

## D2 Standing Orders

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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).

34 B2.2 DAC must appoint a chair and deputy chair for the Annual General Meeting.  
35 The chair and deputy chair must not be proposers of any papers or amendments to  
36 the Annual General Meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

## 48 Part 3: Motions and Reports

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

50 B3.1.1 Changes to the Constitution or Standing Orders

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

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

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

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

57 B3.2 The Annual General Meeting must take note of mandatory annual reports by  
58 the:

59 B3.2.1 Executive Committee Co-Chairs.

60 B3.2.2 Treasurer.

61 B3.2.3 Executive Committee Non-Portfolio Officers.

62 B3.2.4 Democracy and Accountability Committee.

63 B3.2.5 Green Students Committee Co-Convenors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

80 B3.7.3 Following this, DAC must post all submissions at the earliest possible  
81 moment.

82 B3.7.4 Exactly 1 week before the AGM, submission of amendments to papers will  
83 close.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 103 Part 4: Motion Voting Procedures

104 B4.1 When debating a paper or amendment at the Annual General Meeting, the  
105 proposer will be asked by the chair to propose the motion or amendment by

106 explaining what the paper or amendment is for and then giving a brief speech in  
107 favour of the paper.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

146 D.2.1 Executive Committee Co-chairs

147 D.2.2 Treasurer

148 D.2.3 Executive Committee Non-portfolio members

149 D.2.4 Green Students Committee Co-convenors

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 161 **Section E: Internal Elections**

### 162 **Part 1: Candidacy**

163 E1.1 All members of the Young Greens are eligible to be candidates for roles  
164 within the Executive Committee, Democracy and Accountability Committee members  
165 and the Green Students Committee Co-Convenors providing they abide by the rules  
166 such as gender quotas.

167 E1.2 Only those Young Greens who self-define as belonging to a specific  
168 Liberation group may be candidates for election within that respective  
169 Liberation group.

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

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

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

181 E1.5.1 Any EC role

182 E1.5.2 Democracy and Accountability Committee

183 E1.5.3 Green Students Committee Co-Convenor

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

186 E1.6.1 Treasurer

187 E1.6.2 Executive Committee Non-Portfolio Officer

188 E1.6.3 Member of the Democracy and Accountability Committee

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

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

192 E1.7.2 continue to carry out their role without the exiting part of the job  
193 share, without replacing them

194 E1.7.3 resign from their role

## 195 Part 2: Term of Office and Accountability

196 E2.1 All roles shall be elected for a term of office of 1 year, which should be  
197 completed should the officer no longer fit the requirements described in  
198 Constitution Clause 1.5.1 or 1.5.2 during their term, accepting variations as  
199 described below.

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

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

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

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

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

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

217 E2.8 No member may hold the same post for more than 3 terms, irrespective of  
218 election or co-option.

219 E2.9 EC voting members have a responsibility to attend EC meetings and to stay  
220 accountable:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

248 E2.10.2 Initiate another immediate committee-internal vote of no confidence  
249 within EC.

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

### 253 Part 3: Election Timescale

254 E3.1 All processes and the election timescale described between Clauses E3.4 and  
255 E3.11 (inclusive) apply only to positions elected in the “Annual Ballot” at  
256 convention, namely Executive Committee, Democracy and Accountability Committee  
257 members, and Co-Convenors of the Green Students Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

285 E3.11 The election of successful candidates shall be announced during  
286 Convention.

## 287 Part 4: Electoral System and Gender Balance

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

316 E4.7 Following the election of the aforementioned roles a number of Non-  
317 Portfolio positions will be reserved for candidates who are not self-defining  
318 men to ensure that EC shall comprise of no more than 50% of members who self-  
319 define as men. The number of roles reserved will be calculated based on the  
320 number of self-defining men elected to the Co-Chair and treasurer positions.

321 E4.8 The election of Green Students Committee Co-Convenors will take place  
322 following the same rules as laid out for EC Co-Chairs in D4.6.

323 E4.9 The selection of the International Delegate will ensure that no more than  
324 one delegate self-defines as a man.

325 E4.10 The election of members to the Democracy and Accountability Committee will  
326 be carried out such that no more than 3 of the places are taken by self-defining  
327 men with places reserved, as necessary, to ensure this.

## 328 Part 5: Campaigning Rules

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 407 Part 6: Co-Options

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

411 E6.2 When advertising vacant EC Non-Portfolio positions, the Executive Committee  
412 are able to advertise specific available portfolio(s), as decided by a majority  
413 vote of EC plus the agreement of the Chair of the Democracy and Accountability  
414 Committee.

415 E6.3 Any vacant DAC role may be co-opted by a majority vote of DAC, after a call  
416 out has taken place.

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

420 E6.5 Vacant Green Students Committee Co-Convenor roles may be co-opted by a  
421 majority vote of the Green Students Committee after a call out by the Green  
422 Students Committee has taken place.

423 E6.6 If it is not possible to co-opt for Green Students Committee Co-Convenor  
424 roles in accordance with E6.5, these roles may be co-opted by a majority vote of  
425 EC plus the agreement of the Chair of the Democracy and Accountability  
426 Committee, after a call out and a hustings has taken place.

427 E6.7 Gender balance criteria as defined under section E4.5 through to E4.10  
428 should also apply to any co-options.

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## 429 Section F: Exceptional Democratic Accountability 430 Measures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

473 F6.1 The membership of the Young Greens of England and Wales must be informed  
474 regularly of progress at the end of each set of processes outlined in F2, F3,  
475 F4, and F5.