



**BRIGADE COUNCIL**  
**Copthorne Hotel**  
**Clipper Quay, Salford, Manchester, M50 3SN**  
**2nd September 2017**

**Voting Registration Form**

Brigade Council is the representative body of The Boys' Brigade in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and the Republic of Ireland.

Brigade Council shall meet to discuss the vision and strategic direction of The Brigade and the means of achieving its objects.

Brigade Council shall be a forum to address significant matters of concern to the work of The Brigade. As such, it shall have the right to ask the Brigade Executive to explain their conduct, decision and actions whilst having regard to the recommendations, guidance and leadership provided by the officers of the Charity.

Brigade Council shall have the power to amend the Memorandum and Articles by special resolution.

**Members of Brigade Council**

The members of Brigade Council are:

- a) Companies
- b) Members of the Brigade Executive
- c) Members of a Regional Committee
- d) Area Groups, (Battalions, Districts) normally acting through their Secretaries

**Attendance**

Brigade Council may be attended by all members of the Brigade who have attained their 16th birthday at the date of the meeting.

**Voting**

Any vote at a meeting shall be decided by a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a poll is demanded

- by the person chairing the meeting; or
- by at least ten members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
- the Trustees declare in the notice of the meeting that a poll shall take place.

At meetings of Brigade Council, voting shall be as follows:

**Company votes**

There shall be one vote per Company.

The Company vote shall be exercised by a Registered Leader in the Company.

If a Company cannot be represented at a Brigade Council meeting by one of its own Registered Leaders, the Company may appoint in writing as proxy another person attending Brigade Council to vote on the Company's behalf. In the event that the Company wishes to exercise its vote by post or another method, it shall be in accordance with Brigade Regulations approved by Brigade Council.

**Area Group votes**

There shall be one vote per Area Group (Battalions or Districts).

The Area Group vote shall be exercised by a Registered Leader who is representing the Area Group.

If the Area Group cannot be represented at a Brigade Council meeting by one of its own Registered Leaders, the Area Group may appoint in writing as proxy another person attending Brigade Council to vote on the Area Group's behalf.

In the event that the Area Group wishes to exercise its vote by post or another method, it shall be in accordance with Brigade Regulations approved by Brigade Council.

**Individual votes**

There shall be one vote for each Brigade Executive member and Regional Committee member.

Under no circumstances shall an individual exercise more than one vote.

No member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting if that member owes any money to the charity.

***Please Note – Anyone wishing to register a vote on the day must do so by 12 noon.***

**How to complete this form**

All members of Brigade Council as defined above are entitled to be present and vote at the meeting or, in their absence, they may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf. Voting may also take place by post using section E of this form.

Registration to vote in person may take place on the day of the meeting, but it would help greatly with administration if this form could be completed and returned by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017. If a proxy is being appointed to vote for any category of membership, this form must be returned to the Brigade Headquarters not later than 1.30pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

If a Company or Battalion/District is to be represented at Brigade Council by one of its own leaders please use section A.

If a Company or Battalion/District wishes to appoint a proxy, please use section B.

If you are a member of a Regional Committee or the Brigade Executive and will be present at Brigade Council please use section C. If you cannot be present and wish to appoint a proxy, please use section D.

**All members of Brigade Council who cannot be present may alternatively either appoint a general proxy or vote by post using section E.**

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**It would be helpful if this form could be returned to Headquarters no later than  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**A.** The \_\_\_\_\_ Company OR

The \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion / District will be represented at Brigade Council by:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

LEADER REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ Captain/Secretary. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**B.** The \_\_\_\_\_ Company OR

The \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion / District

Cannot be represented at Brigade Council but hereby appoints the under-mentioned to vote on its behalf.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

LEADER REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ Captain. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**C.** I, \_\_\_\_\_ being a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Regional  
Committee / Brigade Executive will attend Brigade Council.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

LEADER REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**D.** I, \_\_\_\_\_ being a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Regional  
Committee / Brigade Executive cannot attend Brigade Council but hereby appoint the under-mentioned to vote on my behalf.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

LEADER REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**E.** The \_\_\_\_\_ Company / Battalion / District cannot attend Brigade Council and  
hereby appoints the Chairman of the meeting to cast its vote for each motion as indicated overleaf.

OR

I \_\_\_\_\_ being a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Committee / Brigade  
Executive cannot attend Brigade Council and hereby appoint the Chairman of the meeting to cast my vote for each motion as  
indicated overleaf:

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Votes: Only mark one column or your form will be invalid	For	Against	At Chairman's Discretion
1) To receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 together with the Reports of the Brigade Executive and Auditors thereon.			
2) Amendment to motion re Capitation Fees in the name of East Lancashire Battalion That there be no increase in the capitation fee in 2018/19 for Helpers and that this should remain at the current level.			
3) If East Lancashire amendment is lost To confirm the annual capitation fees for the 2017/18 session as agreed at Brigade Council in September 2016 and to fix the annual capitation fees for the 2018/19 session as proposed below:			
4) If East Lancashire amendment is agreed To confirm the annual capitation fees for the 2017/18 session as agreed at Brigade Council in September 2016 and to fix the annual capitation fees for the 2018/19 session as proposed below, but with the helper fee amended:			
Annual Company Registration Fee: £ Nil	Battalion and District Officers not on Coy roll: £15.00		
Fee per young person: £19.50	Officers/Helpers in receipt of state pension: £15.00		
All Officers/Helpers: £19.50	Officers/Helpers in full time education/training: £15.00		
Second person at same address: £15.00	Associate members: £27.00		
	Max Company fee for young people: £1,750.00		
<b>Please note – these proposed capitation fees will apply for the 2018/19 session.</b>			
5) To reappoint Whiting and Partners as auditors of The Boys' Brigade and authorise the Brigade Executive to fix their remuneration.			
6) To appoint Brigade Office Bearers as below:			
President: The Rev The Lord Griffiths of Burry Port			
Vice President Mr D Aubrey			
Vice President Mr A S Burrow			
Treasurer Mr C Bygrave			
7) To amend various Brigade Regulations with a view to clarifying a number of items including the relationship between a company and local congregation, the appointment of leaders and electronic notice of meetings.  <b>(For full wording please refer to Gazette supplement or Website)</b>			
To amend Brigade Regulations as follows: Section THREE (The Organisation – Regulations & Procedures) In Regulation 5 delete everything after “which shall be” and insert in lieu the words “designated as provided in Regulation 13”			
Group 1 - Companies and Leaders  Proposed amendments to Regulations 6, 13.2, 25, 31, 34, 35, 49, 50, 51,41 and 53, 63, 66 and 69.			

<p>Group 2 - Relationship to congregations</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Regulations 10, 11, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.</p>			
<p>Group 3 Notice of business</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Regulations 78, 83 (five separate Proposals) and 87.</p>			
<p>Group 4 - Miscellaneous</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Regulations 64 and 81.3.3</p>			
<p><b>8)</b> Motion in the name of Alan Ayling 12<sup>th</sup> Dublin, Paul Christmas 25<sup>th</sup> Stirling, Tim Dundee 4<sup>th</sup> Newtownabbey, Phil East 53<sup>rd</sup> Manchester &amp; Alen Pasley 21<sup>st</sup> Cardiff</p> <p>To amend Brigade Regulations to reduce the size of the Brigade Executive to 13 members and introduce direct Elections for Brigade Executive Posts.</p> <p>By ordinary resolution requiring a majority of 50% plus one vote</p> <p><b>(For full wording please refer to Gazette supplement or Website)</b></p>	For	Against	Chairman's Discretion
<p>Please indicate whether you support the Brigade Executive Amendments. If you wish to vote against a particular clause please include a note with this form or email: <a href="mailto:bill.stevenson@boys-brigade.org.uk">bill.stevenson@boys-brigade.org.uk</a></p>			
<p><b>Please vote on whether you support motion. It is possible to vote on both the options below:</b></p>			
<p>With no Amendments</p>			
<p>With Amendments</p>			
<p><b>9)</b> Motion in the name of Northern Ireland District Executive.</p> <p>The Council instructs the Brigade Executive, in order to Maintain the bond and benefits of a national organisation, to bring to Brigade Council 2018 proposals to provide accountable autonomy in Regions for the management of resources and delivery of support to Companies and Battalions in accordance with Brigade Policies and regulations.</p>			

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

POST \_\_\_\_\_ Captain / Secretary / Regional Committee Member / Executive Member

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ LEADER REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_