

<u>Old Constitution</u>	<u>LME new Draft Constitution</u>	<u>Changes</u>
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<p><u>Aims</u></p> <p>2. LME exists to promote positive debate of the European Union both within the Labour Movement and beyond.</p> <p>3. LME is affiliated to the Labour Party as a Socialist Society.</p> <p>4. LME shall seek to work with other organisations that share similar aims and objectives to build a pro-European consensus in the UK.</p>	<p><u>Aims</u></p> <p>2. <i>The</i> LME exists to promote positive debate of the European Union both within the Labour Movement and beyond.</p> <p>3. <i>The</i> LME is affiliated to the Labour Party as a Socialist Society.</p> <p>4. <i>The</i> LME shall seek to work with other organisations that share similar aims and objectives to build a pro-European consensus in the UK.</p>	<p>In article 2, add “The” before “LME”.</p> <p>In article 3, add “the” before “LME”.</p> <p>In article 4, add “the” before “LME”.</p>
<p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>5. A member shall be any person who accepts the aims of LME, is an individual member of the Labour Party or is eligible to be a member of the Labour Party and has paid the annual subscription.</p>	<p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>5. A member shall be any person who accepts the aims of the LME, is an individual member of the Labour Party or is eligible to be a member of the Labour Party and has paid the annual LME subscription.</p>	<p>In article 5, add “the” before “LME”; add “LME” between “annual” and LME”.</p>
<p><u>Structure</u></p> <p>6. LME’s structure shall consist of the National Membership, the National Executive, the <i>Parliamentary Group</i>, the EPLP Group and LME Branches.</p>	<p><u>Structure</u></p> <p>6. The LME’s structure shall consist of the National Membership, the National Executive, the <i>Westminster Parliamentary Groups</i>, the EPLP Group and LME Branches.</p>	<p>In article 6, change “Parliamentary Group” to “Westminster Parliamentary Groups”.</p>
<p><u>National Executive</u></p> <p>7. The National Executive is responsible for developing the policy and strategic objectives of LME and for implementing the aims of the organisation, according to an annual work plan agreed at an Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>8. All members of the National Executive must be members of the LME <i>who are</i> also members of the Labour Party.</p> <p>9. Ad hoc working groups may be formed by the National Executive to undertake specific work in line with the aims of LME and the annual work plan.</p>	<p><u>National Executive</u></p> <p>7. The National Executive is responsible for developing the policy and strategic objectives of LME and for implementing the aims of the organisation, according to an annual work plan agreed at an Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>8. All members of the National Executive must be members of the LME <i>and</i> also members of the Labour Party.</p> <p>9. Ad hoc working groups may be formed by the National Executive to undertake specific work in line with the aims of LME and the annual work plan.</p>	<p>In article 8m replace “who are” with “and”.</p>

<p>10. The National Executive will consist of:</p> <p>a) <i>The LME Patrons.</i></p> <p>b) National Chair c) <i>2 members of the Parliamentary Group</i></p> <p>d) 2 members of the EPLP Group e) 5 non-Parliamentary members who are elected <i>by the AGM</i>. At least two shall be female.</p> <p>f) 2 non-Parliamentary members who are aged 30 or under and are elected <i>by the AGM</i>. At least one shall be female.</p> <p>g) Up to 3 co-opted members who will reflect pro-European feeling from throughout the Labour Movement. <i>They shall be from industry and commerce, the professions, academia, trade unions and European Union institutions with the exception of the European Parliament.</i></p>	<p>10. The National Executive will consist of:</p> <p>a) <i>The LME Honorary President and Vice Presidents.</i></p> <p>b) The National Chair. c) <i>4 Members of the Westminster Parliamentary Groups.</i></p> <p>d) 2 members of the EPLP Group. e) 5 non-Parliamentary members who are elected <i>at the time of the appropriate AGM, at least two of which shall be female.</i></p> <p>f) 2 non-Parliamentary members who are aged 30 or under and are elected <i>at the time of the appropriate AGM, at least one of which shall be female.</i></p> <p>g) Up to 5 co-opted members who will reflect pro-European feeling from throughout the Labour Movement.</p> <p><i>All members of the executive not appointed by other method or external bodies (b, e and f) will be elected for a term of two years subject to continued support and unless they resign before the end of their term in which case a replacement should be elected at the first appropriate meeting subject to the notification guidelines in the procedural motions.</i></p>	<p>In article 10</p> <p>a) change “The LME Patrons” to “The LME Honorary President and Vice Presidents”</p> <p>c) Change “2 members of the Parliamentary Group” to “4 Members of the Westminster Parliamentary Group”.</p> <p>e) Change “by the AGM. At” to “at the time of the appropriate AGM, at”</p> <p>f) Change “by the AGM. At” to “at the time of the appropriate AGM, at”</p> <p>g) Replace “3” with “5”; delete “They shall be from industry and commerce, the professions, academia, trade unions and European Union institutions with the exception of the European Parliament.”</p> <p>To article 10 add “All members of the executive not appointed by other method or external bodies (b, e and f) will be elected for a term of two years subject to continued support and unless they resign before the end of their term in which case a replacement should be elected at the first appropriate meeting subject to the notification guidelines in the procedural motions.”</p>
<p>11. Vice Chair, National Secretary, National Treasurer, and Membership Secretary will be appointed by the National Executive by a simple majority vote.</p>	<p>11. Vice Chair, National Secretary, National Treasurer, and Membership Secretary will be appointed <i>from within</i> the National Executive by a simple majority vote. <i>The above officer holders along with the National Chair shall be the National Executive Officers.</i></p>	<p>In article 11, add “from within” between “appointed” and “the National Executive”. Add “The above officer holders along with the National Chair shall be the National Executive Officers.”</p>

<p>12. Any executive member elected <i>via categories c, d, e, f</i> may also become Vice Chair, National Secretary, National Treasurer or Membership Secretary.</p>	<p>12. Any executive member <i>except the Chair, Honorary President and Honorary Vice President</i> may be appointed to the above position (11).</p>	<p>In article 12, replace “elected via categories c, d, e, f may also become Vice Chair, National Secretary, National Treasurer or Membership Secretary” with “member except the Chair, Honorary President and Honorary Vice President may be appointed to the above position (11).” after “member”.</p>
<p>13. LME Patrons will be invited to become Patrons by a two-thirds majority of the National Executive or by a unanimous decision of the Parliamentary Group Officers and EPLP Group Officers.</p>	<p>13. The LME Honorary President and Vice Presidents will be appointed by the National Executive upon the recommendation of the National Chair.</p>	<p>In article 13, replace “Patrons will be invited to become Patrons by a two-thirds majority of the National Executive or by a unanimous decision of the Parliamentary Group Officers and EPLP Group Officers” with “Honorary President and Vice Presidents will be appointed by the National Executive upon the recommendation of the National Chair”.</p>
<p>14. A LME Patron holds office for five years.</p>	<p>14. The LME Honorary President and Honorary Vice Presidents hold office for five years.</p>	<p>In article 14, replace “A LME Patron holds” with “Honorary President and Honorary Vice Presidents hold”.</p>
<p>15. The Chair of the National Executive will be directly elected by the Membership.</p>	<p>15. The National Chair of the LME will be directly elected by the Membership <i>at the time of the appropriate AGM</i>.</p>	<p>In article 15, add “National” before “Chair”; add “at the time of the appropriate AGM” after “Membership”.</p>
<p>16. All members of the National Executive, including the Chair, take office immediately after the AGM <i>at which their election was announced</i></p>	<p>16. All members of the National Executive, including the National Chair, take office immediately after the AGM <i>of their election</i>.</p>	<p>In article 16, add “National” before “Chair”; replace “at which their election was announced” with “of their election”.</p>
<p>17. A member of the National Executive holds office until their term expires or in the event of a vote on a motion to remove them from office of two thirds of those present at a General Meeting.</p>	<p>17. A member of the National Executive holds office until their term expires or in the event of a vote on a motion to remove them from office by two thirds of those present at a General Meeting.</p>	
<p>18. Co-opted members of the National Executive will be co-opted by a two-thirds majority of the National Executive or by a unanimous decision of the National Executive Officers.</p>	<p>18. Co-opted members of the National Executive will be co-opted by a two-thirds majority of the National Executive or by a unanimous decision of the National Executive Officers.</p>	

<p>19. A co-opted member takes office at the first meeting of the National Executive after their co-option.</p> <p>20. The National Executive shall meet not fewer than four times a year.</p> <p>21. Meetings of the National Executive shall be responsible for determining the direction of LME between AGMs.</p>	<p>19. A co-opted member takes office at the first meeting of the National Executive after their co-option.</p> <p>20. The National Executive shall meet not fewer than four times a year <i>including by electronic communications</i>.</p> <p>21. Meetings of the National Executive shall be responsible for determining the direction of LME between AGMs.</p>	<p>In article 20, add “including by electronic communications” after “year”.</p>
<p><u>Parliamentary Group</u></p> <p>22. A LME <i>Parliamentary Group</i> shall be formed. It shall consist of any Labour MP or Labour Peer who is a member of the LME. <i>It shall elect a Chair, two Vice Chairs, a Secretary and a Treasurer, of whom at least two shall be female. Two members of the Parliamentary Group will join the National Executive</i></p>	<p><u>Westminster Parliamentary Groups</u></p> <p>22. LME <u>Parliamentary Group</u> shall be <i>formed in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons</i>. It shall consist of any Labour MP or Labour Peer who is a member of the LME. Two members of <i>each Parliamentary Groups shall be members of the National Executive</i>.</p>	<p>In article 22, change “A Parliamentary Group” to Parliamentary Groups”; add “in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons” after “formed”. Delete “It shall elect a Chair, two Vice Chairs, a Secretary and a Treasurer, of whom at least two shall be female.”; add “each” before Parliamentary Group”” replace “Group will join” with “Groups shall be members of”.</p>
<p>23. <i>An Officer holds office for one year or in the event of a vote on a motion to remove them from office of two thirds of those present at a Parliamentary Group Meeting, or two thirds of those present at a general meeting.</i></p> <p>24. The <i>Parliamentary Group</i> shall be responsible for co-ordinating parliamentary activity and disseminating LME material amongst the PLP.</p>	<p>23. <i>The LME Parliamentary Groups shall nominate representatives to the National Executive for a term of their choosing.</i></p> <p>24. The <i>Parliamentary Groups</i> shall be responsible for co-ordinating parliamentary activity and disseminating LME material amongst the PLP <i>and Labour Peers</i>.</p>	<p>Replace article 23 with a new article 23 which states: “The LME Parliamentary Groups shall nominate representatives to the National Executive for a term of their choosing.”</p> <p>In article 24, change “Group” to “Groups”; add “and Labour Peers” after “PLP”.</p>
<p>25. <i>The Parliamentary Group shall meet at least once a year. The Chair shall call meetings independently or if requested to do so by 10 members or more.</i></p> <p><u>EPLP Group</u></p> <p>26. A LME EPLP Group shall be formed. It shall consist of any Labour MEP who is a member of the LME. <i>It shall elect a Chair,</i></p>	<p><u>European Parliamentary Labour Party Group</u></p> <p>25. A LME EPLP Group shall be formed. It shall consist of any Labour MEP who is a member of the LME. Two members of the</p>	<p>Delete article 25.</p> <p>Article 26 will become article 25. In new article 25, delete “It shall elect a Chair, two</p>

<p>two Vice Chairs and a Secretary, of whom at least two shall be female. Two members of the European Parliamentary Group will Join the National Executive</p> <p>27. An Officer holds office for one year or in the event of a vote on a motion to remove them from office of two thirds of those present at a European Parliamentary Group Meeting, or two thirds of those present at a general meeting.</p> <p>28. The EPLP Group shall be responsible for co-ordinating activity in the European Parliament and disseminating LME material amongst the EPLP.</p> <p>29. The EPLP Group shall meet at least once a year. The Chair shall call meetings independently or if requested to do so by 5 members or more.</p>	<p>European Parliamentary Group shall be members of the National Executive.</p> <p>26. The LME EPLP Group shall nominate representatives to the National Executive for a term of their choosing.</p> <p>27. The LME EPLP Group shall be responsible for co-ordinating activity in the European Parliament and disseminating LME material amongst the EPLP.</p>	<p>Vice Chairs and a Secretary, of whom at least two shall be female.” replace “will join” with “shall be members of”.</p> <p>Replace article 27 with a new article 26 which states: “The LME EPLP Group shall nominate representatives to the National Executive for a term of their choosing.”</p> <p>Article 28 will become article 27. In new article 27, add “LME” before “EPLP Group”.</p> <p>Delete article 29.</p>
<p>Branches</p> <p>30. An LME Branch shall usually consist of all LME members from within a European Parliamentary Regions. Separate branches within a Region can be set up with the consent of the Executive.</p> <p>31. LME branches should</p> <p>a) Hold annual elections to a committee with at least a Chair and Secretary and Treasurer with all members of the branch eligible to vote;</p> <p>b) Work with the National Executive to promote the work of the LME in the region</p> <p>32. Potential branches shall inform the National Executive of their wish to affiliate for approval by submitting a Branch Start-up Proposal.</p> <p>33. Each new branch may apply to the National Executive for an initial and one-off start- up grant. The National Executive shall agree the amount given based on the number of branch members, potential branch members and the content of Branch Start-up Proposal.</p>	<p>Branches</p> <p>28. An LME Branch shall consist of all LME members from within a European Parliamentary Constituency. Separate branches within a Constituency can be set up with the consent of the Executive.</p> <p>29. LME branches should</p> <p>a) Hold annual elections to a committee with at least a Chair and Secretary and Treasurer with all members of the branch eligible to vote;</p> <p>b) Work with the National Executive to promote the work of the LME in the branch.</p> <p>30. Branches shall be formed with the approval of the National Executive.</p> <p>31. Each new branch may apply to the National Executive for an initial start-up grant. The National Executive shall agree the amount given based on the number of branch members, potential branch members and the content of the Proposal.</p>	<p>Article 30 will become article 28. In new article 28, delete “usually”; replace “Region” with “Constituency”.</p> <p>Article 31 will become article 29.</p> <p>In article 29b, replace “region” with “branch”.</p> <p>Replace article 32 with new article 30, which shall state: “Branches shall be formed with the approval of the National Executive.”</p> <p>Article 33 will become article 31. In new article 31, delete “and unique”; delete “Branch Start-up”.</p>

<p>34. LME nationally will fund the activity of branches, by agreement with the executive. However, should a branch be large and active enough, it can open a bank account by agreement with the National Executive and receive an annual <i>capitation</i> grant from LME based on the number of LME members who are members of the LME in the catchment area of the branch at a rate and on a basis agreed by the National Executive. Where a branch <i>does have</i> its own bank account, it must provide audited accounts annually to the executive.</p>	<p>32. <i>The</i> LME nationally will fund the activity of branches, by agreement with the National Executive. However, should a branch be large and active enough, it can open a bank account by agreement with the National Executive and receive an annual grant based on a basis agreed by the National Executive. Where a branch <i>has</i> its own bank account, it must provide audited accounts annually to the National Executive.</p>	<p>Article 34 will become article 32. In new article 32, add “The” before “LME”; replace “executive” with “National Executive”; delete “capitation”; delete “on the number of LME members who are members of the LME in the catchment area of the branch at a rate and”; replace “does have” with “does”.</p>
<p><u>General Meetings</u></p>	<p><u>General Meetings</u></p>	<p>Article 35 will become article 33. In new article 33, add “policy” before “documents”.</p>
<p>35. The General Meeting shall be the sovereign body of LME and shall determine the policies of the organisation within the aims of LME and this constitution. The aims shall be further defined and elaborated by all the documents and resolutions approved by the General Meetings of LME.</p>	<p>33. The General Meeting shall be the sovereign body of LME and shall determine the policies of the organisation within the aims of LME and this constitution. The aims shall be further defined and elaborated by all the <i>policy</i> documents and resolutions approved by the General Meetings of LME.</p>	<p>Article 36 will become article 34. In new article 34, add “take part in a” before “vote”</p>
<p>36. All members of LME may attend, speak, propose resolutions, amendments and constitutional amendments and vote at General Meetings.</p>	<p>34. All members of LME may attend, speak, propose resolutions, amendments and constitutional amendments and <i>take part in a</i> vote at General Meetings.</p>	<p>Article 37 will become article 35.</p>
<p>37. Each General Meeting shall deal with the following business:</p>	<p>35. Each General Meeting shall deal with the following business:</p>	<p>Article 38 will become article 36.</p>
<p>a) Any resolutions and amendments proposed; and</p>	<p>a) Any resolutions and amendments proposed; and</p>	<p>Article 39 will become article 37. In new article 37, replace “Chair of the National Executive” with “National Chair”; delete “independently, or”.</p>
<p>b) Any amendments proposed to this constitution.</p>	<p>b) Any amendments proposed to this constitution.</p>	<p>Article 40 will become article 38. In new article 38 c), add</p>
<p>38. A General Meeting shall be quorate if 10% of the members are present or 20 members are present, whichever is the smaller number.</p>	<p>36. A General Meeting shall be quorate if 10% of the members are present or 20 members are present, whichever is the smaller number.</p>	
<p>39. The <i>Chair of the National Executive</i> shall call and chair each General Meeting. The National Executive shall call General Meetings independently, or if requested to do so by 40 members or more.</p>	<p>37. The <i>National Chair</i> shall call and chair each General Meeting. The National Executive shall call General Meetings if requested to do so by 40 members or more.</p>	
<p><u>Annual General Meeting</u></p>	<p><u>Annual General Meeting</u></p>	
<p>40. An Annual General Meeting shall be held within 14 months of the previous</p>	<p>38. An Annual General Meeting shall be held within 14 months of the previous</p>	

<p>Annual General Meeting. In addition to the business of a General Meeting, the AGM shall deal with:</p> <p>a) Agreement of the annual subscriptions;</p> <p>b) Approval of financial and membership reports;</p> <p>c) The election of members of the National Executive.</p> <p><u>Rules of Procedure</u></p> <p><i>41. All votes on resolutions, amendments, amendments to this constitution and procedural motions shall be by show of hands, unless a motion that a secret ballot be held is passed by a two-thirds majority of those members present.</i></p> <p><i>42. The chair of any meeting shall only have a casting vote.</i></p> <p><i>43. Resolutions to be debated at a General Meeting must be submitted with the names of the proposer and seconder in writing to the National Executive at least 14 days before the General Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>44. Amendments to motions to be debated at a General Meeting must be submitted with the names of the proposer and seconder in writing to the National Executive by 5pm the day before the General Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>45. Constitutional amendments and motions to remove a member of the National Executive from office must be submitted with the names of the proposer and seconder in writing to the National Executive at least 14 days before the General Meeting. Amendments to any such proposals shall be submitted to the National Executive by 5pm the day before a General Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>46. A Calling Notice of a General Meeting shall be sent to members at least 30 days in Advance.</i></p> <p><i>47. The text of any proposed resolutions, amendments to this constitution and motions to remove a member of the</i></p>	<p>Annual General Meeting. In addition to the business of a General Meeting, the AGM shall deal with:</p> <p>a) Agreement of the annual subscriptions;</p> <p>b) Approval of financial and membership reports;</p> <p>c) The validation of the election of members of the National Executive <i>and any other elections necessary.</i></p> <p><u>Rules of Procedure</u></p> <p>39. The conduct of General Meetings and other business of the LME shall be according to the Rules of Procedure, separate from this Constitution.</p>	<p>“and any other elections necessary.” After “National Executive”.</p> <p>Articles 41 through 66 shall be moved from into a separate “Rules of Procedure Document”. In their stead a new article 39 shall be added: “The conduct of General Meetings and other business of the LME shall be according to the Rules of Procedure separate from this Constitution.”</p>
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National Executive from office shall be sent to members at least 10 days in advance of a General Meeting.

Procedural Motions

48. The following Procedural Motions may be moved at any time but shall have priority in the following order:

PM1 to remove the present Chair;

PM2 to overturn the Chair's ruling;

PM3 to adjourn the General Meeting for a specified period of time;

PM4 to alter the agenda in a specific way to allow consideration of an issue;

PM5 to refer the matter under consideration to a specified body or person for

Further consideration;

PM6 that the matter under consideration be deferred to later in the meeting or to a later General Meeting, as specified;

PM7 to issue a specific instruction to the Chair, such instruction shall not contradict the Rules of Procedure;

PM8 that the General Meeting shall vote on the resolution, amendment, or part as it now stands;

PM9 to take the resolution or amendments in parts, as specified; PM10 to allow a non-member of LME to speak; PM11 that the resolution or amendment be withdrawn.

49. PM1 and PM2 need to be carried by a two-thirds majority.

50. All other procedural motions need to be carried by a simple majority.

Elections

51. The National Chair, and non-Parliamentary members of the National Executive will be elected by postal ballot of the membership.

52. The outgoing National Executive shall nominate a Returning Officer.

53. The name and address of the Returning Officer shall be included in the Calling Notice for nominations.

54. *The Returning Officer shall be responsible for the conduct of the elections.*

55. *The Returning Officer may not be a candidate in the elections.*

56. *Elections must take place no later than a week before the AGM*

57. *The results of the election will be announced formally at the AGM*

58. *The Parliamentary Group will elect the Parliamentary Group Chair, two Vice Chairs, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The EPLP Group will elect the EPLP Group Chair, two Vice Chairs and a Secretary.*

59. *Elections shall be held by secret paper eliminating ballot. Electors may vote for as many or as few candidates as they like. Any candidate who receives a majority of first preference votes will be elected. Then the candidates with the lowest number of first preference votes are eliminated, and their papers re-allocated to their second preferences. Any candidates then having a majority of votes will be elected. This elimination process continues until the correct number of candidates are selected – subject to the gender and age quotas. Should the final list of elected candidates not include sufficient female candidates or young member candidates, then the candidates last eliminated who fit the criteria shall be considered elected as well.*

60. *A Calling Notice for nominations shall be sent, by the Returning Officer, to the membership at least 8 weeks before the AGM. Nominations will close 4 weeks after Calling Notice is sent.*

61. *Candidates should nominate themselves, including a formal statement, in no more than 200 words, to the Returning Officer.*

62. *Statements will be sent by mail to all LME members together with a ballot paper and instructions.*

63. *Ballot papers must be sent to members at least 3 weeks before the AGM*

64. Ballot papers must be returned to the Returning Officer by the appointed deadline, which should be no later than one week before the AGM

65. The decisions of the Returning Officer with regard to the conduct of the election may be referred to an Arbitration Board, only in the event of a two-thirds majority vote of those present at an Annual General Meeting, or at the request of two-thirds of the National Executive.

66. Each candidate in the elections shall have the right to a representative in the count, nominated by them and notified to the Returning Officer with their nomination.

Amendments to the Constitution

67. Amendments to the Constitution shall be discussed by General Meetings and adopted if two-thirds of the members present are in favour.

Interpretations to the Constitution

68. At any meeting of LME, the Chair shall uphold and interpret this Constitution. Their interpretation may be overturned by two-thirds of those present at the meeting in which the dispute arises.

Arbitration Board

69. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Constitution, any member may appeal to an Arbitration Board, which shall arbitrate on all disputes arising within the Constitution. It shall have three members, who shall be:

- a) A member of the LME National Executive;
- b) A former member of the LME National Executive who has not served on the National Executive for at least a year; and
- c) An ordinary member of LME elected by the General Meeting where the dispute arises, providing a simple majority of those present are in favour.

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Article 67 will become article 40.

Article 68 will become article 41.

Article 69 will become article 42.

<p><u>Dissolution</u></p> <p>70. LME may be dissolved by an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the membership on a resolution proposed and supported by a simple majority of the National Executive and carried by the votes of two-thirds of the members present. On the passing of such a resolution, the National Executive shall proceed to wind up the affairs of the organisation in as advantageous a manner as is reasonably possible, and shall report to the membership within one year of the decision being taken.</p>	<p><u>Dissolution</u></p> <p>43. The LME may be dissolved by an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the membership on a resolution proposed and supported by a simple majority of the National Executive and carried by the votes of two-thirds of the members present. The membership must be notified of such a motion two weeks in advance. On the passing of such a resolution, the National Executive shall proceed to wind up the affairs of the organisation in as advantageous a manner as is reasonably possible, and shall report back all relevant matters to the former membership within one year of the decision being taken.</p>	<p>Article 70 will become article 43. In new article 43, add “The” before “LME”; add “The membership must be notified of such a motion two weeks in advance.” After the first sentence; add “all relevant matters to the former” after “shall report”.</p>
<p><u>Rules of Procedure</u></p> <p>41. All votes on resolutions, amendments, amendments to this constitution and procedural motions shall be by show of hands, unless a motion that a secret ballot be held is passed by a two-thirds majority of those members present.</p> <p>42. The chair of any meeting shall only have a casting vote.</p> <p>43. Resolutions to be debated at a General Meeting must be submitted with the names of the proposer and seconder in writing to the National Executive at least 14 days before the General Meeting.</p> <p>44. Amendments to motions to be debated at a General Meeting must be submitted with the names of the proposer and seconder in writing to the National Executive by 5pm the day before the General Meeting.</p> <p>45. Constitutional amendments and motions to remove a member of the National Executive from office must be submitted with the names of the proposer and seconder in writing to the National Executive at least 14 days before</p>	<p><u>ANNEX 1</u></p> <p><u>Rules of Procedure</u></p> <p>I. All votes on resolutions, amendments, amendments to this constitution and procedural motions shall be by show of hands, unless a motion that a secret ballot be held is passed by a two-thirds majority of those members present.</p> <p>II. The chair of any meeting shall only have a casting vote.</p> <p>III. Resolutions to be debated at a General Meeting must be submitted <i>in writing or by email</i> with the names of the proposer and seconder to the National Executive at least 14 days before the General Meeting.</p> <p>IV. Amendments to motions to be debated at a General Meeting must be submitted in writing or by email with the names of the proposer and seconder to the National Executive by 5pm on the day before the General Meeting.</p> <p>V. Constitutional amendments and motions to remove a member of the National Executive from office must be submitted in writing or by email with the names of the proposer and seconder to the National Executive at least 14 days</p>	<p>Article 41 of the Constitution will become article I. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 42 of the Constitution will become article II. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 43 of the Constitution will become article III. of the Rules of Procedure. In article III. Add “in writing or by email” after “submitted”.</p> <p>Article 44 of the Constitution will become article IV. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 45 of the Constitution will become article V. of the Rules of Procedure. In article V. Add “in writing or by email” after “submitted”.</p>

<p>the General Meeting. Amendments to any such proposals shall be submitted to the National Executive by 5pm the day before a General Meeting.</p> <p>46. A <i>Calling</i> Notice of a General Meeting shall be sent to members at least 30 days in Advance.</p> <p>47. The text of any proposed resolutions, amendments to this constitution and motions to remove a member of the National Executive from office shall be sent to members at least 10 days in advance of a General Meeting.</p>	<p>before the General Meeting. Amendments to any such proposals shall be submitted to the National Executive in writing or by email by 5pm the day before a General Meeting.</p> <p>VI. The Notice of a General Meeting shall be sent to members at least 30 days in advance.</p> <p>VII. The text of any proposed resolutions, amendments to this constitution and motions to remove a member of the National Executive from office shall be sent to members at least 10 days in advance of a General Meeting.</p> <p>VII A. <i>The above deadlines may be waived by the AGM by a three-quarters majority, or in the case of amendments to the constitution, a four-fifths majority.</i></p>	<p>Article 46 of the Constitution will become article VI. of the Rules of Procedure. In new article VI. Delete “Calling”.</p> <p>Article 47 of the Constitution will become article VII. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Add sub article VII A stating: “The above deadlines may be waived by the AGM by a three-quarters majority, or in the case of amendments to the constitution, a four-fifths majority.”</p>
<p><u>Procedural Motions</u></p> <p>48. The following Procedural Motions may be moved at any time but shall have priority in the following order:</p> <p>PM1 to remove the present Chair; PM2 to overturn the Chair’s ruling; PM3 to adjourn the General Meeting for a specified period of time; PM4 to alter the agenda in a specific way to allow consideration of an issue; PM5 to refer the matter under consideration to a specified body or person for Further consideration; PM6 that the matter under consideration be deferred to later in the meeting or to a later General Meeting, as specified; PM7 to issue a specific instruction to the Chair, such instruction shall not contradict the Rules of Procedure; PM8 that the General Meeting shall vote on the resolution, amendment, or part as it now stands; PM9 to take the resolution or amendments in parts, as specified; PM10 to allow a non-member of LME to speak; PM11 that the resolution or amendment be withdrawn.</p>	<p><u>Procedural Motions</u></p> <p>VIII. The following Procedural Motions may be moved at any time but shall have priority in the following order:</p> <p>PM1 to remove the present Chair; PM2 to overturn the Chair’s ruling; PM3 to adjourn the General Meeting for a specified period of time; PM4 to alter the agenda in a specific way to allow consideration of an issue; PM5 to refer the matter under consideration to a specified body or person for further consideration; PM6 that the matter under consideration be deferred to later in the meeting or to a later General Meeting, as specified; PM7 to issue a specific instruction to the Chair, such instruction shall not contradict the Rules of Procedure; PM8 that the General Meeting shall vote on the resolution, amendment, or part as it now stands; PM9 to take the resolution or amendments in parts, as specified; PM10 to allow a non-member of LME to speak; PM11 that the resolution or amendment be withdrawn.</p>	<p>Article 48 of the Constitution will become article VIII. of the Rules of Procedure.</p>

<p>49. PM1 and PM2 need to be carried by a two-thirds majority.</p> <p>50. All other procedural motions need to be carried by a simple majority.</p> <p><u>Elections</u></p> <p>51. The National Chair, and non-Parliamentary members of the National Executive will be elected by postal ballot of the membership.</p> <p>52. The outgoing National Executive shall nominate a Returning Officer.</p> <p>53. The name and address of the Returning Officer shall be included in the Calling Notice for nominations.</p> <p>54. The Returning Officer shall be responsible for the conduct of the elections.</p> <p>55. The Returning Officer may not be a candidate in the elections.</p> <p>56. Elections must take place no later than a week before the AGM</p> <p>57. The results of the election will be announced formally at the AGM</p> <p>58. <i>The Parliamentary Group will elect the Parliamentary Group Chair, two Vice Chairs, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The EPLP Group will elect the EPLP Group Chair, two Vice Chairs and a Secretary.</i></p> <p>59. Elections shall be held by secret paper eliminating ballot. Electors may vote for as many or as few candidates as they like. <i>Any candidate who receives a majority of first preference votes will be elected. Then the candidates with the lowest number of</i></p>	<p>IX. PM1 and PM2 need to be carried by a two-thirds majority.</p> <p>X. All other procedural motions need to be carried by a simple majority.</p> <p><u>Elections</u></p> <p>XI. The National Chair, and non-Parliamentary members of the National Executive will be elected by <i>an online or postal ballot of the membership at the time of every second AGM, in good time for the results to be announced at the latest at the actual AGM.</i></p> <p>XII. The outgoing National Executive shall nominate a Returning Officer.</p> <p>XIII. The name and address of the Returning Officer shall be included in the Calling Notice for nominations.</p> <p>XIV. The Returning Officer shall be responsible for the conduct of the elections.</p> <p>XV. The Returning Officer may not be a candidate in the elections.</p> <p>XVI. Elections must take place no later than a week before the AGM.</p> <p>XVII. The results of the election will be announced formally at the AGM.</p> <p>XVIII. <i>Elections shall be held by Single Transferable Vote (STV). Electors may vote for as many or as few candidates as they like. The two female candidates with a qualifying vote will be elected first and</i></p>	<p>Article 49 of the Constitution will become article IX. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 50 of the Constitution will become article X. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 51 of the Constitution will become article XI. of the Rules of Procedure. In new article XI, add “an online or” before “postal ballot”; add “at the time of every second AGM, in good time for the results to be announced at the latest at the actual AGM” After “membership”.</p> <p>Article 52 of the Constitution will become article XII. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 53 of the Constitution will become article XIII. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 54 of the Constitution will become article XIV. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 55 of the Constitution will become article XV. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 56 of the Constitution will become article XVI. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 57 of the Constitution will become article XVII. of the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Article 58 shall be deleted.</p> <p>Article 59 of the Constitution will be replaced by article XVIII. of the Rules of Procedure., stating: “Elections shall be held by Single Transferable Vote</p>
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<p><i>first preference votes are eliminated, and their papers re-allocated to their second preferences. Any candidates then having a majority of votes will be elected. This elimination process continues until the correct number of candidates are selected – subject to the gender and age quotas. Should the final list of elected candidates not include sufficient female candidates or young member candidates, then the candidates last eliminated who fit the criteria shall be considered elected as well.</i></p>	<p><i>then the qualifying young male and female candidates will be elected. The remaining candidates with the qualifying vote will then be elected.</i></p>	<p>(STV). Electors may vote for as many or as few candidates as they like. The two female candidates with a qualifying vote will be elected first and then the qualifying young male and female candidates will be elected. The remaining candidates with the qualifying vote will then be elected.”</p>
<p>60. A <i>Calling Notice</i> for nominations shall be sent, by the Returning Officer, to the membership at least 8 weeks before the AGM. Nominations will close 4 weeks after <i>Calling Notice</i> is sent.</p>	<p>XIX. A Notice for nominations shall be sent, by the Returning Officer, to the membership at least 8 weeks before the AGM. Nominations will close 4 weeks after that Notice is sent.</p>	<p>Article 60 of the Constitution will become article XIX. of the Rules of Procedure. In article XIX. Delete “<i>Calling</i>”.</p>
<p>61. Candidates should nominate themselves, including a formal statement, in no more than 200 words, to the Returning Officer.</p>	<p>XX. Candidates should nominate themselves and include a formal statement, in no more than 200 words, to the Returning Officer.</p>	<p>Article 61 of the Constitution will become article XX. of the Rules of Procedure. In article XX. Add “and” before “include”.</p>
<p>62. Statements will be sent <i>by mail</i> to all LME members together with a ballot paper and instructions.</p>	<p>XXI. Statements will be sent to all LME members together with a ballot paper and <i>voting</i> instructions.</p>	<p>Article 62 of the Constitution will become article XXI. of the Rules of Procedure. In article XXI., delete “<i>by mail</i>”; add “<i>voting</i>” before “instructions”.</p>
<p>63. Ballot papers must be sent to members at least 3 weeks before the AGM</p>	<p>XXII. Ballot papers must be sent to members at least 3 weeks before the AGM.</p>	<p>Article 63 of the Constitution will become article XXII. of the Rules of Procedure.</p>
<p>64. Ballot papers must be returned to the Returning Officer by the appointed deadline, which should be no later than one week before the AGM</p>	<p>XXIII. Ballot papers must be returned to the Returning Officer by the appointed deadline, which should be no later than one week before the AGM.</p>	<p>Article 64 of the Constitution will become article XXIII. of the Rules of Procedure.</p>
<p>65. The decisions of the Returning Officer with regard to the conduct of the election may be referred to an Arbitration Board, only in the event of a two-thirds majority vote of those present at an Annual General Meeting, or at the request of two-thirds of the National Executive.</p>	<p>XXIV. The decisions of the Returning Officer with regard to the conduct of the election may be referred to an Arbitration Board, only in the event of a two-thirds majority vote of those present at an Annual General Meeting, or at the request of two-thirds of the National Executive.</p>	<p>Article 65 of the Constitution will become article XXIV. of the Rules of Procedure.</p>
<p>66. <i>Each candidate in the elections shall have the right to a representative in the count, nominated by them and notified to the Returning Officer with their nomination.</i></p>		<p>Article 66 shall be deleted.</p>

