

Constitution of the Time Party

1. Preamble

- 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 develop policies in support of the above aims, and to promote those policies in public political debate, with a view to influencing the direction and conduct of politics in the UK.
- 1.10. 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.
- 1.11. 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. Membership

- 2.1. **Time** welcomes members from all backgrounds who agree with the Party's fundamental values and objectives. The Party does not discriminate on the basis of age, ethnic origin, religion, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation, or any protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010.
- 2.2. Every member must accept and conform to the Constitution, principles and policies of the Party.
- 2.3. The Party is a non-denominational and non-sectarian party that welcomes as its members people of all faiths and none, and asserts the equality of all ethnic groups, while at all times also recognising the traditions and traditional culture of the United Kingdom.
- 2.4. Members shall at all times ensure their conduct, especially in public and on social media, does not bring the Party into disrepute.
- 2.5. No member of the Party may imply that a personal position on issues outside of the scope of the Party's principles, platform or policies represents the position of the Party.

- 2.6. Members shall pay a membership fee as set by the Board from time to time. Membership shall cease automatically on expiry of the membership period.
- 2.7. A member may resign from the Party by notice to the Secretary or the Leader or a current member of the Board, such notice to be in writing sent by post or by email. A member who resigns from the Party shall not be entitled to any pro-rata refund of their current year's membership fee.
- 2.8. A member may be suspended or have their membership revoked where their conduct causes harm to the Party or brings the Party into disrepute, in accordance with Clause 19.
- 2.9. The Secretary or the Board may decline an application for membership, or an application to renew membership, where at their discretion it is believed that an applicant may bring the Party into disrepute or otherwise cause harm or damage to the growth of the Party. In such case, the applicant shall be refunded in full any membership fee already paid for the current period of membership.
- 2.10. No person shall be admitted as a member if they are a member of, or associated with, a group or publication the objects or activities of which are declared by the Board to be injurious to the interests of the Party or inconsistent with its principles, policies and objectives.
- 2.11. The Board may from time to time create additional classes of membership, such as Supporters or Sponsors. The terms of such additional classes shall be set by the Board as a by-law at its discretion, and do not form part of the Party's Constitution. Persons in any class of membership, whether that class is titled 'member' or another category name, shall be considered members for the purpose of this Constitution.
- 2.12. Any member who is appointed to be an officer of the Party, or to be a member of the Board, or to be an officer of a **Time** Branch, shall be appointed as a volunteer, and not an employee, and shall have no right to receive remuneration for their services or contribution. Any payments made to an officer or Board member shall be only in respect

of a valid and approved claim for expenses wholly and necessarily incurred on behalf of the Party or as an honorarium.

- 2.13. Every member, on joining and ongoing during their membership, must declare to the Board if they are a member of, or apply to join, another political party, and disclose the name of that party. The Board shall be entitled by a three-quarters majority vote to allow the multiple membership, or if not allowed, to cancel that person's membership of Time. No pro-rata refund of any current membership fee will be due in such case.

3. Finances and Annual Accounts

- 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.
- 3.2. All property and resources of the Party are to be used solely for the purposes of promoting and achieving the principles and goals stated within this Constitution.
- 3.3. All bank accounts of the Party shall be held only with regulated banking institutions, separately from those of its members, and shall include the wording **Time Party** in their title.
- 3.4. All non-banking financial accounts (for example, PayPal) of the Party shall be held separately from those of its members, shall have multiple signatories/user accounts linked to the account (if possible), shall include the wording **Time Party** in their title (if possible), and shall have the majority of all received funds moved into the Party's bank account(s) as soon as feasible.

- 3.5. The Board is authorised to (a) set fees for membership according to different classes of membership, (b) seek voluntary donations or sponsorship from persons whether they are members or not, (c) to establish income-generating advertising programmes, (d) to establish income-generating lottery schemes within the laws applicable to lotteries, and (e) utilise other fund-raising programmes (including but not limited to micro-payment donation programmes and chargeable subscription services).
- 3.6. Income from any source received by Time, and any expenditure incurred by Time, may be received or paid (i) in pounds sterling, or (ii) in any other fiat currency approved by the Board, or (iii) in any digital currency approved by the Board.
- 3.7. The Party is empowered, upon passing of a by-law by the Board, to create and operate income-generating services provided that (i) they are compatible with and supportive of the aims of the Party set out in Clause 1, and (ii) the proceeds after deduction of incurred costs are applied solely and exclusively for the promotion and development of the Party.

4. Leader

- 4.1. The first Leader of **Time** is Robert Spurrier-Kimbell (also known as Robert Kimbell).
- 4.2. The Leader is the principal representative and spokesperson of the Party. He or she has authority, in consultation with the Board, to direct the financial, personnel and political resources of the Party on a day-to-day basis. 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. In performing these functions, the Leader is accountable to the Board. Subject to the ultimate control exercised by the Board, the Leader is entitled to the support of every Party member.

- 4.4. The Leader will assume the responsibilities of the Deputy Leader and/or the Chairman should they be either indisposed or not yet selected.
- 4.5. The Leader shall serve for a maximum of three (3) years, and may resign at their discretion at any time.
- 4.6. This term may be extended for such time as may be deemed necessary upon the Board passing a motion by a three-quarters majority to enable the Leader to stay in post in order to fight an imminent General Election or European Election, but in such event the period of extension shall be for not more than one year.
- 4.7. The leadership election procedure shall be initiated prior to the expiration of the term of office.
- 4.8. At termination of their period of service, or on resignation, a Leader may stand for re-election.
- 4.9. The Party Leader may be elected for a maximum of five consecutive terms.
- 4.10. It is intended that the Party has a period of stability after foundation to develop its position and strength. Therefore a leadership contest shall be automatically triggered on the earlier of (a) the resignation of the first Leader, (b) three years after the Party's foundation, or (c) the passing of a motion of no-confidence representing a three-quarters majority of the entire Board.
- 4.11. 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 three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Board.
- 4.12. A person who wishes to put themselves forward as a candidate for Leader must be a current paid-up Member of the Party whose membership has not been suspended and is not under investigation under Clause 19, and in addition be either (i) a member of the Board, (ii) an officer of the Party appointed pursuant to Clauses 5 - 13, (iii) a **Time** Branch Chair who has served in this position for at least 12 months,

and in all cases has not in the preceding 12 months done anything to cause harm or damage to the Party or to bring the Party into disrepute.

- 4.13. All paid-up Members of **Time** are eligible to vote in the election of the Leader of the Party, provided they have been a Member for at least six months at the time of the election. Leadership election campaigns will be no longer than five (5) weeks duration. They shall be conducted on a proportional representation basis, where votes may be submitted by post or by an e-voting system from time to time approved by the Board. Candidates shall comply with rules for the conduct of elections designed to protect the privacy of Members, as set from time to time by the Board.

5. Chairman

- 5.1. The Leader of the Party at their sole discretion may appoint the first **Chairman**, or may choose this role to be vacant, in each case 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 Board 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 Board.
- 5.3. The Chairman of **Time** reports to the Board.
- 5.4. The Chairman may be removed from office, and a replacement may be appointed, by the Board, in each case acting on a three-quarters majority vote of the entire Board.

6. Deputy Leader

- 6.1. The Leader of the Party at their sole discretion may appoint the first **Deputy Leader**, or may choose this role to be vacant, in each case 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.
- 6.4. The Deputy Leader may be removed from office, and a replacement may be appointed, by the Board, in each case acting on a three-quarters majority vote of the entire Board.

7. Party Secretary

- 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.
- 7.4. The Party Secretary may be removed from office, and a replacement may be appointed, by the Board, in each case acting on a three-quarters majority vote of the entire Board.

8. Treasurer

- 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 (if appointed under Clause 21.2), 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.

- 8.4. The Treasurer may be removed from office, and a replacement may be appointed, by the Board, in each case acting on a three-quarters majority vote of the entire Board.

9. Nominating Officer

- 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 shall establish procedures for the vetting of any member who wishes to stand as a **Time** candidate in any election. These procedures must be approved by the Board and shall be published to members.
- 9.4. The Nominating Officer shall ensure that any approved candidate shall provide a pledge in a form substantially as below :
“I hereby pledge to advance and adhere to the policies and ideals of the Time Party, both during any election campaign and upon election to office.”
- 9.5. The Nominating Officer of **Time** reports to the Deputy Leader.
- 9.6. The Nominating Officer may be removed from office, and a replacement may be appointed, by the Board, in each case acting on a three-quarters majority vote of the entire Board.

10. Leader Succession

- 10.1. 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 : Treasurer

11. Lands

- 11.1. 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

- 11.2. The boundaries of each Land will be determined by the Board.

12. Land Congress

- 12.1. The Lands are subdivided into **Time** Branches, one for every Westminster parliamentary constituency.

- 12.2. Each Land which has a minimum of 3 branches shall convene a **Land Congress** (LC) at least every 6 months, with three (3) **Delegates** from each of the **Time** Branches in that Land.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. 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. Up to six (6) Delegates for each Time Party Branch (TPB) will be nominated by each **Time** Branch Committee within the Land.
- 12.5. If a **Time** Land establishes a social media account which represents the Land, it acknowledges that it does so only with the permission and authority of the Party, and therefore shall (a) ensure the account name starts with “Time4” or “TimeFor” or “TimeIn”, (b) at least monthly supply a list of followers (or equivalent terminology for the social media platform) to the Secretary as a digital CSV file, (c) ensure the Secretary is supplied with the password for the account on creation of the account and whenever it is changed, (d) transfer the ownership or management of the account to the Secretary or a person nominated by the Secretary in the event of the suspension or dissolution of the Land.

13. Branches

- 13.1. **Time** Branches may be formed when at least three (3) **Time** members in any given Westminster parliamentary constituency decide that they wish to form a **Time** Branch, and gain approval from the Board to do so.
- 13.2. 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.

- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. All **Time** Branches will adhere to Electoral Commission rules.
- 13.5. A **Time** Branch may be suspended or dissolved in accordance with Clause 18.
- 13.6. If a **Time** Branch establishes a social media account which represents the Branch, it acknowledges that it does so only with the permission and authority of the Party, and therefore shall (a) ensure the account name starts with “Time4” or “TimeFor” or “TimeIn”, (b) at least monthly supply a list of followers (or equivalent terminology for the social media platform) to the Secretary as a digital CSV file, (c) ensure the Secretary is supplied with the password for the account on creation of the account and whenever it is changed, (d) transfer the ownership or management of the account to the Secretary or a person nominated by the Secretary in the event of the suspension or dissolution of the Branch.

14. Branch Suspension or Dissolution

- 14.1. A **Time** Branch can be suspended or dissolved by the Conduct and Ethics Committee (CEC) of the Board should an existing branch bring **Time** into disrepute, or otherwise cause harm or damage to the growth of the Party.
- 14.2. A written appeal objecting to such a suspension or dissolution can be lodged with the **Time** Party Chairman within one (1) month of a **Time** branch being informed of the decision to suspend or dissolve the branch.
- 14.3. The written appeal will be considered at the next scheduled full sitting of the Board. Alternatively, a **Time** branch officer of the branch concerned may present a verbal appeal at the next scheduled full sitting of the Board 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.

- 14.4. The Board's judgement will be relayed to the branch officer by the **Time** Chairman within one week of the appeal hearing.
- 14.5. There is no right to a second appeal should the judgement go against the branch officer of the branch.
- 14.6. A branch suspension may be cancelled and the branch activities reinstated by the Board subject to the formation of a new branch committee.

15. Member Suspension

- 15.1. Membership of **Time** can be suspended by the Conduct and Ethics Committee of the Board should an existing member cause harm or damage to the Time Party or bring the Time Party into disrepute.
- 15.2. A Notice of Appeal objecting to such a suspension can be lodged in writing with the Time Party Secretary within one (1) month of a **Time** member being informed of the decision to suspend membership.
- 15.3. The appeal will be considered at the next scheduled full sitting of the Board. The **Time** member concerned may present a written or verbal Statement of Appeal at that meeting. The Board 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.
- 15.4. The Board's judgement will be relayed to the member by the Time Party Secretary within one week of the appeal hearing. The suspension may be cancelled and the **Time** member reinstated by the Board. There is no right to a second appeal should the judgement go against the **Time** member, in which case their membership will be revoked.
- 15.5. If membership of **Time** is revoked, that individual is banned for life from re-joining the Party.

- 15.6. The remaining period of the banned member's current annual subscription payment will be refunded to the member calculated by the net whole number of days remaining of their current membership.

16. Dispute Resolution

- 16.1. In this clause, Constitution means this document, plus all other constituent documents of the Party, all resolutions of the Board and all resolutions of any sub-committee of the Board, and all by-laws from time to time in effect, relating to the structure and organisation of the Party.
- 16.2. It is expressly intended that all disputes within the Party, or between one member and another that relate to the Party will be resolved in accordance with the Constitution and not through legal proceedings.
- 16.3. By joining the Party and remaining as a member, all members of the Party consent to be bound by clause 16.
- 16.4. The Party shall establish a Dispute Resolution Procedure. Disputes involving any element of the Party, whether members, branches, branch officers, members of the Board or officers of the Party, shall be handled using the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 16.5. The Board is authorised to amend the Dispute Resolution Procedure from time to time by a three quarters (3/4) majority vote of the Board, and is authorised to make further by-laws in accordance with clause 19.14 to give effect to this clause.
- 16.6. There is no right to mediation, arbitration or further appeal after the conclusion of the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

17. Youth Movement

- 17.1. 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.

17.2. The TFTF Committee will comprise:

Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and 9 other members.

17.3. The TFTF Committee will meet at least every two (2) months.

18. Overseas Members

18.1. 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.

19. Board

19.1. Except where otherwise specified, the Party's operations shall be overseen by a **Board** of the Party (hereinafter referred to as the Board).

19.2. The Board is chaired by the Chairman of the Party.

19.3. A quorum for the Board comprises 5 members.

19.4. The Chairman of the Party will select one Board member to act as Deputy Chairman who will deputise for the Chairman in the Chairman's absence.

19.5. The Board will meet every month. A member of the Board may attend Board meetings by conference call or video meeting for no more than 50% of meetings in any rolling year, and shall attend by conference call or video meeting no more than twice consecutively. Special dispensation will be awarded to members of the board who are severely disabled.

- 19.6. The Leader of the Time Party will appoint between four (4) and fifteen (15) members of the party to sit on the Board.
- 19.7. Membership of the Board lapses automatically without right to appeal should any existing Board member fail to attend Board meetings on three (3) consecutive occasions. Special dispensation will be awarded to members of the board who are severely disabled.
- 19.8. All Board members have one (1) vote. Unless otherwise specified, the decisions on Board 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 Board to arrive at an effective decision.
- 19.9. Where a vote is specified as requiring a three-quarters majority vote, this shall mean three-quarters (3/4), ignoring the remainder, plus one (1) of votes on the motion must be in favour of the motion for it to carry. Abstaining is not considered for the purposes of calculating the majority but still contributes to meeting the relevant quorum.
- 19.10. The Board may revoke the membership of any sub-committee member by majority vote.
- 19.11. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Board can be called by the Party Chairman, who will provide a minimum of one week's notice in writing to all Board members of the date of such an EGM. In such case, members of the Board may attend by conference call or video meeting.
- 19.12. Every Board meeting will have an agenda circulated to all Board members prior to the date of the meeting, and all Board meetings will be recorded by one Board 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 Board member may be nominated by the Chairman for the purpose of taking the minutes. After every Board meeting, the minutes will be recorded electronically.

- 19.13. The Constitution of the Time Party may be amended by the Board of the Party by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote.
- 19.14. The Board has the authority to enact by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote by-laws that, within the constraints of this Constitution, may affect or clarify this Constitution or facilitate the operations of the Party, and is empowered with authority to enact, amend or revoke by-laws. The Board shall keep a register of all such by-laws which shall be available to members on request.
- 19.15. **Where a matter is of sufficient urgency, the Board may pass a written resolution which shall be equivalent to a resolution passed at a Board meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting, provided that the written resolution is approved and signed by all current Board members.**

20. Conduct and Ethics

- 20.1. The Board shall within 30 days of its first meeting establish and thereafter maintain a **Conduct and Ethics Committee** (hereinafter referred to as the CEC) comprising three (3) members of the Board. A quorum for the CEC comprises 3 members. Membership of the CEC is reviewed by the Board every three (3) years after the formation of the first CEC Committee.
- 20.2. Each member of the CEC Committee is elected by a majority vote of the Board under a first-past-the-post (FPTP) system.
- 20.3. The CEC Chairman is selected by mutual agreement of the CEC committee members, to be reviewed annually.
- 20.4. All CEC members have one (1) vote. The decisions on CEC motions on the agenda for debate are made by simple majority vote. A member of the CEC may attend meetings by conference call or video meeting connection.
- 20.5. The responsibility of the members of the CEC 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.

- 20.6. 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.

21. Treasury Scrutiny Committee

- 21.1. The Board shall within 30 days of its first meeting establish and thereafter maintain a Treasury Scrutiny Committee (hereinafter called the TSC) comprising three (3) members of the Board 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 (if appointed under Clause 21.2), and the efficacy of the Treasurer, and can make recommendations to the Party Leader accordingly.
- 21.2. The TSC shall decide whether the Party shall appoint auditors in respect of each accounting year of the Party, taking into account the Electoral Commission's current criterion for mandatory appointment of auditors, and if the Party's income and expenditure are both below such criterion, whether the appointment of auditors is of benefit to the Party.
- 21.3. A quorum for the TSC comprises 3 members. Membership of the TSC Committee is reviewed by the Board every three (3) years after the formation of the first TSC Committee.
- 21.4. Each member of the TSC Committee is elected by a majority vote of the Board under a first-past-the-post (FPTP) system.
- 21.5. The TSC Chairman is selected by mutual agreement of the TSC committee members, to be reviewed annually.
- 21.6. All TSC members have one (1) vote. The decisions on TSC motions on the agenda for debate are made by simple majority vote. A member of

the TSC may attend meetings by conference call or video meeting connection.

- 21.7. 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 every TSC meeting, the minutes will be recorded electronically.

22. Policy Scrutiny Committee

- 22.1. The Board may in due course establish a Policy Scrutiny Committee (hereinafter referred to as the PSC) comprising three (3) members of the Board that will oversee and endorse Party policy development. A quorum for the PSC comprises 3 members. Membership of the PSC is reviewed by the Board every three (3) years after the formation of the first PSC Committee.
- 22.2. Each member of the PSC Committee is elected by a majority vote of the Board under a first-past-the-post (FPTP) system.
- 22.3. The PSC Chairman is selected by mutual agreement of the PSC committee members, to be reviewed annually.
- 22.4. All PSC members have one (1) vote. The decisions on PSC motions on the agenda for debate are made by simple majority vote. A member of the PSC may attend meetings by conference call or video meeting connection.
- 22.5. 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 every PSC meeting, the minutes will be recorded electronically.
- 22.6. Recommendations of the PSC in relation to new or amended policies shall be reviewed by the Board, and if approved by a three quarters majority vote of the Board, shall become policies of the Party.

23. Annual Conference

- 23.1. **Time** may hold an Annual Conference (AC) at a suitable location, the venue and timing of which will be decided by the Leader in agreement with the Board. The Board Chairman will arrange and chair the conference. In the absence of the Board Chairman the conference will be chaired by the Deputy Chairman of the Board. 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**.
- 23.2. All conferences will be recorded with a record taken of any votes at conference.

24. Associate Member

- 24.1. Existing councillors, members of unitary authority bodies or members of devolved assemblies or parliaments of the United Kingdom (hereafter known as Transferring Members) must revoke their current memberships of other political parties before joining **Time**.
- 24.2. A Transferring Member who joins **Time** shall be an Associate Member with the normal rights and obligations of a Member, save that they must undergo a two (2) year probationary period (overseen by the CEC of the Time Party Board) before being given clearance to speak on matters pertaining to **Time** policy. The Conduct and Ethics Committee (CEC) of the Time Party Board reserves the right to reduce this probationary period at its discretion.
- 24.3. A press statement will be released within one (1) working day of the date of the defection by the Leader, Deputy Leader or Secretary of **Time**.

25. Election

- 25.1. 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 Deputy Leader and the Leader of **Time**. The Party will have a vigorous candidate selection process.

- 25.2. The selection of any member as a candidate shall be approved by the Board.
- 25.3. Any member elected to office shall immediately resign from such office in the event they resign from the Party, or they vote against a current official policy of the Party.

26. Dissolution of the Time Party

- 26.1. The Time Party can be dissolved only by the Board with at least three-quarters (3/4) majority voting to dissolve the Party, where the quorum for this dissolution meeting comprises five (5) members of the Board.
- 26.2. Formal notice of the intention to dissolve the Time Party will be sent by the Time Party Chairman to all members of the Board providing seven (7) days' notice to hold such a meeting. Board 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 Board members, whether or not they were able to attend the meeting. The result of the ballot will be declared within thirty (30) days of the meeting taking place.

21st January 2021