

Constitution of the Time Party

- 1.1 The **Time Party** (hereinafter referred to as 'Time' or the 'Party') intends to deliver lasting change in the United Kingdom that will benefit all of its citizens and residents. Structural reforms and improvements to the political system, society, the country's infrastructure and economy are needed to achieve this aim. Bold initiatives, fresh thinking and steadfast determination are the hallmarks of Time. Importantly, the Party will always act responsibly, placing the interests of the United Kingdom and its people above other considerations.
- 1.2 The Party shall be a political movement focused on serving our country and advancing the well-being of all of our people. Towards this end, the Party's objectives are:
 - 1.3 To preserve protect and defend the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of the United Kingdom.
 - 1.4 To advance the well-being and safeguard the freedom of British citizens via democratic government.
 - 1.5 To develop and maintain a robust dynamic economy which creates better lives for all, which enables every citizen to reach their ultimate potential.
 - 1.6 To build a just society which supports and inspires individual effort and family responsibility while ensuring local and governmental assistance for the vulnerable and disadvantaged.
 - 1.7 To develop and enhance a vigorous meritocracy, with opportunities for all of the country's citizens to develop their skills across the full spectrum of economic, social and professional activity.
 - 1.8 To develop a democratic system where citizenship embraces both rights and duties, encourages a sense of collective and individual responsibility and community action.
 - 1.9 To this end the Party's objective is to stand candidates at United Kingdom parliamentary elections to expedite the necessary aforementioned political reform. The Party reserves the right to stand candidates at local or devolved assembly or parliamentary elections in the future.
- 1.10 The Party will work ceaselessly for the benefit of all the citizens of the United Kingdom irrespective of their religion, ethnic origin, gender or sexual orientation or physical or mental capability.
- 2.1 **Time** welcomes members from all backgrounds as long as they do not hold current membership of any other political party. Members must be citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK), or have Indefinite leave to remain (ILR) in the UK. Members must be 16 years of age or above.
- 2.2 Every member must accept and conform to the Constitution, principles and policies of the Party.

- 3.1 The Party adheres to Electoral Commission rules and will adopt the Electoral Commission's Model Financial Scheme and thereby provide an annual statement of accounts to the Electoral Commission for each financial year, the accounts will run from 1st January through to 31st December inclusive. The Treasurer of the Time Party will be responsible for signing-off the annual statement of accounts and will also report to the Electoral Commission all donations and loans.

- 4.1 The first **Leader** of Time is Robert Spurrier-Kimbell (also known as Robert Kimbell).
- 4.2 The Leader has executive responsibility for overseeing the management of the Party. In addition, the Leader has responsibility for the selection and appointment of certain key people within the Party, as noted elsewhere in this constitution.
- 4.3 The Party Leader will assume the responsibilities of the Deputy Leader should the Deputy Leader be either indisposed or not yet selected.
- 4.4 There is no fixed term of office for the Leader. The first leadership contest will be held within three years of the foundation of the Party. Subsequent leadership elections can be triggered by a letter to the Party Chairman containing the signatures of more than one-third of the (Westminster) parliamentary Party or, in the event of the Party having fewer than nine (9) MPs at Westminster, by more than one third of the members of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Party.
- 4.5 All paid-up **Members** of Time are eligible to vote in the election of the Leader of the Party. Leadership election campaigns will be no longer than five (5) weeks duration.

- 5.1 The **Chairman** of Time is selected by the Leader of the Party for a period of time determined by the Leader. There is no fixed term of office for the Chairman.
- 5.2 The Chairman's responsibilities include, chairing the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Party, chairing the annual conference of the Party and certain responsibilities in relation to actions taken by the Party's 'Conduct and Ethics Committee' of the NEC.
- 5.3 The Chairman of Time reports to the Party Leader

- 6.1 The **Deputy Leader** of Time is selected by the Leader of the Party for a period of time determined by the Leader. There is no fixed term of office for the Deputy Leader.
- 6.2 The Deputy Leader is responsible for the management of the Party.
- 6.3 The Deputy Leader of Time reports to the Party Leader.

- 7.1 The **Party Secretary** of Time is selected by the Leader of the Party for a period of time determined by the Leader. There is no fixed term of office for the Party Secretary.

- 7.2 The Party Secretary is responsible, amongst other things, for ensuring administrative and other arrangements of the Party comply with all legal requirements placed upon it by statute other than those related to finance.
- 7.3 The Party Secretary of Time reports to the Deputy Leader.
- 8.1 The **Treasurer** of Time is selected by the Leader of the Party for a period of Time determined by the Leader. There is no fixed term of office for the Treasurer.
- 8.2 The Party Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of annual accounts, and liaison with the Party's auditors, for each financial year of the Party running from 1st January through to 31st December inclusive. The treasurer's name must be registered with the Electoral Commission. The Treasurer will comply with all statutes of the Electoral Commission which relate to financial issues. The treasurer may appoint Deputy Treasurers.
- 8.3 The Treasurer of Time reports to the Deputy Leader.
- 9.1 The **Nominating Officer** of Time is selected by the Leader of the Party for a period of time determined by the Leader. There is no fixed term of office for the Nominating Officer.
- 9.2 The Nominating Officer will be responsible for Party emblems, descriptions and the appointment of Deputy Nominating Officers when necessary.
- 9.3 The Nominating Officer of Time reports to the Deputy Leader.
- 10.1 The **Director of Party Strategy** of Time is selected by the Leader of the Party for a period of time determined by the Leader. There is no fixed term of office for the Director of Party Strategy.
- 10.2 The Director of Party Strategy is responsible for, amongst other things, identifying constituencies to be targeted at election times, selecting subject matter upon which Party spokespeople will focus during the election cycle, and for overseeing national election campaign strategy.
- 10.3 The Director of Party Strategy of Time reports to the Deputy Leader.
- 11.1 The **Director of Policy** of Time is selected by the Leader of the Party for a period of time determined by the Leader. There is no fixed term of office for the Director of Policy.
- 11.2 The Director of Policy is responsible for, amongst other things, the development of Party policy at both national and local level, which will include foreign and defence policy, and liaison with the Policy Scrutiny Committee of the NEC, should the NEC form such a committee.
- 11.3 The Director of Policy of Time reports to the Deputy Leader.
- 12.1 The **Print Media Director** of Time is selected by the Leader of the Party for a period of time determined by the Leader. There is no fixed term of office for the Print Media Director.

- 12.2 The Print Media Director is responsible for, amongst other things, all communications with print publications including national and local newspapers, and weekly and monthly periodicals.
- 12.3 The Print Media Director of Time reports to the Deputy Leader.
- 13.1 The **Broadcast Media Director** of Time is selected by the Leader of the Party for a period of time determined by the Leader. There is no fixed term of office for the Broadcast Media Director.
- 13.2 The Broadcast Media Director is responsible for, amongst other things, communications with television and radio organisations, and for appointing and overseeing the Party's Social Media Director whose activities will include responsibility for the Party's content on all social media platforms.
- 13.3 The Broadcast Media Director of Time reports to the Deputy Leader.
- 14.1 The Time Party **Leader line-of-succession** below is the order in which Time Party officers may become or temporarily act as Leader, pending a subsequent leadership election, as Leader of Time if the incumbent Party Leader becomes incapacitated, resigns or dies. The order is as follows:
- 1st Deputy Leader
 - 2nd Party Chairman
 - 3rd Party Secretary
 - 4th Director of Party Strategy
 - 5th Treasurer
- 15.1 The United Kingdom will, for Time organisational purposes, be divided into eighteen (18) '**Lands**'. The Lands are:

Cornwall
Cumbria
East Anglia
Essex
Greater Birmingham
Greater Liverpool
Greater London
Greater Manchester
Kent
Lancashire
Mercia
Northern Ireland
Northumbria
Scotland
Sussex
Wales
Wessex
Yorkshire

The boundaries of each Land will be determined by the Leader of Time.

- 16.1 The **Lands** are subdivided into **Time Branches**, one for every Westminster parliamentary constituency. Every four months, each Land convenes a **Land Congress** (LC), with three (3) **Delegates** from each of the Time Branches in that Land. Land Congress Delegates must be current members of Time who have been nominated by the Time Branch Committee of that Time Branch. They do not need to be the same Delegates from that Time Branch at each Congress, although they can be if that Branch Committee so decides.
- 17.1 Time **Branches** are formed when at least three (3) Time members in any given Westminster parliamentary constituency decide that they wish to form a **Time Branch** and they will elect a Time Branch Chairman, Time Branch Treasurer and Time Branch Secretary (hereinafter referred to as Time Branch Officers) who meet monthly throughout the year. Each Time Branch will hold an **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) to elect the Time Branch Officers and any Time member in that Westminster parliamentary constituency can attend the Time Branch AGM on production of a current Time membership card.
- 17.2 All Time Branches will adhere to Electoral Commission rules.
- 18.1 A **Time Branch** can be suspended by the **Conduct and Ethics Committee** (CEC) of the NEC should an existing branch bring Time into disrepute. A written appeal objecting to such a suspension can be lodged with the Time Party Chairman within one month of a Time branch being informed of the decision to suspend the branch. The written appeal will be considered at the next scheduled full sitting of the NEC. Alternatively, a Time branch officer of the branch concerned may present a verbal appeal at the next scheduled full sitting of the NEC which will hear that branch officer's appeal for a period of up to one hour before retiring to consider a judgement in closed session without the appealing branch officer present. The NEC's judgement will be relayed to the branch officer by the Time Chairman within one week of the appeal hearing. There is no right to a second appeal should the judgement go against the branch officer of the branch. A branch suspension may be cancelled and the branch activities reinstated by the NEC subject to the formation of a new branch committee.
- 19.1 **Membership of Time can be suspended** by the **Conduct and Ethics Committee** of the NEC should an existing member bring the Time Party into disrepute. A written appeal objecting to such a suspension can be lodged with the Time Chairman within one month of a Time member being informed of the decision to suspend membership. The written appeal will be considered at the next scheduled full sitting of the NEC. Alternatively, the Time member concerned may present a verbal appeal at the next scheduled full sitting of the NEC which will hear that Time member's appeal for a period of up to one hour before retiring to consider a judgement in closed session without the appealing Time member present, and the NEC's judgement will be relayed to the member by the Time Party Chairman within one week of the appeal hearing. The suspension may be cancelled and the Time member reinstated by the NEC. There is no right to a second appeal should the judgement go against the Time member and their membership will be revoked. Once membership of Time is revoked that individual is banned for life from re-joining the Party. The remaining period of the banned member's annual subscription payment will be refunded to the member calculated by the net whole number of days remaining of their current membership.

- 20.1 Each Land will hold an **Annual Land Convention** (ALC) at which the **President** of that Land will be elected by the assembled Delegates for a period of one year. Six (6) Delegates to each ALC will be nominated by each Time Branch Committee.
- 21.1 The youth movement of the Party known as **Time For The Future** (TFTF), is key to the Party's ongoing development. Any member of the Party aged over sixteen (16) and under twenty-five (25) can join TFTF. Membership of TFTF will automatically cease at age twenty-five (25). The **Chairman** of TFTF will be elected by a majority vote of the members of TFTF. Subsequent chairmanship elections can be triggered by a letter to the Time Leader containing the signatures of more than one-third of the TFTF committee. The TFTF chairmanship election campaigns will be no longer than five (5) weeks duration.
- 21.2 The TFTF Committee will comprise:
Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and 9 other members.
- 21.3 The TFTF Committee will meet at least every two (2) months.
- 22.1 British nationals registered to vote at elections in the United Kingdom but currently overseas who are members of Time are eligible to join **Time Abroad**. Such members in any given overseas country will elect their own **Country Chairman of Time Abroad** for a period of no longer than two (2) years. Country Chairman campaigns will be no longer than five (5) weeks duration.
- 23.1 The **National Executive Committee** of the Party (hereinafter referred to as the NEC) is chaired by the Chairman of the Party. A quorum for the NEC comprises 11 members. The Chairman of the Party will select one NEC member to act as Deputy Chairman who will deputise for the Chairman in the Chairman's absence. The NEC will meet every two (2) months. The members of the NEC are -:
- The Chairman of Time
 - The Leader of Time
 - The Deputy Leader of Time
 - The Party Secretary of Time
 - The Treasurer of Time
 - The Nominating Officer of Time
 - The Director of Party Strategy of Time
 - The Director of Policy of Time
 - The Director of Print Media of Time
 - The Director of Broadcast Media of Time
 - The Chairman of Time For The Future
 - Any Country Chairmen of Time Abroad who are present in the UK.
 - The Presidents of Time within all eighteen (18) Lands.
- 23.2 Membership of the NEC lapses automatically without right to appeal should any existing NEC member (other than a Country Chairman of Time Abroad) who fails to attend NEC meetings on three (3) consecutive occasions.

- 23.3 All NEC members have one (1) vote. The decisions on NEC motions on the agenda for debate are made by simple majority vote. If there is no majority vote the Chairman has an extra casting vote in order for the NEC to arrive at an effective decision.
- 23.4 The NEC may revoke the membership of any sub-committee member by majority vote.
- 23.5 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the NEC can be called by the Party Chairman, who will provide 1 week's notice in writing to all NEC members of the date of such an EGM.
- 23.6 Every NEC meeting will have an agenda circulated to all NEC members prior to the date of the meeting, and all NEC meetings will be recorded by one NEC member nominated by the Party Chairman for the purpose of acting as Minute Secretary for that meeting only. Typically, the minutes will be taken by the Party Secretary. However, in the absence of the Party Secretary another NEC member may be nominated by the Chairman for the purpose of taking the minutes. After every NEC meeting, the minutes will be recorded electronically.
- 23.7 The Constitution of the Time Party may be amended by the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Party by a two-thirds majority vote.
- 24.1 The NEC has a **Conduct and Ethics Committee** (hereinafter referred to as the CEC) comprising five (5) members of the NEC. A quorum for the CEC comprises 3 members. Membership of the CEC is reviewed by the NEC every three (3) years after the formation of the first CEC Committee.
- 24.2 Each member of the CEC Committee is elected by a majority vote of the NEC under a first-past-the-post (FPTP) system.
- 24.3 The CEC Chairman is selected by mutual agreement of the CEC committee members, to be reviewed annually.
- 24.4 All CEC members have one (1) vote. The decisions on CEC motions on the agenda for debate are made by simple majority vote. If there is no majority vote the Chairman has an extra casting vote in order for the CEC to arrive at an effective decision.
- 24.5 The responsibility of the members of this committee is to, amongst other things, deal with issues relating to the misconduct of individual members or members bringing the Party into disrepute, and branches of the Party which have contravened Party procedures or developed and publicised policies which have not been approved by the Party.
- 24.6 Every CEC meeting will have an agenda circulated to all CEC members prior to the date of the meeting, and all CEC meetings will be recorded by one CEC member nominated by the CEC Chairman for the purpose of acting as Minute Secretary for that meeting only. After every CEC meeting, the minutes will be recorded electronically.

- 25.1 The NEC has a **Treasury Scrutiny Committee** (hereinafter called the TSC) comprising five (5) members of the NEC that oversees and monitors the activities of the Time Party Treasurer and that officer's department, decides on the identity of the **Auditors** of the Party's finances and the efficacy of the Treasurer and can make recommendations to the Party Leader accordingly, A quorum for the TSC comprises 3 members. Membership of the TSC Committee is reviewed by the NEC every three (3) years after the formation of the first TSC Committee.
- 25.2 Each member of the TSC Committee is elected by a majority vote of the NEC under a first-past-the-post (FPTP) system.
- 25.3 The TEC Chairman is selected by mutual agreement of the TEC committee members, to be reviewed annually.
- 25.4 All TSC members have one (1) vote. The decisions on TSC motions on the agenda for debate are made by simple majority vote. If there is no majority vote the Chairman has an extra casting vote in order for the TSC to arrive at an effective decision.
- 25.5 Every TSC meeting will have an agenda circulated to all TSC members prior to the date of the meeting, and all TSC meetings will be recorded by one TSC member nominated by the TSC Chairman for the purpose of acting as Minute Secretary for that meeting only. After ever TSC meeting, the minutes will be recorded electronically.

- 26.1 The NEC may in due course have a **Policy Scrutiny Committee** (hereinafter referred to as the PSC) comprising five (5) members of the NEC that will oversee and endorse Party policy development. A quorum for the PSC comprises 3 members. Membership of the PSC is reviewed by the NEC every three (3) years after the formation of the first PSC Committee.
- 26.2 Each member of the PSC Committee is elected by a majority vote of the NEC under a first-past-the-post (FPTP) system.
- 26.3 The PSC Chairman is selected by mutual agreement of the PSC committee members, to be reviewed annually.
- 26.4 All PSC members have one (1) vote. The decisions on PSC motions on the agenda for debate are made by simple majority vote. If there is no majority vote the Chairman has an extra casting vote in order for the PSC to arrive at an effective decision.
- 26.5 Every PSC meeting will have an agenda circulated to all PSC members prior to the date of the meeting, and all PSC meetings will be recorded by one PSC member nominated by the PSC Chairman for the purpose of acting as Minute Secretary for that meeting only. After ever PSC meeting, the minutes will be recorded electronically.

- 27.1 Time will hold an **Annual Conference** (AC) at a suitable location, the venue and timing will be decided by the Leader in agreement with the NEC. The NEC Chairman will arrange and chair the conference. In the absence of the NEC Chairman the conference will be chaired by the Deputy Chairman of the NEC. All current members of Time are welcome to attend this Annual Conference. All Speakers together with the order in which they speak at the Annual Conference are determined by the Leader of Time.
- 27.2 All conferences will be recorded with a record taken of any votes at conference.
- 28.1 **No member of Time** can stand for election to a unitary authority body, council or devolved assembly or devolved parliament in the United Kingdom until Time forms the government of the United Kingdom at Westminster. Prior to Time obtaining a ruling Party mandate at the UK Parliament at Westminster, existing councillors, members of unitary authority bodies or members of devolved assemblies or parliaments of the United Kingdom must revoke their current memberships of other political parties before joining Time and upon joining Time as an **Associate Member** (AM) must undergo a two (2) year probationary period (overseen by the CEC of the Time Party NEC) before being given clearance to speak on matters pertaining to Time policy. The Conduct and Ethics Committee (CEC) of the Time Party NEC reserves the right to reduce this probationary period at its discretion. A press statement will be released within twenty-four hours (24 hours) of the date of the defection by the Head Office of Time to this effect.
- 29.1 **No member of Time** can stand for election to the United Kingdom Parliament at Westminster without due diligence being carried out on them and without having undergone thorough scrutiny by the Nominating Officer, the Director of Party Strategy and the Leader of Time. The Party will have a vigorous candidate selection process.
- 30.1 **Dissolution of the Time Party.** The Time Party can be dissolved only by the National Executive Committee (NEC) with more than eighty percent (80%) voting to dissolve the Party, where the quorum for this dissolution meeting comprises 11 members of the NEC.
- 30.2 Formal notice of the intention to dissolve the Time Party will be sent by the Time Party Chairman to all members of the NEC providing 28 days' notice to hold such a meeting. Members attending the meeting in person will vote on the motion at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting together with a postal ballot paper will be subsequently sent to all NEC members who were unable to attend the meeting to enable those members to make a decision and cast their vote by post. The final result of the ballot will be declared within 30 days of the meeting taking place.

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