ago only now is treated with
10 some urgency.

11 Finally the fact that in the seven years Executive existed, the position of co-
12 char, which is one of the most important posts in the party, for years was left
13 empty or was suddenly vacated by members frustrated with the way it works.

14 There are many reasons for this.

15 Most information is kept secret from both committee and ordinary members. Staff
16 key performance metrics, staff responsibilities, finance information, invoices,
17 contracts are only available to co-chairs, preventing committee members from
18 making informed decisions and providing effective oversight.

19 Co-chairs being the only ones with sensitive information and responsible for
20 managing staff and other committees, are overloaded with tasks and at high risk
21 of burn-out, especially since the posts are unpaid.

22 We need to reform the National Executive to make it more democratic and
23 efficient, spread the workload while focusing more on good governance.

24 Motion

25 Replace point 3.4.3.2 of Constitution with:

26 "SGP Executive shall be responsible for procuring legal services as required.
27 Access to legal advice by other office bearers, members and staff shall be at
28 the discretion of the Executive, subject to the Executive's obligation to
29 protect legal privilege of advice to the greatest extent possible and with the
30 exception of the legally required officers, who shall have the automatic right
31 to access legal advice unless they have a relevant conflict of interest."

32 Replace point 3.4.3.3 of Constitution with:

33 "SGP Executive shall present written reports to each Council meeting and shall
34 send a representative to Council meeting to answer questions on the report.
35 Reports by the SGP Executive, must be delivered to the Co-Convenors of SGP
36 Council no later than ten days before each Council meeting, and made available
37 to members at least one week before Council meetings."

38 Replace point 3.4.7 of Constitution with:

39 "SGP Executive will consist of:

- 40 a. Eight elected members of National Executive none of whom can be an elected
- 41 Member of Parliament or Councillors;
- 42 b. The Co-Leaders of the SGP;
- 43 c. The Co-Convenors of SGP Council;
- 44 d. The Treasurer of the SGP;
- 45 e. One delegate from each active SGP Representative Group;
- 46 f. One delegate from the SGP Parliamentary Group;
- 47 g. One delegate from the SGP Association of Green Councilors;
- 48 h. One delegate from the SGP Trade Union Group;
- 49 i. One delegate from each other SGP National Committee established by a General
- 50 Meeting or SGP Council, possessing no voting rights;
- 51 j. The senior member of SGP Staff, possessing no voting rights;
- 52 k. Additional members as defined by the Standing Orders for SGP Executive,
- 53 possessing no voting rights.
- 54 l. The Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer of the SGP?"

55 Remove point 3.4.8.1 of Constitution.

56 Amend point 4.3.3 of Constitution.

57 4.3.3 There will be eight members of SGP Executive, elected for two-year terms,
58 responsible for:

- 59 a. Ensuring the membership responsibilities of the SGP Executive as defined in
- 60 the Constitution and Standing Orders are carried out;
- 61 b. Ensuring the general operation of the SGP;
- 62 c. Ensuring the effective working of SGP Executive;
- 63 d. Ensuring the effective line management of SGP Staff;

64 Amend point 4.3.3.1 of Constitution.

65 4.3.3.1 The members of SGP Executive may serve for no more than three
66 consecutive terms.

Supporters

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