

Proposals for amending Suffolk County Scouts Constitution (Adopted 3 August 2020) to be presented at the 2022 Annual General Meeting for Adoption

These proposals for amending the Constitution are those identified either by the Executive (post adoption of the Constitution) or as comments made previously as part of its adoption process.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “A”

Paragraph 1.2.1

Insert

Members of the Suffolk County Executive Committee whilst a member of the Executive.

Reason: to enable ALL Trustees to be members of the Council for the period they are in office.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “B”

Paragraph 1.2.2

Delete sub paragraphs a-e inclusive and insert:

- a) Up to five persons recommended by the County Commissioner in consultation with the County Chair.
- b) One County Scout Active Support member may be nominated by the County Scout Active Support Units.
- c) One Leader may be nominated by each District Scout Council.
- d) One Explorer Scout member may be nominated by each District Explorer Scout Meeting (one for each District - not one for each Unit).
- e) One District Scout Network Member may be nominated by each District Scout Network.

The above to be appointed for a fixed period of up to three years and are eligible for reappointment.

Reason: to quantify and clarify the number of nominated members to each category.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “C”

Paragraph 1.2.3

Delete “These members are nominated by the County Commissioner.”

Reason: The ability to co-op members to the Council should be at the sole discretion of the Council.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “D”

Paragraph 1.4

In the preamble, delete “thirty (30)” and insert “sixty (60)”.

Reason: to facilitate the deadlines elsewhere in the Constitution for the election process to the Executive.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “E”

Paragraph 1.5.2

Delete “by one third plus one of the Council with roles as recorded on the Scout Association National Database” and insert “by one fifth of the Council with full roles as recorded on the Scout Association National Database”.

Reason: to provide a clear requirement i.e., the holding of a full role as the key for Council membership and to reflect the increase in the potential number of ex-officio Council members

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “F”

Paragraph 1.5.3

Delete the entire paragraph and insert “this paragraph has been intentionally left blank.”

Reason: inclusion of this paragraph had the unforeseen consequence of enabling the County Executive to frustrate a County Scout Council meeting taking place.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “G”

Paragraph 2.9.1

Delete paragraph 2.9.1 and insert “The number of elected members on the Executive shall be as follows:

- a. for the year closing with the annual general meeting in 2023 the number of elected members shall not exceed five (5)
- b. for the year closing with the annual general meeting in 2024 the number of elected members shall not exceed six (6)
- c. for the year closing with the annual general meeting in 2025 the number of elected members shall not exceed seven (7)
- d. for the year closing with the annual general meeting in 2026 and thereafter the number of elected members shall not exceed five (5).

Reason: to facilitate a managed rotation of elected members to the Executive.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “H”

PARAGRAPH 2.14.2

Replace “Vice Chair” with “Deputy Chair.”

Reason: to be compliant with roles available on Compass.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “I”
PARAGRAPH 2:15.1

Delete “All requests for items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda must be forwarded to the Chair fifteen Working Days prior to the scheduled meeting. The agenda and supporting papers will be distributed at least ten Working Days prior to the meeting.” and insert “All requests for items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda must be forwarded to the Chair ten Working Days prior to the scheduled meeting. The agenda and supporting papers will be available at least five Working Days prior to the meeting.”

Reason: to take advantage of the shorter time limits afforded by utilising Teams and other electronic platforms.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “J”
Paragraph 2.17.1

Delete 2.17.1 and insert:

“The Executive will meet as often as is necessary to discharge its responsibilities but on no less than four occasions during a year between any two annual general meetings of the Scout Council. The meeting dates for the ensuing twelve months shall be agreed at the Executive’s first meeting following the annual general meeting and shall be published as soon as reasonably possible thereafter on the County website by the County Secretary.”

Reason: To provide for the publication of the Executive’s meeting dates to the wider county membership.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL “K”
Paragraph 2.22.2

Delete “is agreed by a two thirds majority of those entitled to vote and are together in the same room (which for the avoidance of doubt excludes teleconferencing, video-conferencing and any other electronic means of a meeting format) at an annual general meeting or an extraordinary meeting of the Council (convened for the purposes of constitutional amendments) and provided notice of the proposed amendment has been circulated to all voting members of the Council at least forty Working Days before the date of such a meeting; and”

and insert

“is agreed by a two thirds majority of those entitled to vote at an annual general meeting or an extraordinary meeting of the Council (convened for the purposes of constitutional amendment(s)) and provided notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been circulated to all voting members of the Council at least forty Working Days before the date of such a meeting; and”

Reason: To enable constitutional amendments to be undertaken by the Council without having to be physically present together at a single location.

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