



*Tuesday 27 March 2018*

# ISLE OF MAN GREEN PARTY

## CONSTITUTION

### 1. NAME

1.1. The name shall be *Isle of Man Green Party* (“**the Party**”)

### 2. OBJECTS

2.1. The Objects of the Party shall be:

2.1.1. The conception, promotion, and implementation of policies for the sustainable social, cultural, environmental and economic development of society in the Isle of Man;

2.1.2. To that end, the endorsement of candidates for election to the House of Keys, Legislative Council, and local authorities; and

2.1.3. Working in solidarity with green parties of other jurisdictions, and green parties globally.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1. Any person may apply for membership of the Party provided that they:

3.1.1. Subscribe to the Objects of the Party;

3.1.2. Are aged 16 years or over; and

3.1.3. Have paid any membership fee as determined by the membership of the Party at the Annual General Meeting (“**AGM**”) or at an Extraordinary General Meeting (“**EGM**”) (together, “**General Meeting**”) being held from time to time.

3.2. Membership of the Party shall entitle members to vote on the business of the Party at a General Meeting and hold office in it, in such ways as are laid down in the Constitution.

3.3. Only a member may stand for the Party as a candidate for political office.

3.4. A member giving written notice of resignation shall cease to be a member.

3.5. A member in arrears of over a year of any membership fee as determined by the membership of the Party at a General Meeting will cease to be a member.

### 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.1. The Executive Committee will be responsible for the coordination and implementation of actions as called for in this Constitution, or the achievement of other decisions of the membership in General Meeting.

4.2. The quorum of a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be 50% of its members. In the absence of the Secretary, the chair (as agreed pursuant to 4.3 below) will appoint a secretary to undertake the recording, production and circulation of the minutes of the meeting.

4.3. Resolutions of the Executive Committee shall be by simple majority, with a chair appointed by the Committee at the start of a meeting to have the determining vote in the event of a tie.

4.4. The Executive Committee shall comprise the following offices with portfolio:-

4.4.1. Leader;

4.4.2. Treasurer;

4.4.3. Secretary;

4.4.4. Communications Co-ordinator;

4.4.5. Policy Co-ordinator;

- 4.4.6. Election Strategy Co-ordinator;
  - 4.4.7. Deputy Leader;
  - 4.4.8. Chairperson; and,
  - 4.4.9. Membership Strategy Co-ordinator.
- 4.5. A Party member can concurrently hold no more than two offices with portfolio at any one time.
- 4.6. The offices with portfolio at 4.4.1 – 4.4.9 will be elected by the members in General Meeting. Any member can request a secret ballot if a position is contested.
- 4.7. The Executive Committee can co-opt a member of the Party to take a vacant position of office with portfolio, which is to be ratified by the Party at General Meeting.
- 4.8. The Executive Committee must contain filled positions at any one time of at least the offices with portfolio at 4.4.1, 4.4.2, and 4.4.3.
- 4.9. In addition to the offices with portfolio at 4.4, the Executive Committee may co-opt members in the following positions to be members of the Executive Committee without portfolio:-
- 4.9.1. Party members who are members of a local council/authority in the Isle of Man;
  - 4.9.2. Party members who are Members of the House of Keys; and
  - 4.9.3. Party members who are Members of the Legislative Council.

## 5. GENERAL MEETING

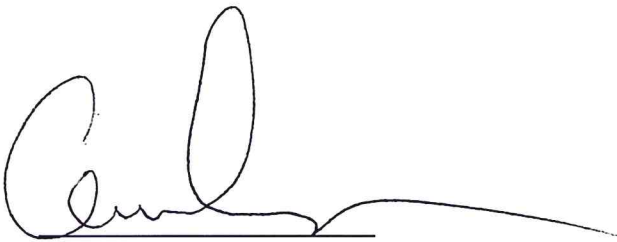
- 5.1. An AGM will take place annually for the year from 11 August to 10 August, to be held within four calendar months of the end of that period. The Secretary will provide 21 days' notice to the membership of the AGM.
- 5.2. An EGM may be called following a resolution of the Executive Committee.
- 5.3. An EGM shall be requisitioned by the provision of a notice to the Executive Committee signed by 5 members or 25% of the membership (whichever is less).
- 5.4. Quorum for a General Meeting shall be 5 members or 25% of the membership (whichever is less).
- 5.5. Minutes of a General Meeting will be circulated and signed by a representative of the Executive Committee at the next General Meeting (whether AGM or EGM).
- 5.6. All matters put to the membership at a General Meeting will be an ordinary resolution unless it is a special resolution.
- 5.7. An ordinary resolution is passed by a simple majority of the members at the meeting.
- 5.8. The Leader, or the nominated chair in the Leader's absence, will have the presiding vote.
- 5.9. A special resolution requires the support of 65% of the membership that are in attendance at the meeting, and relates to the following matters:
- 5.9.1. Amendment of the constitution
  - 5.9.2. Imposition of any membership fee
  - 5.9.3. Expulsion of any member
  - 5.9.4. Acceptance of candidates wishing to stand for political office.
  - 5.9.5. Adoption of standing orders to govern the affairs of the Party. Such standing orders stand outside of but cannot contradict this constitution.
  - 5.9.6. Dissolution of the Party
- 5.10. The Treasurer will keep accounts of the financial matters of the Party and will prepare annual accounts with an accounting period from 11 August to 10 August.

5.11. The Treasurer will provide accounts for the consideration of the membership at the AGM.

5.12. The business of the AGM shall include the adoption of the accounts by the membership, the signing of the minutes of the previous AGM and the election of the Executive Committee.

**6. FINANCE**

6.1. The Party may operate a bank account in its name.

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Leader

**Isle of Man Green Party**