



RULES GOVERNING ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF LABOUR BUSINESS

Approved by the Executive Committee

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1. General

Elections to the Executive Committee (EC) of Labour Business (LB) are held in accordance with the Constitution of LB (Appendix A hereto) as supplemented from time to time by electoral rules approved by the EC in accordance with the Constitution. These Electoral Rules are set out below.

2. Calling of EC Elections

Elections to the EC (EC Elections) are called by the EC in accordance with Clause 7 of the Constitution. The EC is empowered under the Constitution to call off or postpone EC elections for good cause (e.g. force majeure, legal irregularity, the calling of a UK-wide General Election during the same year, etc).

3. Role of Secretary

The role of the Secretary under Clause 7 of the Constitution shall be subject independent supervision by a senior respected member of the Labour Party who is not seeking election or co-option to the EC.

4. Eligibility to stand and/or vote in EC Elections

4.1 A member of LB shall not be eligible to vote and/or stand in an EC Election unless they have been a member in good standing of LB for a continuous period of at least six (6) previous months before the date when that election is called by the EC.

4.2 A member of LB shall not be eligible to stand in an EC Election for an officer position on the EC (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer or Secretary) unless they have held or will have held an ordinary (i.e. non-officer) position on the EC, whether elected or co-opted, for a continuous period of at least twelve (12) previous months before the date of the next AGM.

5. Election Communications

With effect from the date when an EC Election has been called by the EC, direct communications with a list of two or more members of LB by or on behalf of a candidate shall not be permitted during the period of that election except for supporting statements circulated by the Secretary in accordance with and subject to the conditions set out in Clause 7.4 of the Constitution. This rule shall apply to communications via email, text, WhatsApp and similar messaging systems, and via

social media. Any breach of this rule shall be grounds for the candidate involved to be disqualified by the Secretary from standing in that election. Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to prevent a candidate from communicating with an individual member of LB whose consent has been given for such communication.

6. Slates

Candidates in an EC Election must campaign for themselves individually. No group of two or more candidates (a "slate") shall be permitted to campaign for other members of that group. Any breach of this rule shall be grounds for all candidates on the slate to be disqualified by the Secretary from standing in that election.

7. Conflicts of Interest

LB is a voluntary organisation, and membership of the EC is not to be used to advance personal or commercial interests which are in conflict with the interests of the group. All candidates for membership of the EC, whether seeking election or co-option, must make a declaration to the Secretary that they are not aware of any matter which might give rise to a potential conflict between their personal or commercial interests and their role as a member of the EC, if elected or co-opted. Such declarations must include acceptance of the continuing jurisdiction of the EC to remove them from office or to require remedial action by them if in the reasonable opinion of the EC they are found at any time to have engaged in any activity prohibited by this rule.