



# AGM & Conference Voting 2021

## Rule changes

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| 1. | <b>Rules of Co-operative Party Ltd.</b> |
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### Introduction

The NEC proposes a minor change to the rules of the Society to make it explicit that online or hybrid AGMs are permissible. The amendment also removes the formal link to the Annual Conference, although the NEC will retain the option to the two together if it wishes.

It will be put to a vote of the members following the AGM in 2021 and then, if passed, to the FCA for approval.

### Delete:

#### General Meetings

10.1. The Party is to hold a general meeting (called the annual general meeting) each year, normally at the same venue and on the same occasion as the Annual Party Conference. The annual general meeting is to be convened by the Board Secretary by order of the National Executive Committee.

### Insert:

#### General Meetings

10.1. The Party is to hold a general meeting (called the annual general meeting) each year, ~~normally at the same venue and on the same occasion as the Annual Party Conference.~~ Any meeting of the Society, including the annual general meeting, may be held in a venue, on-line or hybrid, as determined by the National Executive Committee. The annual general meeting is to be convened by the Board Secretary by order of the National Executive Committee.

The full text of the Rules of the Society can be found [here](#) (pp3-17).

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| 2. | <b>Co-operative Party Rule Book:<br/>Parliamentary Panel</b> |
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### Introduction

This process is intended to fit into the Co-operative Party's existing procedures for selecting the **Parliamentary Panel**, mainly as a facility to 'top-up' the Parliamentary Group and/or address underrepresented groups, rather than as a means of substantially increasing the size of the Parliamentary Group outside the existing framework.

The eligibility rules governing '**Nomination of Parliamentary Candidates**' in the Co-operative Party Rule Book will apply.



**Insert:**

**Labour Members of Parliament joining the Co-operative Parliamentary Group (process for endorsement as a sitting MP)**

22. After a minimum of 12 months of a new Parliament, the NEC can agree a timetable to facilitate sitting member endorsement of MP.
23. The NEC will determine the maximum number of MPs that may be approved within the current Parliamentary term. In line with the intended use of this process within the existing framework of candidate selection, it is envisaged that this will be no more than 6 applicants will be approved within a Parliamentary term, with the NEC determining the final number.
24. No applications will be accepted outside of this formal process, or within the first 12 months of a new Parliamentary term.
25. The process will be open, inclusive and transparent, and its outcome reported formally to the NEC by the Chair of the Parliamentary Group, or his/her nominee.

**'Co-operator in Parliament' Application**

26. A valid application form must be submitted to the General Secretary by the specified deadline in which the sitting Labour MP will be asked to declare they are an eligible candidate, and report on their contribution as a 'Co-operator in Parliament'.
27. The 'Co-operator in Parliament' application form should include details on the candidate's;
  - i. contribution to Co-operative Party parliamentary activity
  - ii. attendance at open Co-operative Party Parliamentary Group meetings (to which all Co-operative Party members are invited to attend)
  - iii. contribution to non-Parliamentary Co-operative Party activity, such as attendance at national and regional conferences, and Party Council meetings
  - iv. contribution to the wider co-operative movement
28. The application must be supported by at least two existing members of the Co-operative Party Parliamentary Group.
29. The applicant shall engage with the appropriate regional, Scottish and Welsh Party Council who may provide an endorsement of your application at this stage.

The full text of the Rules pertaining to the Parliamentary Panel can be found [here](#) (pp33-35).

**Re-number (item 22 now becomes 30):**

**Alteration from Rules**

30. The NEC may, subject to the endorsement of Annual Conference, alter the Rules of the Parliamentary Panel. Any Rules Changes becomes effective immediately upon the decision of the NEC, subject to the endorsement of Annual Conference.