

## **D2** Young Greens Standing Orders 2020/2021

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### **1 Young Greens Standing Orders 2020/2021**

#### **2 Section A: Young Greens Convention**

3 A1.1 The Young Greens Convention shall be held once per year in Spring.

4 A1.2 The Young Greens Convention will take place for two days during a weekend.

5 A1.3 The Young Greens Convention shall not be held twice in the same Region  
6 Block, defined in A1.4, consecutively.

7 A1.4 Within each five-year period, as determined by DAC, the Young Greens  
8 Convention must take place within the bounds of at least three of these four  
9 Region Blocks:

10 A1.4.1 The South East, and the South West

11 A1.4.2 The North East, the North West, and Yorkshire and the Humber

12 A1.4.3 The Midlands, and Wales

13 A1.4.4 The East, and London

14 A1.5 Liberation groups will be allocated a session at convention where they will  
15 provide a report to its membership on activities undertaken since last  
16 convention and for any other purpose the group sees fit.

#### **17 Section B: Annual General Meetings**

##### **18 Part 1: Competency of the Annual General Meeting**

19 B1.1 The Young Greens Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at Young Greens  
20 Annual Convention.

21 B1.2 The Annual General Meeting is the highest decision-making body within the  
22 Young Greens.

23 B1.3 There must be at least 25 members of the Young Greens at any General  
24 Meeting for decisions to be binding.

25 B1.4 The AGM accepts/rejects/amends reports, motions, resolutions and changes to  
26 the Constitution or Standing Orders, collectively referred to as 'papers'.

27 B1.5 The AGM ratifies decisions about joining or leaving partnerships and  
28 membership within other organisations/networks.

29 B1.7 A General Meeting will be held at a bi-national autumn event.

##### **30 Part 2: Organisation of the Annual General Meeting**

31 B2.1 The Annual General Meeting agenda must be structured, organised and agreed  
32 by the Executive Committee (EC) and Democracy and Accountability Committee  
33 (DAC).

35 B2.2 DAC must appoint a Chair and Deputy Chair for each session of the Annual  
36 General Meeting. The Chair and Deputy Chair must not be proposers of any Papers  
37 or Amendments to the session of the Annual General Meeting that they are  
chairing.

38 B2.3 DAC must ensure that all members respect the Constitution and Standing  
39 Orders.

40 B2.4 DAC must take Annual General Meeting minutes of all official business  
41 including recording any votes, important discussions, and decisions.

42 B2.5 DAC must keep a record of newly adopted/amended documents and email the  
43 Young Greens' Co-Chairs a copy of newly adopted/amended documents as well as the  
44 minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

45 B2.6 DAC must inform EC to take note of any newly adopted papers.

46 B2.7 A prioritisation ballot will occur, conducted by DAC, on the first day of  
47 Convention for attendees at the Annual General Meeting in order to decide the  
48 order of papers taken.

### 49 **Part 3: Motions and Reports**

50 B3.1 It shall be the role of DAC to compile submitted papers, which consist of

51 B3.1.1 Changes to the Constitution or Standing Orders

52 B3.1.2 Resolutions, which note the priorities of the Executive Committee for the  
53 upcoming term

54 B3.1.3 Motions, which insert entries into the Record of Policy Statements or  
55 Record of Organisational Statements

56 B3.1.4 Reports, as outlined in B3.2

57 B3.1.5 Emergency Motions, as outlined in B3.10

58 B3.2 The Annual General Meeting must take note of mandatory annual reports by  
59 the: B3.2.1 Executive Committee Co-Chairs.

60 B3.2.2 Treasurer.

61 B3.2.3 Digital Communications Officer

62 B3.2.4 Press Officer

63 B3.2.5 Campaigns Officer

64 B3.2.6 Events Officer

65 B3.2.7 International Officer

66 B3.2.8 Equality and Diversity Officer

67 B3.2.9 Activist Training and Political Education Officer

68 B3.2.10 Liberation Officers (from each formerly constituted Liberation Group)

69 B3.2.11 Under 18s Officer

70 B3.2.12 Democracy and Accountability Committee.

71 B3.2.13 Green Students Committee Co-Convenors.

72 B3.3 Annual reports detailed in B3.2 must be submitted to DAC at least 1 week  
73 before the AGM.

74 B3.4 Individual members, EC and Affiliated Young Greens Groups have the right to  
75 submit papers and amendments.

76 B3.5 For all submissions, there must be a named proposer and at least 3 other  
77 co-proposers or at least one other co-proposer if submitting on behalf of an  
78 Affiliated YG Group or recognised committee.

79 B3.6 Paper copies of the Constitution, Standing Orders, Record of Policy  
80 Statements and Record of Organisational Statements must be made available for  
81 members attending the General Meeting.

82 B3.7 The timescale for the submission of papers and amendments shall be as  
83 follows:

84 B3.7.1 At least 8 weeks before the Annual General Meeting, EC must send out a  
85 call including guidelines for submission of papers, all relevant dates and where  
86 to find papers once they are posted on the members' website.

87 B3.7.2 Submission for papers shall close exactly 4 weeks before the AGM.

88 B3.7.3 Following this, DAC must post all submissions at the earliest possible  
89 moment. B3.7.4 Exactly 1 week before the AGM, submission of amendments to papers

90 will close.

91 B3.7.5 Amendments may not substantially change the intention of the paper and  
92 nor may they require changes to another section of the Constitution or Standing  
93 Orders.

94 B3.8 Exactly 5 days before the Annual General Meeting, DAC must ensure that all  
95 members are emailed (regardless of Annual General Meeting registration status)  
96 copies of all papers and amendments to both as well as the reports detailed in  
97 B3.2.

98 B3.9 The only amendments which shall be accepted from the floor during the AGM  
99 are minor textual amendments (e.g. grammatical corrections) and friendly verbal  
100 amendments (i.e. where both the proposer of the original paper and the proposer  
101 of the verbal amendment agree to an amendment).

102 B3.10 Emergency motions, defined as being brought due to an event occurring past  
103 the original motion deadline, will be accepted up until 17.00 on the day before  
104 the AGM.

105 B3.11 The text of Emergency Motions should be submitted electronically or by  
106 paper copy and the list of proposers by email and/or paper copy, both to the  
107 Chair of DAC .

108 B3.12 Emergency Motions shall be prioritised at the AGM by DAC on the basis of  
109 the number of co-proposers to each Emergency Motion.

## 110 **Part 4: Motion Voting Procedures**

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112 B4.1 When debating a paper or amendment at the Annual General Meeting, the  
113 proposer will be asked by the chair to propose the motion or amendment by  
114 explaining what the paper or amendment is for and then giving a brief speech in  
115 favour of the paper.

116 B4.2 Following this the chair will open debate on the paper or amendment by  
117 asking for a limited number of brief alternating speeches in favour and against  
118 the paper, firstly against and then in favour of the paper or amendment until  
119 either no one wishes to make a speech or there has been sufficient debate on the  
120 paper or amendment.

121 B4.3 If it is unclear if there has been sufficient debate a straw poll will be  
122 taken by raising hands with the options either for more debate or move to a  
123 vote.

124 B4.4 At any point before the vote is taken, any member can ask for  
125 clarification, raise points of information or propose procedural motions (e.g.  
126 minor textual amendments, taking by parts).

127 B4.5 If a paper or amendment has received lengthy debate the proposer may  
128 request a brief right of reply before the vote is taken.

129 B4.6 When voting on paper proposals the possibilities are 'yes', 'no' or  
130 'abstention'.

131 B4.7 Depending on the nature of the proposal, the following types of majority  
132 may be required for a motion to be passed.

133 B4.7.1 Simple majority: majority of the votes cast in person.

134 B4.7.2 Two-thirds majority: two-thirds of the votes cast in person.

135 B4.7.3 Absolute two-thirds majority: two-thirds majority of the votes cast by  
136 the entire membership of the body.

137 B4.8 Amendments to the Constitution including accompanying Byelaws or Standing  
138 Orders will be accepted with a two-thirds majority.

139 B4.9 Unless otherwise stated in the Constitution or Standing Orders, everything  
140 else will be accepted with a simple majority.

141 B4.10 DAC shall be responsible for counting the votes.

142 B4.11 Results of votes must be announced during the meeting.

## 143 **Section C: Emergency General Meetings**

144 C1.1 An Emergency General Meeting (EGM) may be called at any time by an absolute  
145 two-thirds majority of EC, or by a minimum of 5% of the Young Greens membership  
146 petitioning the EC for an EGM.

147 C1.2 The same procedure as for AGM paper submission, organisation and voting  
148 shall apply to an EGM following Section B Parts 2,3,4, however the timescale  
149 will be halved.

## 150 **Section D: Autumn General Meeting**

D.1 There will be a Young Greens General Meeting held in autumn.

151 D.2 The Autumn General Meeting consists solely of accountability sessions for  
152 the following representatives elected in the annual ballot:

153 D.2.1 Executive Committee Co-chairs

154 D.2.2 Treasurer

155 D.2.3 Elections Officer

156 D.2.43 Digital Communications Officer

157 D.2.54 Press Officer

158 D2.65 Campaigns Officer

159 D2.76 Events Officer

160 D2.87 International Officer

161 D2.98 Equality and Diversity Officer

162 D2.109 Activist Training and Political Education Officer

163 D2.11 Liberation Officers (from each formerly constituted Liberation Group)

164 D2.12 Under 18s Officer

165 D.2.13 Green Students Committee Co-convenors

166 D.3 The Autumn General Meeting must take note of mandatory six-month progress  
167 reports from those representatives.

168 D.4 The accountability session will take the form of a face-to-face Q&A with the  
169 membership.

170 D.5 There must be at least 25 members of the Young Greens excluding employees at  
171 any General Meeting for decisions to be binding.

172 D.6 Motions of no confidence may be put forward during the accountability  
173 session and will pass with a two-thirds majority.

174 D.7 Motions of no confidence may be put forward during the accountability  
175 session Censure and Commendations and will pass with a simple majority.

176 D.8 Every Young Green is eligible to vote at the Autumn General Meeting.

## 177 **Section E: Internal Elections**

### 178 **Part 1: Candidacy**

179 E1.1 All members of the Young Greens are eligible to be candidates for roles  
180 within the Executive Committee, Democracy and Accountability Committee members  
181 and the Green Students Committee Co-Convenors providing they abide by the rules  
182 such as gender quotas, except in the case of Liberation Officers stated in E1.2.

183 E1.2 Only those Young Greens who self-define as belonging to a specific  
184 Liberation group may stand to be the Liberation Officer, Co-chair, or  
185 committee member candidates for election for within that respective Liberation  
186 group.

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E1.3 Members who hold a position on the Democracy and Accountability Committee may not be candidates for any position other than Member of DAC, except for Affiliated Group roles, until they no longer hold a position on DAC. Members of DAC with an active role in an affiliated group must recuse themselves from business involving that affiliated group.

E1.4 Candidates must have two nominees, who are members of the Young Greens in accordance with Article 1 of the constitution, and may provide a candidate statement, campaign video, and social media links if they wish.

E1.5 Members of the Young Greens may not: be a nominee for more than one of the following positions at any one time; nor hold more than one of the following posts at any one time in the Young Greens:

E1.5.1 Any EC role

E1.5.2 Democracy and Accountability Committee

E1.5.3 Green Students Committee Co-Convenor

E1.6 Members of the Young Greens may put themselves forward as a job share for any of the following posts within the Young Greens annual ballot:

E1.6.1 Treasurer

E1.6.2 Elections Officer

E1.6.3 Digital Communications Officer

E1.6.4 Press Officer

E1.6.5 Campaigns Officer

E1.6.6 Events Officer

E1.6.7 International Officer

E1.6.8 Equality and Diversity Officer

E1.6.9 Activist Training and Political Education Officer

E1.6.10 Liberation Officers (from each formerly constituted Liberation Group)

E1.6.11 Under 18s Officer

E1.6.12 Member of the Democracy and Accountability Committee

E1.7 Should one part of the job share resign or be removed from their position for whatever reason, their counterpart(s) will be able to either:

E1.7.1 advertise to co-opt a replacement for the exiting part of the job share

E1.7.2 continue to carry out their role without the exiting part of the job share, without replacing them E1.7.3 resign from their role

## **Part 2: Term of Office and Accountability**

E2.1 All roles shall be elected for a term of office of 1 year, which should be completed should the officer no longer fit the requirements described in

224 Constitution Clause 1.5.1 or 1.5.2 during their term, accepting variations as  
225 described below.

226 E2.2 For all roles elected at the AGM in the annual ballot, the term of office  
227 shall run until the following year's AGM except in the cases of resignation or  
228 removal by a vote of no confidence.

229 E2.3 A vote of no confidence shall occur for an individual role if the Democracy  
230 and Accountability Committee are petitioned by 25% of the committee or other  
231 body which the role is part of.

232 E2.4 A vote of no confidence may also be called for any individual role if the  
233 Democracy and Accountability Committee are petitioned by 5% of the Young Greens  
234 membership.

235 E2.5 If the role which a vote of no confidence is being petitioned for falls  
236 within the Democracy and Accountability Committee, then it shall instead be EC  
237 that is petitioned by the members of the relevant committee, body, or general  
238 membership.

239 E2.6 Complete anonymity shall be maintained throughout by the committee which is  
240 petitioned, both relating to the petitioners and the vote.

241 E2.7 No member may sit on the same body for more than 5 terms consecutively,  
242 irrespective of election or co-option.

243 E2.8 No member may hold the same post for more than 3 terms, irrespective of  
244 election or co-option. E2.9 EC voting members have a responsibility to attend EC  
245 meetings and to stay accountable:

246 E2.9.1 Failure to attend four regularly scheduled meetings consecutively shall  
247 either: initiate an automatic immediate committee-internal vote of no confidence  
248 held via secret ballot by DAC, repeatable during a term; or result in the civil  
249 resignation of the member at their discretion, prior to the vote of no  
250 confidence.

251 E2.9.2 Failure to attend ten regularly scheduled meetings in total over the  
252 course of one term shall either: initiate an immediate automatic committee-  
253 internal vote of no confidence held via secret ballot by DAC, repeatable during  
254 a term; or result in the civil resignation of the member at their discretion,  
255 prior to the vote of no confidence.

256 E2.9.3 Failure to complete two individual quarterly reports in total over the  
257 course of one term shall either: initiate an automatic immediate committee-  
258 internal vote of no confidence held via secret ballot by DAC, repeatable during  
259 a term; or result in the civil resignation of the member at their discretion,  
260 prior to the vote of no confidence.

261 E2.9.4 Failure to complete a mandatory individual six-month progress report  
262 shall either: initiate an automatic immediate committee-internal vote of no  
263 confidence held via secret ballot by DAC; or result in the civil resignation of  
264 the member at their discretion, prior to the vote of no confidence.

265 E2.9.5 Failure to complete a mandatory individual annual report shall result in  
266 the ERO reporting this information at the final Convention Hustings if the  
267 Candidate is standing for election again.

268 E2.10 If an individual EC voting member invokes three of the actions noted in  
269 E2.9.1 through E2.9.4, but remains on EC, then DAC shall have the following  
270 options available:

271 E2.10.1 Initiate immediate informal mediation to find the causes of the issues  
272 at hand and offer support and guidance on various options available.

273 E2.10.2 Initiate another immediate committee-internal vote of no confidence  
274 within EC.

275 E2.10.3 Initiate an online ballot, to be held within one month of the DAC  
276 decision, open to all Young Greens members where a majority of voting members  
277 may vote to remove the EC voting member.

### 278 **Part 3: Election Timescale**

279 E3.1 All processes and the election timescale described between Clauses E3.4 and  
280 E3.11 (inclusive) apply only to positions elected in the "Annual Ballot" at  
281 convention, namely Executive Committee, Democracy and Accountability Committee  
282 members, Co-Convenors of the Green Students Committee, and the Co-Chairs and  
283 committee members (if any) of each Liberation Group.

284 E3.2 Co-Chairs, Committees, or other positions in Young Greens Affiliated Groups  
285 shall be elected with a separate timescale to be decided by those respective  
286 groups.

287 E3.3 The Elected International Delegate shall be elected in line with the  
288 procedure below, with the process beginning three months prior to the event they  
289 will be attending.

290 E3.4 At least 8 weeks before the AGM the Executive Committee must send out a  
291 call for applications to all Executive Committee positions, all Democracy and  
292 Accountability Committee positions, and Green Students Committee Co-Convenor  
293 positions. This callout must set out the rest of the timescale and how to apply.

294 E3.5 Exactly 4 weeks before the AGM applications will close for all roles  
295 elected at Convention except for roles that received no applications during the  
296 initial period.

297 E3.6 As close as possible to 2 weeks before the start of the AGM a live online  
298 video hustings will take place for all roles elected at Convention, which all  
299 candidates for these roles are invited to take part in.

300 E3.7 Exactly 2 weeks before the start of the AGM voting will open in accordance  
301 with Standing Order E4.3.

302 E3.8 At 17.00 the day before the AGM applications will close for roles covered  
303 by E3.1 which gained no applications as of E3.5.

304 E3.9 A further in-person hustings shall be held at Convention; each candidate  
305 has the right to participate in these as well as to submit a statement in  
306 advance.

307 E3.10 Voting shall close during Convention between the in-person hustings  
308 detailed in E3.9 and the announcement of results (the exact time to be at the  
309 discretion of DAC). The time of this should be clearly identified on the  
310 Convention Timetable and voting platform.



311 E3.11 The election of successful candidates shall be announced during  
312 Convention.

#### 313 **Part 4: Electoral System and Gender Balance**

314 E4.1 Every Young Green is eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting and  
315 associated elections where they have 1 vote.

316 E4.2 All positions shall all be elected using the Single Transferable Vote (STV)  
317 system with a provision for negative voting (re-open nominations, acronym RON).

318 E4.2.1 Single Transferable Vote quota for election is calculated as follows:  
319 total valid vote divided by one more than the number of seats up for election  
320 plus one (or rounded up) to avoid ties:  $(TVV/(seats+1)) + 1$ .

321 E4.3 Voting will take place via secret, secure online ballot arranged by an  
322 Electoral Returning Officer (ERO), appointed by the Democracy and Accountability  
323 Committee (DAC).

324 E4.4 DAC, or the ERO if authorised to do so by DAC, is responsible for counting  
325 the votes.

326 E4.5 The counting of votes and electing of successful candidates for the  
327 positions of Executive Committee Co-Chair and Treasurer will take place before  
328 the counting for EC Non-Portfolio positions so that the gender balance criteria  
329 described in E4.6, E4.7, E4.8, E4.9, and E4.10 can be applied.

330 E4.6 The following rules will apply exclusively to the election of Co-chairs in  
331 compliance with Clause 1.1.1 of Constitution Byelaw 1.

332 E4.6.1 The candidate with the highest number of first preference votes will be  
333 elected in the first round in which a candidate passes the quota required by the  
334 STV method.

335 E4.6.2 If the successful candidate is not a self-defining man, the second  
336 candidate elected by the STV method will be elected to the second Co-Chair  
337 position, regardless of gender identity.

338 E4.6.3 If the first successful candidate is a self-defining man, all other self-  
339 defining men will be excluded from the vote and their further preferences  
340 allocated to the remaining candidates from whom the second Co-Chair will be  
341 elected.

342 E4.78 The election of Green Students Committee Co-Convenors will take place  
343 following the same rules as laid out for EC Co-Chairs in D4.6.

344 E4.89 The selection of the International Delegate will ensure that no more than  
345 one delegate self-defines as a man.

346 E4.910 The election of members to the Democracy and Accountability Committee  
347 will be carried out such that no more than 3 of the places are taken by self-  
348 defining men with places reserved, as necessary, to ensure this.

#### 349 **Part 5: Campaigning Rules**

350 E5.1 Candidates for any role in Young Greens elections, and proposers of papers,  
351 are entitled to campaign and must all follow the same rules except for E5.2  
352 which shall only apply to roles explicitly mentioned.

353 E5.2 The amount spent on a campaign by a candidate in the Young Greens annual  
354 ballot (EC, Democracy and Accountability Committee, Green Students Committee Co-  
355 Convenors) must not exceed £30. This includes leaflets, online campaigning and  
356 similar expenditures the candidate has incurred as a result of being a candidate  
357 for this position within the Young Greens. It also includes expenditure incurred  
358 by the supporters of the candidate. At least 50% of all spending will be  
359 reimbursed by the Young Greens provided that receipts are given to the Young  
360 Greens Treasurer within 30 days of the close of elections. The same amount of  
361 money will be reimbursed for every candidate running for any one role.

362 E5.3 Candidates and proposers may use the contact details of people they know  
363 personally to directly canvass for support, via their own networks, in the run  
364 up to the election but must not use details of members they only know via  
365 official Young Greens channels – for example those they have gleaned through  
366 previously holding an elected position within the Young Greens or those they  
367 have gained from mailing lists.

368 E5.4 Candidates and proposers may campaign online and use social media to  
369 canvass for support but only strictly in a personal capacity.

370 E5.5 Candidates and proposers may not use official Young Greens or Green Party  
371 communication channels such as administrative email and Facebook privileges.

372 E5.6 Each candidate is entitled to their submitted nomination statement being  
373 circulated amongst the membership via email and posting on the Young Greens  
374 website.

375 E5.7 Campaigns must focus on the benefits of the candidate they are supporting,  
376 not the flaws of the candidates opposing them. Negative campaigning is not  
377 permitted.

378 E5.8 Bribery, coercion and mistreating of members is strictly forbidden.

379 E5.9 Any member, regardless of candidate status, can report a suspected breach  
380 of these rules to the Electoral Returning Officer in the case of electoral  
381 breaches, Democracy and Accountability Committee in the case of motions, or,  
382 where they feel that is inappropriate, to Young Greens Staff.

383 E5.10 Any suspected electoral breach of these rules shall be investigated by the  
384 Electoral Returning Officer and the Democracy and Accountability Committee who  
385 have the following options open to them:

386 E5.10.1 Suspension of a candidate from the current election, who is suspected to  
387 have breached these rules, pending investigation by the Electoral Returning  
388 Officer and the Democracy and Accountability Committee. If the investigation  
389 cannot be completed by the AGM, the election will be re-run.

390 E5.10.2 Expulsion from the current election of a candidate found to have broken  
391 these rules, by the Electoral Returning Officer and the Democracy and  
392 Accountability Committee - the election shall otherwise continue as normal.

393 E5.10.3 Expulsion from the current election of a candidate where it has been  
394 found that person(s) acting on their behalf have breached these rules.

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E5.10.4 Additionally, Candidates removed from the current election due to the actions of themselves or others will still be eligible to be a candidate for future elections to any position within the Young Greens.

E5.11 Any suspected non-electoral breaches, during an election and by a candidate, of the Young Greens Constitution, Young Greens Standing Orders, Green Party Constitution, Green Party Standing Orders, Green Party Code of Conduct or any other organisational policies of the Green Party of England and Wales and Young Greens, including anti-harassment and Safe Space policies, shall be investigated by the Democracy and Accountability Committee who shall have the following options open to them:

E5.11.1 Suspension of a candidate from the current election, who is suspected to have breached these rules, pending investigation by the Democracy and Accountability Committee. If the investigation cannot be completed by the AGM, the election will be re-run.

E5.11.2 Expulsion from the current election of a candidate found to have breached these rules with the election otherwise continuing as normal.

E5.12 Following any action as described in E5.11.1 or E5.11.2, the Democracy and Accountability Committee shall refer the case to the Complaints and Disputes Subcommittee for full investigation as described in Article 5 of the Constitution, from 5.6 onwards.

E5.13 Any suspected breach of these rules in relation to the proposal of papers will be investigated by the Democracy and Accountability Committee who will have the following options open to them:

E5.13.1 Suspension of a proposer suspected of breaking these rules may be suspended from proposing the paper pending investigation by the Democracy and Accountability Committee and an alternative proposer must be found by the remaining co-proposers.

E5.13.2 For serious breaches of these rules, the Democracy and Accountability Committee may rule the paper or amendment Out of Order and remove it from the General Meeting agenda.

E5.14 A person is accountable to these rules from the opening of the nominations period, however, may only announce their candidacy and begin publicly campaigning after the close of nominations.

## **Part 6: Co-options**

E6.1 Any vacant EC role may be co-opted by a majority vote of EC plus the agreement of the Chair of the Democracy and Accountability Committee, after a call out and a hustings has taken place.

E6.23 Any vacant DAC role may be co-opted by a majority vote of DAC, after a call out has taken place.

E6.4 If it is not possible to co-opt for DAC roles in accordance with E6.3, these roles may be co-opted by a majority vote of EC, after a call out has taken place.

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E6.35 Vacant Green Students Committee Co-Convenor roles may be co-opted by a majority vote of the Green Students Committee after a call out by the Green Students Committee has taken place.

E6.46 If it is not possible to co-opt for Green Students Committee Co-Convenor roles in accordance with E6.5, these roles may be co-opted by a majority vote of EC plus the agreement of the Chair of the Democracy and Accountability Committee, after a call out and a hustings has taken place.

E6.57 Gender balance criteria as defined under section E4.5 through to E4.10 should also apply to any co-options.

## **Section F: Exceptional Democratic Accountability Measures**

F1 The General Meetings defined in Sections B, C, and D shall all be held in-person, with in-person democratic functions.

F2 In exceptional circumstances in-person functions may not be possible and when this is the case these protocols shall be followed in order:

F2.1 No less than three voting members of the Executive Committee shall bring forward a motion to a meeting of the Executive Committee, expressing intent and reasoning to invoke Exceptional Democratic Accountability Measures (hereafter referred to as "Exceptional Measures" or colloquially as "EDAM").

F2.2 The Executive Committee shall vote on whether or not to invoke Exceptional Measures, invocation shall require a two-thirds majority.

F2.3 If Exceptional Measures are invoked, then the Co-Chairs of the Executive Committee shall inform the Chair or Co-Chairs of the Democracy and Accountability Committee of the decision, alongside documents which shall provide all reasoning and minutes of debate.

F2.4 The Democracy and Accountability Committee shall thoroughly review the declaration of Exceptional Measures and shall vote on whether or not to ratify the decision, ratification shall require a simple majority of the whole Committee.

F2.5 If Exceptional Measures are ratified, then the Executive Committee and the Democracy and Accountability Committee shall move to F3.

F3 After ratification of Exceptional Measures, the Executive Committee and the Democracy and Accountability Committee shall explore solutions of all nature and produce official planning documents, all solutions must be permitted under the conditions listed in F4. After a maximum of two weeks or after mutual agreement, F4 shall be implemented.

F4 Following thorough exploration, investigation, and planning, the Executive Committee shall inform the Democracy and Accountability Committee of any decision taken immediately after a vote to:

F4.1 Postpone a General Meeting by up to 6 weeks after the normal period.

F4.2 Hold a General Meeting and all associated functions online in accordance with regular timescales.

F4.3 Postpone a General Meeting by up to 6 weeks after the normal period and hold the event and all associated functions online.

480 F4.4 Waive Exceptional Measures and carry out a General Meeting in the normal  
481 fashion.

482 F5 Once the Democracy and Accountability Committee has been informed, it shall  
483 vote to ratify or reject the decision that has been made.

484 F5.1 Should the decision be ratified by a majority, the agreed actions come into  
485 effect immediately.

486 F5.2 Should the decision be rejected by a majority, the process shall return to  
487 either F3 or F4, at the discretion of the Democracy and Accountability  
488 Committee.

489 F6 The membership of the Young Greens of England and Wales must be informed  
490 regularly of progress at the end of each set of processes outlined in F2, F3,  
491 F4, and F5.