

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS NORTHERN IRELAND REGION

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Association shall be Association of Councillors Northern Ireland Region herein referred to as the Association.

2.1 Membership

Membership shall be open to all Councils in Northern Ireland as Corporate Members. Each Council shall appoint 8 members to attend Association Meetings and have full voting rights.

2.2 Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership shall be open to persons who, by virtue of their services to the Association, are agreed by the Executive Committee.

3.1 Chairman and Vice Chairmen

The Chair and Vice Chairmen shall be elected every two years at the AGM of the Association.

3.2 Secretary

The Secretary shall be elected every two years at the AGM of the Association.

3.3 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected every two years at the AGM of the Association.

4.1 Committee

Eight other members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed at each AGM.

4.2 The Executive Committee shall be drawn from members who have been appointed by their Council to attend as members with rights to vote at General and Annual General Meetings

4.3 Female members may nominate a women's representative to sit on the Executive Committee on an annual basis. This position is to be rotated between parties and filled by a Council nominated member in an equal way and ratified by the full membership.

4.4 NAC UK Executive Committee

Executive Committee members are eligible for election to the NAC UK Executive. The Executive Committee can ratify or not ratify those EC members standing for election as well as those EC members duly elected.

5.1 Finances and Subscriptions

The financial affairs of the Association shall be conducted under the financial regulations agreed by the Executive Committee and approved by full membership.

5.2 Subscriptions

The Association shall decide the rate of subscriptions at the AGM each year.

5.3 Subscriptions shall be due before the 1st September each year.

5.4 Financial Year

The financial year of the Association shall end on 31st July each year.

5.5 Audit

The accounts of the Association shall be subject to an independent examination at the end of the financial year.

6. Annual General Meeting

6.1 The Annual General Meeting will be open to all Members of the Association.

To receive the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

To receive a Report from the Secretary on activities of the Association during the preceding year.

To receive a Balance Sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts for the preceding financial year.

Every two years, to elect a Chairman.

Every two years, to elect Vice Chairmen.

Every two years, to elect a Secretary.

Every two years, to elect a Treasurer.

Each year, to elect eight other members of the Executive Committee.

To deal with appropriate resolutions having been notified to the Secretary 28 days prior to the AGM with the name of the Mover and Seconder in writing.

No other resolution, other than Motions of Procedure shall be permitted.

Only 8 delegates per Council will be allowed to vote. (Those delegates nominated by their Council).

6.2 Extra-ordinary General Meeting

An extra-ordinary general meeting may be called by the Executive upon a written request from 5 cooperative members, 14 days notice shall be given to all Members.

6.3 Special General Meetings

The Executive Committee may at 7 days notice call a special general meeting.

6.4 Quorum

The Quorum of all general meetings shall be 20 Members.

7. Termination of Membership

Membership of the Association shall cease where subscriptions are 6 months overdue.

(Clause 5.5 of Constitution amended in September 2016)

Party rotation for election of Officers and Women's Representative

DUP
SDLP
ALLIANCE
SF
UUP