

1 Name of Party

1.1 The name of the Party shall be “Tribune”.

2 Aims and Principles of the Party

2.1 We believe that there is no room for national politics at local level.

2.2 Our aims and objectives

2.3 We shall always strive to be truthful and not consciously deceive or mislead voters.

2.4 We will put forward for election Party members who will be excellent representatives of those whom they serve, committed to consulting their electors on a regular basis, giving an account of their activities and living locally in the electoral ward wherever possible.

2.5 Party members who are elected to public office will only claim reasonable salary and out-of-pocket expenses.

3 Activities of Party

3.1 In furtherance of these aims, the Party will take part in all democratic electoral processes, including contesting local borough elections and elections to the County Council.

3.2 The Party will work together with any other democratic parties and organisations to assist us achieving our aims and objectives.

3.3 In the furtherance of its aims, the Party may:

(1) Raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation or otherwise, within the limits established by electoral law.

(2) Publish, with or without charge, any items it sees fit.

(3) Employ and pay people to supervise, organise and carry out the Party’s aims.

(4) Purchase, lease or rent property necessary to carry out the Party’s aims and make arrangements for the management of any property acquired.

4 Membership

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(1) Membership will be open to any person entitled to UK citizenship and to those who are not already aligned with, or a current member of any other political Party or political organisation.

(2) Any individual wishing to defect from another Party to Tribune must first resign their membership of their existing Party, and enter a 6 month period of independence.

4.2 Applications for Membership from applicants to which 4.1 applies must make representation to the Party before acceptance. The membership will vote on whether that application be accepted.

4.3 Members are those who are in good standing and repute, 16 years old or over, maintain their subscriptions (full membership) and agree with the aims of the Party.

4.4 Full members shall receive a membership card and will be kept informed of all party activities. They shall be entitled to vote in Party elections and in the election of Executive officers.

4.5 The Executive Committee shall have the unfettered right to refuse any application for membership.

4.6 Members shall at all times (a) accept and be governed by the Party's Constitution (b) maintain the good name and reputation of the Party and (c) avoid bringing the Party into disrepute.

5 The Annual Party Conference and Annual Business Meeting

5.1 The Party shall hold an Annual Party Conference at a place and time to be decided by the Executive Committee, but which must be held within three months of the end of the financial year or such later date as may be specified by the Electoral Commission for reporting accounts by the Party [currently between 1 October and 31 December each year.

5.2 Matters of Party business will be decided at an Annual Business Meeting. The Annual Business Meeting will be open only to paid-up Party members. Its business will be to receive and debate reports from the Executive Committee and to debate policy resolutions submitted.

5.3 Those entitled to vote at the Annual Business Meeting shall be any paid-up member who has attended a minimum of 50% of the monthly meetings and whose membership has not lapsed.

Procedures for the Annual Business Meeting

5.4 The Executive Committee shall publish in the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting details of all resolutions submitted for debate and the name of the member or Branch which put forward the resolution.

5.5 All resolutions at the Annual Business Meeting may be passed by a simple majority of those voting.

6 The Executive Committee

6.1 The Executive Committee is the Party's management committee, entrusted with the duty of ensuring that it functions smoothly. It is responsible for the Party's funds, structure, and publicity and, together with the membership and the Party Leader, its political strategy. It is answerable to the Annual Business Meeting and is charged with carrying out Party decisions and considering resolutions passed during the year.

6.2 The Executive Committee shall appoint a Party Treasurer, The Treasurer must be a Party member.

6.3 The Executive Committee shall appoint a Party Secretary from amongst its own number.

6.4 The party shall be an inclusive party therefore Individual members may, at any meeting, submit resolutions regarding the policy or running of the Party or any other matter related to the Party.

6.5 The Party Secretary shall forward details of any resolution, giving particulars of the number of members voting for or against that resolution to the Chairman.

6.6 All motions submitted by Members shall be considered for debate at the discretion of the Executive Committee .

6.7 The Executive Committee shall comprise seven elected members: the Chairman, The Political Officer (Deputy Chairman), Youth Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraiser and Press Officer/ Campaigns Officer.

6.8 Members of the Executive Committee will be elected annually at the Annual Business Meeting. Any member can put themselves forward for election to the Executive as long as they have been a member for 12 months and have attended at least 50% of monthly meetings and have 2 nominations.

6.9 The Executive Committee shall announce the date of the election and the latest date for the receipt of nominations, at least two weeks before the date of the election.

6.10 The election shall take place on the basis of the first-past-the-post system.

6.11 The Executive Committee shall meet at least eight times a year. Meetings shall be chaired by the Party Chairman

6.12 The Executive shall establish as one of its key sub-committees a Policy and Campaigns Committee.

The purposes of the Policy and Campaigns Committee shall include:

(1) to keep under active review the policies of the Party on all local issues

(2) to devise campaigns on topical issues

(3) to engage and support with groups and organisations whose aims contribute to the well being of the local community to better inform Party policy

(4) to recommend changes to Party policy, and

(5) to draft the Party Manifesto.

6.13 The Leader of the Policy and Campaigns Committee shall be a member of the Executive.

6.14 The Executive Committee may authorise the establishment of other groups of Party members to further the aims of the Party as required.

Extraordinary suspension of rules of the Constitution

6.15 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Constitution the Executive Committee may, by a two-thirds majority and with at least five members voting in favour, temporarily suspend the operation of

any of the provisions of this Constitution in cases of genuine and serious emergency only. This includes cases where the smooth and effective running of the Party would be seriously hindered unless the operation of a rule is temporarily changed.

7 Decisions on Discipline and Disputes

7.1 The Executive Committee shall consider reports from the Discipline and Disputes Committee established under Paragraph 8.1 (below) and shall then decide what disciplinary action to take, if any, and how to resolve any dispute that the Discipline and Disputes Committee has been unable to resolve. The Executive, in its discretion, will allow a member to attend in person and present his/her case and to be represented by a Party member. The decision of the Executive on any matter of discipline or dispute shall be final.

7.2 Any disciplinary panel will consist of 2 ordinary members and 1 member of the Executive Committee who will act as Chair. No member of the disciplinary panel can be related to, or on close terms with the member being disciplined. Any potential conflict of interest must be reported to the Party Chairman immediately.

8 The Party Chairman

8.1 The Party Chairman shall provide overall direction to the Party's strategy and is responsible for the effective execution of the agreed business strategy.

8.2 The Party Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive enjoying full voting rights and shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees and working groups set up by the Executive.

8.3 The Executive Committee shall, subject to the approval of the Party Chairman make such other appointments, in fields such as media relations and policy formulation, as they deem fit.

8.4 The Chairman has no authority to make any sole decisions on any matter or policy except where provision has been made under the terms of article 6.15.

8.5 A Party Chairman wishing to resign must communicate this decision in writing to the Party Secretary, who must then convene an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee at the earliest opportunity.

9 The Party Treasurer

9.1 A Party Treasurer shall be appointed by members.

9.2 His or Her term of office shall be for one year until the next Annual Business Meeting. He or She will be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee if not already a member of it.

9.3 For Banking procedures the three named Officers will be The Party Chairman, The Party Treasurer and The Party Secretary.

The Party Treasurer shall be responsible for:

(a) Managing the Party's finances

(b) Preparing annual accounts and for presenting them to the Annual Business Meeting of Party Members)

(c) Ensuring that the Party complies with the financial requirements of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000, and those of the Electoral Commission, including filing prompt returns relating to all the Party's Accounting Units.

(d) There will be two signatories on the Party Bank account i.e. The Party Treasurer and the Party Chairman.

10 The Party Secretary

10.1 The Party Secretary's term of office shall be one year. The Party Secretary shall be chosen by the membership.

The Party Secretary is responsible for:

(a) Ensuring that the administrative and other arrangements of the Party comply with all legal requirements;

(b) Maintaining an up-to-date record of Party members.

(c) For the administration of elections to the Executive.

This constitution was approved by a majority of the members on 19th of March 2018 and supersedes all others.