

## The Rule Book – Section K - Scottish Parliament Elections

### Scottish Parliament Sub-Committee

1. A sub-committee of the Scottish Executive Committee shall be established to interview potential candidates. The sub-committee shall have a flexible membership and would normally consist of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, with at least one of these office bearers in attendance at all interviews, a minimum quorum of 3 and at least one Executive Committee member present from the interviewee's Party Council area.
2. The sub-committee shall act on behalf of Scottish Executive Committee and the decisions of the sub-committee shall be final. The Scottish Executive Committee, minus the sub-committee concerned, shall act as an appeal body where required.

### First Past The Post Candidates – winnable seats

3. Where a member of the Co-operative Party has been nominated by a Co-operative Party Council in a winnable, vacant seat, and wishes to stand as a Labour and Co-operative Party Candidate, the member must indicate his/her intention to the Secretary of the Scottish Co-operative Party in writing and will be interviewed as soon after the nomination has been made as is practicable and before the final selection meeting.

### First Past The Post Candidates – unwinnable seats

4. If a member with a very strong Co-op background wishes to stand in such a seat, he/she shall follow the same procedures as above. However, financial support shall be kept to a minimum.

### List Candidates – winnable positions

5. Any Co-op Party member who has been placed in a winnable position on a Labour List and who wishes to serve in the Co-op Group in the Scottish Parliament shall indicate his/her intention to the Secretary of the Scottish Co-operative Party in writing and will then be interviewed by the sub-committee.

### List Candidates – unwinnable positions

6. Any member of the Co-op Party who is placed in an unwinnable position on a Labour List and who wishes to indicate their Co-op credentials shall be allowed to do so with the permission of the Secretary of the Scottish Co-op Party.