



**REVISED NOTICE OF BUSINESS FOR
BRIGADE COUNCIL 2017**

SUMMER

incorporating amendments and supporting statements

Brigade Council 2017 – Annual General Meeting

Following the publication of the business for this year's Council meeting a number of amendments were received. In accordance with Brigade Regulations the proposers of some motions have exercised their right to accept these changes.

Please note the motion proposing a change of wording in Brigade Regulations to use Young People instead of Boys has been withdrawn.

The proposers of the "Ayling" motion have accepted an amendment to alter the size of the Executive to 13 members.

The wording of the motion in the name of Northern Ireland District has been amended with the agreement of the proposers.

In order to inform the debate the proposers of the motions have supplied a supporting statement giving the background to their motion. You will find these in this supplement on pages 4 to 7.

A revised agenda for the meeting can be found on pages 8 to 19.

Voting Forms have been circulated to Company captains. Additional forms may be requested from jayne.thorne@boys-brigade.org.uk or by calling the Support Team at BB HQ. In light of the number of amendments that need a decision, members may wish to consider appointing a proxy instead of using a postal vote.

If you are planning to attend the Brigade Conference / Council and have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. Full details can be found at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/council.htm.



Bill Stevenson
Brigade Secretary / CEO

Supporting Statements

1. Change to format of capitation fees (See Agenda Item 2a– Page 9)

The Brigade Executive's motion to Brigade Council proposes a change to the structure of the capitation fees with effect from the 2018/19 session. The reason for this change is twofold:

- To create a fairer distribution of fees across all Companies
- Pave the way for the introduction of Two Tier Capitation Fees

Fairer Distribution of Fees

As a response to comments voiced at previous Brigade Councils, the Brigade Executive undertook to review the various fee components to achieve a fair distribution of fees. By removing the Company Fee element the proposed structure seeks to alleviate the disproportionate burden placed on smaller Companies.

Two Tier Capitation Fees

In the future, the Brigade Executive plans to introduce a Two Tier structure to the fees. The plan will be to have a Headquarters element to cover the central services and support provided, and a Regional element to cover the services and support provided by the Region. The purpose will be to provide greater accountability to BBHQ and Regional HQ's for the areas they are responsible for delivering, together with greater transparency to Companies on how the money is spent.

The proposed change to the capitation fee structure is an important step in preparing for a two tier fee system.

Following the publication of the proposed changes in the Spring edition of the Gazette, below are some of the questions that have been raised:

Q – Will Residential Activity Helpers have to pay a fee?

A – There is no change planned for Residential Activity Helpers, they will continue not to be charged a capitation fee.

Q - How will the changes affect what individual Companies pay?

A – In general terms, larger Companies will pay slightly more, average size Companies about the same and smaller Companies less, when comparing to the 2017/18 fees.

Q – Will these changes result in more money being collected by the Brigade from Companies?

A – No, the overall amount the Brigade will collect is expected to equate to no more than the amount to be collected in the 2017/18 session (using the fee amounts agreed by Council in Belfast 2016).

If you have any further questions please contact the Business Director, Jonathan Eales at BB Headquarters by email at jonathan.eales@boys-brigade.org.uk

2. Changes to Brigade Regulations Proposed by Brigade Executive (See Agenda Item 11 – Page 9)

The Executive recently set up a group to review Brigade Regulations as we were aware of a number of inconsistencies and a lack of clarity in some areas. Work has started on preparing a model constitution for those Companies wishing to be registered as charities and this has also highlighted the need for some amendments. The Executive is therefore proposing a number of amendments to the Regulations, and will propose these in four separate sections.

Firstly there is inconsistent wording between Regulation 5 and Regulation 13, and we propose to amend Regulation 5 to refer to Regulation 13 as setting out the various options for Companies regarding the choice of working or not working with girls. Regulation 5 (but not Regulation 13) is protected by a requirement for a two-thirds majority for change.

There are a number of descriptions of the leader roles in Brigade and their rights and responsibilities. The new amendments propose to adopt the wording used in the Leadership Regulations (the proposals regarding Regulations 6, 13.2, 25, 31, 34, 35, 49 and 50) and make other clarifying changes (Regulations 41, 51, 53, 63, 66 and 69).

Another area relates to the relationship between Companies and churches. Regulation 10 currently specifies that each Company shall be part of a Church or other Christian Organisation. In this context the “Church” really means the local congregation, and changes are proposed to clarify this (Regulations 10, 11, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24). The Executive is not proposing any change to the present relationship between the Brigade and the various Churches whom we partner in their youth work, but are seeking to clarify the legal relationship. We still propose to retain the wording referring to being “part of” pending further discussions with the main denominations with whom we work.

Regulations currently provide that motions to Brigade Council and proposed amendments require to be published in the April and July editions of the Gazette respectively. For many years these have been renamed the Spring and Summer editions. A number of amendments are proposed which aim to adopt electronic means as the primary requirement for notice to the membership. We will continue to include notice of the business in the Gazette, but this will no longer be a requirement for the validity of the business. It also allows us to be more specific about the timetable by suggesting for example notice by the second Friday in April, which is two weeks earlier than a simple reference to the “April” Gazette (See proposals regarding Regulations 78, 83 and 87).

Finally there are two amendments that are unconnected but are grouped together for convenience. The amendment to Regulation 64 seeks to cap the number of co-options that may be made, as there is currently no limit. The proposal regarding Regulation 81.3.3 seeks to bring Regulations in to line with changes which were made by the Companies Act 2006.

3. Changes to Brigade Regulations Proposed by Alan Ayling and others. (See Agenda Item 12 – Page 12)

The Brigade is run by a group known as the Brigade Executive. As company directors and charity trustees, they are responsible for the organisation's finances and governance. They develop the organisation's vision, set its strategy and appoint and appraise its senior staff.

The present composition and selection of the Executive is not ideal:

1. The Executive is **too big**
2. The pool of potential members is **too small**
3. The group which elects the Executive is **too narrow**

The Motion

- There will be a board of 13 directly-elected members each serving a 3-year term (subject to a maximum of 9 consecutive years) plus a Treasurer (elected annually)
- Any registered leader aged 18+ will be entitled to offer themselves for election on the strength of a personal statement and voluntary participation in an online hustling
- Board members will be elected by a ballot in which all members of Brigade Council (including all local companies) have one vote
- Electronic voting will be available
- There will be a live-streamed Q&A session for all trustees at Council
- The board will have power to co-opt up to 2 individuals with skills required and will elect its own chair

The Advantages of the Motion

- The board will be more streamlined and effective
- The board will benefit from the potential skills of all 11,000+ registered leaders, not 40 or so existing committee members
- Elected members will be answerable to the membership of the Brigade as a whole, not just to the committee which appointed them
- Local companies will have a greater say
- All leaders will have an opportunity to serve
- Existing and potential board members will have a chance to exchange ideas
- The membership will be able to make suggestions to, and challenge, board members directly

Read more, see the list of 70+ existing supporters of the motion and join the debate at www.bbgovernance.wordpress.com.

At full strength, the Executive consists of 25 members. Most accept that the body is too big. The new Charity Governance Code recommends that no board should be larger than 12. This proposal brings us closer to meeting this good practice requirement.

4. Motion in the Name of Northern Ireland District (See Agenda Item 13 – Page 19)

“We all want progress, but if you’re on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive.” (C.S. Lewis)

He was an academic, a novelist, a poet, a theologian, a broadcaster and a famous son of Belfast so it is hardly surprising that the Northern Ireland District of The Boys’ Brigade has turned to the writing of C.S. Lewis in its attempt to summarise the thinking behind its motion to Brigade Conference 2017.

Officers in Northern Ireland were disappointed to conclude that the ‘Resourcing the Regions’ process had not brought the progress envisaged by its title but had, in their opinion, reinforced centralisation. Their greatest concern was that the report appeared to take no account of regional diversity in terms of resources, support structures and particularly in relation to spiritual ethos.

Having expressed “grave concern” to Brigade Executive and urged an about-turn, members of the Northern Ireland District Executive were deeply shocked and saddened during a meeting with the Chairman of Brigade Executive and Brigade Secretary to be informed that the spiritual ethos of the Brigade in Northern Ireland was considered “anathema” to some in other parts of the Brigade.

Representatives from all 13 Northern Ireland Battalions subsequently directed the District Executive to pursue whatever course of action was deemed necessary in terms of its relationship with the wider Brigade “to ensure that it maintains the object, motto and badge, and everything that The Boys’ Brigade was set up to achieve.”

David Blevins, Brigade Vice President (and President of Northern Ireland District), requested that David Aubrey QC, Brigade Vice President, be invited to facilitate discussion in an attempt to find resolution. Those discussions took place and a Memorandum of Understanding was reached.

In summary, the Northern Ireland District Executive intends exercising greater autonomy in relation to i) membership and leadership services; ii) safeguarding (in accordance with Brigade policy and statutory practice in the region); and iii) capitation and finance. It is hoped that this will be achieved as a result of the Memorandum of Understanding. The District gratefully acknowledges the contribution David Aubrey QC has made in negotiating this as a first step towards accountable autonomy.

The purpose of the motion is two-fold: a) to establish a deadline for the accountable autonomy envisaged, namely September 2018; and b) to serve notice on the Brigade that the Northern Ireland District will have no option but to pursue the course of independence, should said autonomy be withheld without justification.

Greater autonomy will enable officers in Northern Ireland – and those from any other region that desire it – to about-turn and begin walking back to the right road at the earliest opportunity to achieve the progress envisaged in our object: the advancement of Christ’s kingdom among boys.

We commend the motion.
Northern Ireland District

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE BOYS' BRIGADE**
will be held at **The Copthorne Hotel, Salford, Manchester, M50 3SN** on
Saturday 2nd September at 1.30pm to consider the following business.

Agenda

1. **Welcome**
2. **Message of loyal greetings to Her Majesty The Queen, Our Patron**
3. **Adoption by Brigade Council of Standing Orders**
4. **Commemoration**
5. **Minutes of Brigade Council – Belfast 2016**
6. **Review of Session 2016/2017**
7. **To receive the Financial Statements of the Brigade for the year ended 31 March 2017 together with the Reports of the Brigade Executive and Auditors thereon.**
8. **To confirm the annual capitation fee for 2017/18 session as agreed at Brigade Council in Belfast on 3rd September 2016 and to fix the annual capitation fees for the 2018/19 session as proposed below.**

Capitation Fees for 2018/19

The Capitation Fee structure with effect from 1 September 2018 is:

Category		Fee
Company Fee		Nil
Fee per young person		£19.50
Adult fees	All Officers / helpers	£19.50
	(Second person at the same address)	£15.00
	Battalion & District Officers / helpers not on Company roll	£15.00
	Officers / helpers in receipt of state retirement pension	£15.00
	Officers / helpers in full time education or training.	£15.00

The fee in respect of an Associate Member is £27.00. The maximum fee that a Company may pay in respect of young people is £1,750.00

8a. Amendment to Motion re Capitation Fees

In the name of the East Lancashire Battalion Geoff Smale (President) Margaret Battrick (Vice President) Ian Parrish (Battalion Training Officer) and Wendy Curzon (Battalion Secretary)

That there be no increase in the capitation fee in 2018/19 for Helpers and that this should remain at the current level.

- 9. To reappoint Whiting and Partners as auditors of The Boys' Brigade and authorise the Brigade Executive to fix their remuneration.**
- 10. To appoint Brigade Office-bearers for Session 2017/18 as proposed by the Brigade Executive.**

President: Lord Griffiths of Burry Port

Vice-Presidents: David Aubrey QC
Alistair Burrow

Treasurer: Clifford Bygrave FCA CTA TEP

11. Motions in the name of the Brigade Executive.

By resolution requiring a two-thirds majority in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 88:-

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”

By ordinary resolution requiring a majority of 50% plus one vote:-

To amend Brigade Regulations as follows (the Brigade Executive making such further consequential changes to numbering and other Regulations as are in their power to amend as may be required):

Section Three (The Organisation – Regulations & Procedures)

Group 1 – Companies and Leaders

Delete Regulation 6 and insert in place thereof as follows:

“6 In these Regulations, “Leader” and “Leaders” shall be as defined in Section FOUR (Leadership Regulations) paragraph 1.1.

6A Leaders shall be the adult members of the Brigade.”

In Regulation 13.2 insert after “Companies” the words “working with Boys only that also”

In Regulation 25 after “purposes” in the second line, insert “that committee” and delete the words “Officer” and “other” in the third line.

In Regulation 31 in the last sentence insert after “appeal” the words “by any party to the dispute”

In Regulation 34 delete the words “Registered” and “as defined in clauses 6.1 and 6.2 above”.

In Regulation 35 delete the words “Adults defined in clause 6.3 above” and insert in place thereof the word “persons” and after the word “functions” insert “who upon such appointment if not a registered Leader shall be registered as such and upon such registration shall be deemed to be a member of the Battalion Council”

In Regulation 49 delete the words “Registered” and “as defined in clauses 6.1 and 6.2 above”.

In Regulation 50 delete the words “Adults defined in clause 6.3 above” and insert in place thereof the word “persons” and add after the word functions” a new sentence as follows “Any such appointee who is not a registered leader shall immediately be registered as such, and upon such registration shall be deemed to be a member of the District Council”

In Regulation 51 add at the end an additional sentence as follows: “The District Council shall carry out such additional functions as may be delegated to it by the Region or by the Brigade Executive”

In each of Regulations 41 and 53, insert after “registration” the words “company limited by guarantee, Charitable Incorporated Organisation (or Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)”

In Regulation 63, add the word “The” at the beginning.

In Regulation 66 delete “to” in the fourth line and substitute “shall”

In Regulation 69 after the word “Companies” in the first line add the word “or” and delete the word “Bank” where it appears before “Nominee” in the penultimate line.

Group 2 – Relationship to Congregations

In Regulation 10 amend the first two sentences to read “Each Company shall be part of a local congregation of a Church or Christian Organisation as such association may be approved by the governing body of the local congregation and by the Region. Such local congregation shall be responsible jointly with the registered leaders of the Company for the Christian education of the Company.”

In Regulation 11 (a) delete the words “Church or other body” in line one and insert in lieu thereof the words “local congregation ”; (b) delete the word “church” in line five and insert in lieu thereof the word “congregation”; and (c) in line six delete the word “will” and insert in lieu thereof the words “wishes to”.

In Regulation 20 (a) delete the words “Church or approved sponsoring body” and insert in lieu thereof the words “Captain and registered leaders of the Company”; and (b) insert at the end an additional sentence as follows: “Where a Company is registered or recognised as a charity the Captain and registered leaders shall be responsible for preparing annual financial statements as required by law.”

In Regulation 21, delete the words “in the name of the Church or approved sponsoring body, or” and the words “charitable company” and insert after “The Boys’ Brigade” the word “(Incorporated)”

Amend Regulation 22 to read as follows: The local congregation or other organisation with which the Company is associated shall appoint a Chaplain or Chaplains to the Company. Chaplains shall normally be Ministers of Religion, although another suitable person may be so appointed. Such appointments shall be registered with the Brigade.

In Regulation 23 (a) delete the second and third sentences.

Amend Regulation 24 to read “The local congregation or other Organisation with which the Company is associated shall nominate for Registration by the Brigade all Leaders including the Captain in accordance with the requirements and procedures specified in Leadership Regulations.”

Group 3 – Notice of Business

In Regulation 78 delete the words “and published in the Gazette”

In Regulation 83.1.5 insert “electronically” between “post” and “or” and substitute “12 noon ” for “9.00am”

In Regulation 83.2 delete the words “published in the April issue of the Gazette immediately succeeding” and insert in lieu thereof the words “circulated to members in accordance with the Articles of Association no later than the second Friday of April (or if such day be a public holiday in any part of the UK or ROI not later than the day immediately preceding such public holiday).”

In Regulation 83.3 substitute “12 noon” for “9.00am”

In Regulation 83.4 delete the words “published in the July issue of the Gazette immediately succeeding” and insert in lieu thereof the words “circulated to members in accordance with the Articles of Association no later than the last Friday in July (or if such day be a public holiday in any part of the UK or ROI not later than the day immediately preceding such public holiday).”

In Regulation 83.5 delete the words “published in the July issue of the Gazette immediately succeeding” and insert in lieu thereof the words “circulated to members in accordance with the Articles of Association”.

In Regulation 87 add at the end the words “subject to the provisions as to notice of Regulations 78 or 83 which may not be complied with solely by publication in the Gazette.”

Group 4 - Miscellaneous

In Regulation 64, add an additional sentence at the end “The number of co-opted members shall not exceed one quarter of the aggregate number of members of the Brigade Executive.”

Delete Regulation 81.3.3 and insert in substitution as follows: “If the Brigade Executive member or Regional Committee member cannot attend a Brigade Council meeting s/he may

81.3.3.1 appoint in writing as proxy another person attending Brigade Council to vote on her/his behalf, or

81.3.3.2 exercise her/his vote by post or another method, in accordance with procedures as duly notified.

12. Motion in the name of Alan Ayling 12th Dublin, Paul Christmas 25th Stirling, Tim Dundee 4th Newtonabbey, Phil East 53rd Manchester & Alen Pasley 21st Cardiff.

By ordinary resolution requiring a majority of 50% plus one vote:

To amend Brigade Regulations as follows (the Brigade Executive making such further consequential changes to numbering and other Regulations as are in their power to amend as may be required):

Section Three (The Organisation – Regulations & Procedures)

1. Add new Clause 57A to read “Brigade Office Bearers and members of the Brigade Executive shall be entitled to notice of, and to attend and speak, but not vote, at meetings of the Regional Committee for the Region in which they are resident”.
2. Delete clause 61.7
3. Add the following words to the end of clause 64 “in accordance with clause 71”
4. In clause 65, substitute the word “elected” for the words “nominated for election”
5. Delete clauses 70 to 72 and replace with the following clauses 70 to 72A

70 The Brigade Executive shall comprise:

- 70.1 up to 13 members elected by ballot in accordance with Schedule D and clause 71 below (save in 2018 when they shall be elected in accordance with Schedules D and E)
- 70.2 the Treasurer (elected in accordance with clause 73 and Schedule B)
- 70.3 any members co-opted in accordance with clause 72.1

subject in all cases to the maximum periods of service prescribed by Schedule B.

71 The members of the Brigade Executive to be elected in accordance with clause 70.1 above shall be elected (in 2019 and all subsequent years) as set out below and in Schedule D:

71.1 The Brigade Secretary shall publish a notice in a reasonably prominent place for a continuous period of at least 28 days immediately before 31 March in each year on the website www.boys-brigade.org.uk stating the number of elected places on the Brigade Executive (within the meaning of sub-clause 70.1 above) due to be or become vacant on the 31 August following (which, save where members have ceased to hold office before the expiry of their full term, or given notice of their intention so to do, will be 4 or 5) (“**Vacant Places**”)

71.2 The said notice shall also state the number of places (between zero and four) which will cease to be held by candidates previously elected as Young People under clause E 2 of Schedule E or under clause 71.4 below (“**Vacant YP Places**”)

71.3 Subject to sub-clause 71.6 below, the Vacant Places shall be filled by the candidates standing for election in accordance with Schedule D as follows.

71.4 The Vacant Places shall first be awarded to candidates who are Young People (as defined by clause 71.10 below) receiving the most votes up to the number of Vacant YP Places (provided that there shall never be more than one candidate resident in any particular Region elected under clause E 2 of schedule E below or this sub-clause).

71.5 Thereafter, the candidates to be elected shall be those receiving the most votes up to the number of Vacant Places save that no more than three candidates resident in any one Region (including any candidate elected under clause E 2 of Schedule E below or sub-clause 71.4 above) shall be elected to the Brigade Executive such that if and when three candidates resident in any one Region are already members of the Brigade Executive or have already been elected under this sub-clause, the votes in favour of all other candidates resident in the said Region shall be disregarded

71.6 In the event that the number of eligible candidates in accordance with Schedule D is less than or equal to the number of Vacant Places, the candidates shall all be deemed elected and clauses D 7 to D 12 of Schedule D need not be complied with unless such a deemed election would result in there being more than three elected members of the Brigade Executive (within the meaning of sub-clause 70.1 above) from any particular Region or Regions. In that event, the election shall proceed unless, in the opinion of the Brigade Executive, the operation of these Regulations could only result in one outcome (in which case the Brigade Executive shall have the power to declare those candidates who would inevitably have been elected in the event of an election to have been deemed to be elected and the candidates so declared shall be deemed to have been elected).

71.7 All candidates elected under sub-clauses 71.4 to 71.6 above shall serve for a term commencing on 1st September immediately after their election and expiring on 31st August three years later.

71.8 For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of Schedule B regarding maximum periods of service as a member of the Brigade Executive shall continue to apply and no person shall be eligible for election if his or her election could result (three years thence) in his or her having served for a period in excess of the maximum periods of service for which Schedule B provides.

71.9 In the event of a member of the Brigade Executive (of any age) dying, resigning, failing to attend three consecutive meetings without due reason which will be taken as a resignation, or ceasing to be eligible in any other way, it shall be competent for the Brigade Executive to co-opt a new member in substitution for the former member providing that (a) there shall not be more than three members of the Brigade Executive, other than the Treasurer or members co-opted under sub-clause 72.1 below, resident in the same Region and (b) no person shall be so co-opted if he or she had previously served for six or more consecutive years as a member of the Brigade Executive unless more than three years has elapsed since he or she was last a member of the Brigade Executive. The member so co-opted shall serve until the end of the Session in which the co-option is made. The person so co-opted shall be eligible for election to the Brigade Executive for the following year and the period of co-option shall not count towards the maximum service provisions of Schedule B below.

71.10 In clauses 71 and 72, a reference to a “Young Person” or “Young People” is a reference to a registered leader or registered leaders who had not reached his, her or their 26th birthday before 1 September in the year in which he, she or they stood for election to the Brigade Executive.

72 The elected members of the Brigade Executive (including the Treasurer but excluding any co-opted members) shall:

72.1 have the power in any one Session to co-opt up to two persons external to the Brigade for particular purposes who shall serve until the end of the Session in which they are co-opted or (in the event that no Young Person within the meaning of sub-clause 71.10 above is a member of the Brigade Executive) any registered leader who (at the date of co-option) has not yet reached his or her 26th birthday

72.2 elect annually one of their number (other than the Treasurer) to be their Chairman

72.3 be entitled to attend and speak at Regional Committee and Area Group meetings

72A The Brigade Executive shall meet at such times and in such places as they may determine. Six members shall form a quorum, of whom at least one shall be a member who had not yet reached his or her 26th birthday when last elected or co-opted (save that the Brigade Executive may act, even if not capable of forming a quorum, for the purposes of appointing such members as are required for it to be capable of forming a quorum).

6. Add the following words to the end of clause 73: “For the avoidance of doubt, the Treasurer shall be a member of the Brigade Executive but the other Office Bearers shall not be members of the Brigade Executive merely by virtue of their election as Officer Bearers but nothing shall prevent any Office Bearer or nominee from standing for election as a member of the Brigade Executive.”

7. Delete clauses 7 - 11 of Schedule B

8. After Schedule C, insert Schedules D and E as follows

SCHEDULE D

CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE EXECUTIVE

The following procedures shall govern the conduct of elections for membership of the Brigade Executive

Application to be Elected a Member of the Brigade Executive

D 1 Any Registered Leader who is not employed by the Brigade or by an Area Group or by a Region shall be eligible to stand for election as a member of the Brigade Executive

D 2 Any eligible candidate wishing to stand for election as a member of the Brigade Executive shall submit notice of his or her application in writing to be received by the Brigade Secretary by 30 April of the year in which the election is to take place.

D 3 Such a notice shall state:

D3.1 the name of the candidate

D3.2 his or her registered number as a leader in the Brigade

D3.3 his or her usual residential address (including the Region in which the candidate ordinarily resides as at the date of application)

D3.4 his or her date of birth

D 4 The said notice shall be accompanied by a CV not exceeding 200 words and a statement of reasons for seeking election not exceeding 250 words.

D 5 The names and dates of birth of all candidates and the Region in which each ordinarily resides, and a copy of their CVs and statements of reasons, shall be published in a reasonably prominent place for a continuous period of at least 56 days immediately before 31 July on the website www.boys-brigade.org.uk

D 6 Any dispute as to the Region in which any candidate ordinarily resides shall be resolved by the Brigade Executive as it sees fit and the outcome shall be published in a reasonably prominent place on for a continuous period of at least 28 days on the website www.boys-brigade.org.uk

Voting for Members of the Brigade Executive

D 7 Unless no election is required pursuant to clause 71.6 or clause E 5 of Schedule E below, the Brigade Secretary shall cause to be sent by 31 May to all persons entitled to vote at Brigade Council (as set out at clause 81) a ballot paper setting out the names and dates of birth of the candidates, the Region in which they are ordinarily resident, their CVs and statements of reasons, and a summary of the relevant rules as to voting. Where possible, the ballot paper and accompanying documents shall be sent in electronic form.

D 8 The provisions of clause 81 shall apply to votes cast for the election of members of the Brigade Executive save that:

D8.1 each person entitled to vote shall have 13 votes in 2018 and thereafter a number of votes equating to the number of Vacant Places specified in accordance with clause 71.1 but may not cast more than one vote for any particular candidate.

D8.2 sub-clause 81.3.3 (which requires all individual votes to be cast in person) shall not apply

D8.3 all votes shall be cast electronically in accordance with arrangements approved by the Brigade Executive save that, in the event that no such arrangements have been approved by the Brigade Executive, votes shall be cast as if they were votes exercised by post in accordance with clause 81 (and, for this purpose only, individual votes may be cast by post).

D 9 All votes shall be cast electronically (or, if no arrangements for electronic voting have been made, received at the registered office of the Brigade) by 31 July in the relevant year.

D 10 The Ballot shall be secret.

D 11 Scrutineers, who shall observe the secrecy of the ballot, shall be appointed by the Brigade Executive.

D 12 The Scrutineers shall issue a certificate of the result of the ballot, stating the names of the persons elected to the Brigade Executive with effect from 1 September following, to be (a) published as soon as possible after 31 July in a reasonably prominent place for a continuous period of at least 56 days on the website www.boys-brigade.org.uk and (b) laid before Brigade Council

SCHEDULE E
TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE
BRIGADE EXECUTIVE IN 2018 ONLY

In 2018 only, clauses 71.3 to 71.8 above shall not apply but the following provisions (in conjunction with Schedule D above) will instead govern the election of the first 13 members to serve on the Brigade Executive:

E 1 Subject to clause E 5 below, in 2018, the places on the Brigade Executive shall be awarded to the first 13 candidates who satisfy the following conditions.

E 2 The first four places on the Brigade Executive shall be awarded to the four candidates who are Young People (as defined by clause 71.10) receiving the most votes (provided that no more than one candidate resident in any particular Region shall be elected under this sub-clause).

E 3 Thereafter, the candidates to be elected shall be those receiving the most votes (irrespective of age) save that no more than three candidates resident in any one Region (including any candidate elected under sub-clause E 2 above) shall be elected to the Brigade Executive such that if and when three candidates resident in any one Region have been elected, the votes in favour of all other candidates resident in the said Region shall be disregarded

E 4 The four elected members receiving the greatest number of votes (irrespective of their age) shall serve until 31 August 2021, the four with the next highest number of votes shall serve until 31 August 2020 and the remainder shall serve until 31 August 2019. Should there be an equality of votes such that it cannot be determined for how long any candidate should serve under this sub-clause, the period of service of the candidates with equal numbers of votes will be determined by agreement between the relevant candidates or, failing that, by reference to the age of the candidates such that the youngest candidates should be granted the longest periods of service under this sub-clause.

E 5 In the event that the number of eligible candidates in accordance with Schedule D is less than or equal to the number of Vacant Places, the candidates shall all be deemed elected and clauses D 7 to D 12 of Schedule D need not be complied with unless such a deemed election would result in there being more than three elected members of the Brigade Executive (within the meaning of sub-clause 70.1 above) from any particular Region or Regions. In that event, the election shall proceed unless, in the opinion of the Brigade Executive, the operation of these Regulations could only result in one outcome (in which case the Brigade Executive shall have the power to declare those candidates who would inevitably have been elected in the event of an election to have been deemed to be elected and the candidates so declared shall be deemed to have been elected).

E 6 For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of Schedule B regarding maximum periods of service as a member of the Brigade Executive shall continue to apply. Notwithstanding clause 71.8, in 2018 a person shall be eligible to stand for election to the Brigade Executive at a time when he or she shall have accrued more than six years of continuous service but, if elected, shall be deemed to resign on the 31 August falling next after he or she shall have accrued 8 years of continuous service.

E 7 For the purpose of calculating the length of his or her continuous service:

E 7.1 the period of service for members of the Brigade Executive serving as at 25 February 2017 shall be deemed to have commenced on the date of his or her most recent appointment as recorded at Companies House; and

E 7.2 any member of the Brigade Executive elected in 2018 who was a member of the Brigade Executive as at 25 February 2017 shall be deemed to have served continuously from 25 February 2017 until 1 September 2018 irrespective of any resignation from, or their ceasing for any other reason to be a member of, the Brigade Executive on or after 25 February 2017.

Section Seven (Brigade Council Standing Orders):

9. Add the following words to the end of clause 4.2: “There shall be a Question & Answer session at each meeting of Brigade Council to be attended by all members of the Brigade Executive (in so far as they may be able to be present) at which members of Brigade Council may ask questions of the Brigade Executive. The Brigade Secretary shall make arrangements to ensure that as many members of Brigade Council who are not physically in attendance at the meeting of Brigade Council can participate in the said Question & Answer session, including by the use of technology and live electronic communication methods.”

10. Delete the words “Trustees and” in sub-clause 7.5

11. Insert new sub-clause 7.9: “Hold the Question & Answer session referred to at sub-clause 4.2 above”

12. To amend Schedule B in Section Three of Brigade Regulations (The Organisation – Regulations and Procedures) as follows:

(a) in Paragraphs B2, B12 and B14 replace “one year” with “three years”

(b) in Paragraph B16.1 replace “12” with “36”; and

(c) add the following as an additional paragraph

B18 For the purpose of calculating the length of service of a Trustee whose service on Brigade Executive is interrupted by failure to be re-elected on expiry of an initial or subsequent term of office, any break of less than three years will be deemed to be continuous service but the years during which that person was not a member of Brigade Executive shall not be aggregated when calculating the length of service.”

B. AMENDMENT TO THE ABOVE MOTION IN THE NAME OF THE BRIGADE EXECUTIVE

1. In proposal 5, amend the proposed replacement Clauses as follows:

(a) by adding a new Clause 70.3 and renumbering existing proposed Clause 70.3, as follows:

“70.3 two Vice Presidents nominated for three year terms on Brigade Executive by the Office Bearers”

(b) by adding at the end of Clause 70 as follows:

“The Brigade President and the Brigade Chaplain shall be given notice of meetings of the Brigade Executive and shall be entitled to attend and speak, but not vote. For the avoidance of doubt, neither shall be a Trustee of the Charity”

(c) by adding in Clause 71.4 after the word “Region” in the proviso the words “and that there shall be one Young Person from each of England, Northern Ireland and Scotland respectively included in the said four Young People”

- (d) by adding in Clause 71.5 (i) after the word “Places” and before the word “save” the following: “provided always that there shall be not less than two persons elected from each of England, Northern Ireland and Scotland respectively and not less than one person from each of Wales and Republic of Ireland respectively”; and (ii) after the word “including” the words “in each case”
 - (e) in Clause 71.10 by deleting everything after “birthday” and inserting in place thereof a new sentence: “In the event of a Young Person attaining the age of 26 while serving as a member of the Brigade Executive that person may continue to serve until 31 August immediately following, but shall then retire.”
 - (f) in Clause 72, by inserting in the first line after “Treasurer” the words “and Vice Presidents”
 - (g) by deleting Clause 72.1 and inserting in its place as follows: “72.1 have the power in any one session to co-opt up to two persons (who may be external to the Brigade) for particular purposes, who shall serve until the end of the session (31 August) in which they are co-opted; 72.2 in the event that no Young Person within the meaning of sub-Clause 71.10 above is a member of the Brigade Executive, have the power to co-opt up to four Young People from four different Regions as provided for in Clause 71.4, who shall serve until the end of the session (31 August) in which they are co-opted.”
 - (i) in Clause 72A (i) by deleting the words “member who had not reached his or her 26th birthday when last elected or co-opted” and substituting the words “Young Person”; and (ii) adding a closing parenthesis to the Clause.
 - (j) To amend the proposed addition to Clause 73 (i) by inserting a full stop after the second reference to “Office Bearers”; (ii) inserting immediately after that a new sentence as follows: “Two Vice Presidents shall be appointed to the Brigade Executive by the Office Bearers acting together as provided in Clause 70.3”; and (iii) capitalizing the word “nothing”.
2. To amend the proposed Schedule E as follows:
- (a) by amending proposed clause E2 to read:

“The first four places on the Brigade Executive shall be awarded to the four candidates who are Young People (as defined in Clause 71.10) receiving the most votes, provided that one successful candidate will be resident in England, one in Northern Ireland and one in Scotland, and that no more than one candidate resident in any particular Region shall be elected under this Clause”
 - (b) by amending proposed Clause E3 (i) by inserting after “save that” as follows:

“(i) a minimum of two candidates resident in each of England, Northern Ireland and Scotland respectively and (ii)”; (ii) by deleting everything in parentheses after “(including” and inserting instead “in both cases a candidate elected under sub-clause E2 above)”; and (iii) adding at the end of the proposed clause E3 the following “AND PROVIDED ALWAYS that a sufficient number of candidates from that Region shall have offered themselves for election. In the event that there is not a sufficient number of candidates from a Region to fill the minimum number of places allocated by this sub-clause E3, those reserved places may be filled by other candidates receiving a sufficient number of votes to be elected, provided that there shall not be more than three members resident in any one Region (including any Young Person) as provided in Clause 71.5 and this sub-clause E3”

13. Non Constitutional Motion in the name of Northern Ireland District.

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.

Explanation:

For the avoidance of doubt, accountable autonomy includes

- a) Membership services (eg records, awards, programme extension, recruitment)
- b) Leaders' support (eg records, training)
- c) Safeguarding processes
- d) Finance (eg collection of fees, payment of Service Level Agreements to Brigade, audit and local compliance matters)
- e) Local assets (eg human resources, property, fundraising)
- f) Development through liaison and public relations (eg denominations, statutory and regulatory bodies, kindred organisations)

14. To transact any other lawful business.

15. Invitation to Brigade Council 2018 - Edinburgh

By order of the Brigade Executive



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