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# HOLISTIC REVIEW REFERENDUM 2018

**REFERENDUM REGULATIONS**

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# NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR HOLISTIC REVIEW REFERENDUM 2018

## 1 BACKGROUND

These regulations cover the conduct of referendums in the Green Party at a national level. The authority for these regulations is clause 17iv of the Green Party constitution.

## 2 TIMETABLE

The ERO shall determine the timetable, subject to the requirements of the constitution. The counting of any postal ballot will take place as soon as convenient after the published deadline for receipt of ballot papers. In extreme circumstances the ERO may accept ballot papers returned after this deadline and/or authorise a delay to the count.

The timetable for the holistic review referendum in 2018 shall be as follows:

Voting Opens: Friday 30th November 2018 10:00

Deadline for Receipt of Ballot Papers: last post on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Deadline for online voting: Midnight on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## 3 PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERSHIP BALLOTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL BALLOTS

As outlined in Section 20 of the Constitution, the constitution may be revised by a two thirds majority vote of the membership through a party-wide ballot.

Quorum for such a vote will be set at 15% of the membership on the day that the ballot is issued.

## 4 STAFF

### 4.1 CAMPAIGN STAFF

Staff working for the Party are not permitted to campaign or publically express a preference in during the ballot.

Activities associated with general promotional work undertaken in the normal course of a staff member's duty or as an officer of the Party will not be in any way affected by this restriction.

#### 4.2 MEDIA

The press office will inevitably find it necessary to provide basic information about the ballot to the media. The press office will provide a statement for the press which sets out reasons for this ballot, the process with links to the website and facebook. Any media requests should be sent to the press office.

### 5 COMMUNICATING WITH THE MEMBERS

#### 5.1 PRINTED ELECTION MATERIALS

In the interests of creating a level playing field, campaigners will not be allowed to distribute printed campaigning materials (leaflets, booklets, letters, stickers, banners etc.) either by post or by hand. Campaigners are encouraged to use online channels available to all campaigners.

#### 5.2 BLOGS AND PARTY EMAIL LISTS

The content of blogs, websites and web-based publications produced by campaigners and members are not covered by these regulations; however the promotion of these sites is covered by these regulations.

The two options statements and contact details will be published on the Green Party voting site.

Members may not use any Green Party mailing list to obtain email addresses for the purposes of influencing the ballot.

Ordinary party business may continue to be sent by, or on behalf of, officers using mailing lists, but may not in support of one of the ballot options.

### 6 CONDUCT OF OTHER PARTY MEMBERS

#### 6.1 RULES OF CONDUCT

The ERO has no redress against people who are not members. However, if, in the opinion of the ERO, the actions of a third party may have materially affected the result of the

election, the ERO may declare the election void. All members are therefore requested to abide by the rules set out in this document.

## 6.2 PUBLICATIONS

There should be no direct advocacy of a campaign in formal or informal party publications (for example Green World, Green Herald, the members' internal email bulletin and the Party website), unless equal space is given to all campaigners on both sides to express their own views. This does not include fair comment on the referendum.

## 6.3 SPENDING

Members are not permitted to spend any amount in relation to campaigning for either of the ballot options.

## 7 QUESTIONS / QUERIES

Any queries will in the first instance be referred to the ERO ([ero@greenparty.org.uk](mailto:ero@greenparty.org.uk)) who will offer advice or make a decision where necessary.