

## **For Discussion**

### **Proposed changes\* to the Yorkshire Party constitution**

#### **Internal Elections**

1. Make it clear that, for the election of both Party Leader and Party Chair, candidates must have been a paid up member of the party, in good standing, for one calendar year.
2. Candidates for election to the Executive Committee must have been a paid up member of the party, in good standing, for at least six months.

#### **Executive Committee**

3. If any section of the membership of the Yorkshire Party is severely underrepresented on the Executive Committee, members of the Executive Committee may appoint an Additional Member, as either a voting or non-voting member. The Executive may ask members of the underrepresented section of the membership of the Party to suggest a candidate. Any such Additional Members' appointments must be ratified directly by a members' vote, in which all members are eligible to vote.
4. The members of the Executive Committee will be:
  - The Leader
  - The Chair
  - Ten Executive Members
  - The Treasurer (non-voting unless otherwise elected)
  - Any Additional Members appointed to represent otherwise underrepresented sections of the membership (see point 3 above)
5. All elected representatives, such as councillors, may attend Executive Committee meetings, as non-voting guests.
6. All Party members may, at the Chair's discretion, occasionally attend as non-voting guests.
7. In the event of a tie, the Chair has the casting vote. If the Party Chair is not present, whoever is chair for the meeting has the casting vote. They may choose to cast the deciding vote or defer the vote to a later meeting.
8. The Executive Committee will meet at least monthly.

#### **Executive Officers and Groups**

9. The Party may have a Second Deputy Leader, appointed by the same method as the First. It must be clear who is the "First Deputy Leader", i.e., who is expected to become temporary Acting Leader should the Leader be unavailable for any reason.

\* These are not detailed changes to be approved, they are suggested general ideas of improvement, for discussion. If agreed by the AGM, these suggestions will be worked into an

updated Constitution, to be voted on by the Executive Committee and subsequently ratified by the membership.