

Wednesday, 01 June 2022

To all Subscribing Societies and Affiliates, and Party Councils

Dear Co-operator,

Co-operative Party Ltd – AGM 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Co-operative Party Ltd will take place on Saturday 25 June 2022 at 9.30am, on-line.

The business of the Annual Meeting will be to:

- 1. Receive the revenue account and balance sheet for 2021
- 2. Receive a report on the Party's performance in the previous year

The Board Report and Accounts 2021 are available here

- 3. Receive forward plans for the current year and the next two years
- 4. Appoint financial auditors
- 5. To adopt the following changes to the Rules of Co-operative Party Ltd.:

See below.

Following the vote of members, these rule changes will be subject to the approval of the Financial Conduct Authority.

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

6. To approve the following change to the Rules of the Co-operative Party:

Election of Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee CPDC)

Delete:

²2. For the purpose of nomination and election the CPDC shall be based on the same regions as for the election of the NEC.'

The full text of the rules for the election of the CPDC can be found here (p.30).

Papers for the AGM are available here.

The AGM is open to delegates of all corporate members (Societies and affiliates) and Party Councils. There is no limit to the number of delegates you may appoint but only one nominated delegate will receive the link to cast the votes on behalf of your Party or Society. If you wish, you may nominate your Party or Society Secretary or other officer to receive the voting link.

Please click here to register your delegates, including the voting representative.

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If you have any queries, please contact me at board@party.coop.

Yours faithfully,

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Rule Change 1 – NEC Composition: **Delete:**

11. **National Executive Committee**

Composition

- 11.1. National Executive Committee Members shall comprise the following:
 - 11.1.1. eleven National Executive Committee Members elected by and from individual members on the basis of one member one vote. The National Executive Committee will approve the election procedures to be used. One Member shall be elected by and from Scotland; one by and from Wales; and one each by and from the nine Government Regions of England. The National Executive Committee shall have the power to decide on the geographical allocation of Local Parties and society members;
 - 11.1.2. one National Executive Committee Member being a person under the age of twenty-seven at the date of nomination, elected by and from individual youth members on the basis of one member one vote. The National Executive Committee will approve the election procedures to be used.
 - 11.1.3. one National Executive Committee Member appointed by the Board of Co-operatives UK Limited:
 - 11.1.4. two National Executive Committee Members appointed by the Board of the Co-operative Group Limited;
 - 11.1.5. two National Executive Committee Members elected by and from affiliated Societies other than the Co-operative Group Ltd.
 - 11.1.6. two National Executive Committee Members elected by and from the Westminster Parliamentary Group.

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Insert:

11. National Executive Committee

Composition

- 11.1. National Executive Committee Members shall comprise the following:
 - 11.1.1. eleven National Executive Committee Members elected by and from individual members on the basis of one member one vote. One Member shall be elected by and from Scotland; one by and from Wales; one by and from Northern Ireland and eight by and from England;
 - 11.1.2. one National Executive Committee Member being a person under the age of twenty-seven at the date of nomination, elected by and from individual youth members on the basis of one member one vote;
 - 11.1.3. one National Executive Committee Member elected by and from individual members of the BAME network on the basis of one member one vote:
 - 11.1.4. one National Executive Committee Member elected by and from individual members of the (dis)Ability Network on the basis of one member one vote;
 - 11.1.5. one National Executive Committee Member elected by and from individual members of the LGBTQ+ Network on the basis of one member one vote:
 - 11.1.6. two National Executive Committee Members appointed by the Board of the Co-operative Group Limited:
 - 11.1.7. two National Executive Committee Members elected by and from affiliated retail Societies other than the Co-operative Group Ltd.;

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- 11.1.8. one National Executive Committee elected by and from affiliated non-retail Societies and other affiliates:
- 11.1.9. two National Executive Committee Members elected by and from the Westminster Parliamentary Group;
- 11.1.10. two National Executive Committee Members elected by and from Labour and Co-operative elected representatives other than the Westminster Group.
- 11.2. The National Executive Committee will approve the election procedures to be used and shall have the power to decide on the geographical allocation of Local Parties.

Subsequent numbers to be amended accordingly.

Rule Change 2 - NEC Quorum

Subject to Rule Change 1 being approved, a consequential amendment has been included to amend the quorum from 9 to 12 i.e. retaining it at 50%, rounded down.

Rule Change 2:

Delete:

11.1. At least nine Members of the National Executive Committee will form a quorum.

Insert:

11.1. At least twelve Members of the National Executive Committee will form a quorum.

Rule Change 3

This is a technical amendment to make the language in 10.1 consistent with 1.1. (The name of the society is Co-operative Party Limited and it is called "the Party" in the rest of these rules).

Delete:

General Meetings

10.1. The Party is to hold a general meeting (called the annual general meeting) each year. Any meeting of the Society, including the annual general meeting, may be held in a venue or on-line or hybrid, as determined by the National Executive

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Committee. The annual general meeting is to be convened by the Board Secretary by order of the National Executive Committee.

Insert:

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Rule Change 4 (Rules of the Co-operative Party)

Rules for the Election of the Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee (CPDC -

Delete:

2. For the purpose of nomination and election the CPDC shall be based on the same regions as for the election of the NEC.

Renumber remaining paragraphs accordingly.

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