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Dear [REDACTED].

Our Ref: FOI-066-19

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **05/04/2019**.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and regrets that it has not done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

(FOI) We would like a copy of the TIG Constitution and Financial Scheme.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested and it is attached to this response.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority, but in some circumstances we cannot responsibly release requested information, and we ask for your understanding in this regard.

If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at:
<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information-requests/how-do-i-make-an-foi-request>

Please also note that if you have exhausted all internal Commission review procedures and you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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Financial scheme

Change UK – The Independent Group

Introduction

1.1 This scheme sets out how Change UK – The Independent Group ('the party') will organise its financial affairs to comply with the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 ('the Act').

Constitution

1.2 A copy of the party's constitution, setting out our structure and organisation, and how we take decisions about the management of the party, is attached to this scheme or has been provided separately to the Electoral Commission.

Accounting units

1.3 The party does not wish to register any separate accounting units with the Commission.

Organisations within the party

1.4 For the purpose of compliance with the Act, the financial affairs of any local branches or affiliated organisations of the party, whether currently existing or to be established in future, will be wholly controlled by the party treasurer.

Financial year

1.5 The party's financial year will run from 1 January to 31 December.

Role of the party treasurer

1.6 Neil Davidson the registered treasurer of the party is responsible for the whole party's compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the following:

Annual accounts

1.7 The party will submit our annual statement of accounts to the Commission by the required date, being 30 April of the year following the end of the financial year if both our expenditure and income are under £250,000 in that year, or 7 July of the year following the end of our financial year if either our expenditure or income exceeds £250,000 in that year. We understand that if our income or expenditure exceeds £250,000 our accounts must be submitted with an auditor's certificate.

1.8 In order to comply with this requirement, Neil Davidson has:

- put in place arrangements for ensuring that annual statements of accounts for the party are prepared, approved, audited where necessary and submitted to the Commission by the prescribed deadline for each register the party is on
- put in place accounting processes capable of meeting the Act's accounting record keeping requirements and of any regulations made by the Commission about the format of statements of accounts

Donations and Loans (regulated transactions)

1.9 The Party will report the donations and loans it receives each quarter to the Commission, for each of the registers it is registered on, within the following timescales:

- quarter 1 (1 January – 31 March) by 30 April of that year
- quarter 2 (1 April – 30 June) by 30 July of that year
- quarter 3 (1 July – 30 September) by 30 October of that year
- quarter 4 (1 October – 31 December) by 30 January of the following year

1.10 In order to comply with this requirement, Neil Davidson will:

For donations:

- record information for all donations of more than £500, including:
 - amount or value of the donation
 - full name of donor
 - registered address of donor
 - company registration number (if applicable)
 - date on which the donation was received
 - date on which the donation was accepted or returned
 - information about the trust (if applicable)¹
- check the permissibility of any donations over £500 within 30 days of receipt²
- ensure that impermissible or unidentifiable donations of more than £500 to the party are recorded as outlined above and returned to the sender or financial institution that transferred the money or, if that is not possible, surrendered to the Commission
- ensure that a submission of quarterly donation reports covering donations exceeding £7,500 (including aggregates of donations and regulated transactions) and any impermissible or anonymous donations of more than £500 is made to the Commission within the above timescales; submitting a nil return if there are no reportable donations³
- provide weekly donation reports to the Commission during UK Parliamentary election campaigns if we are contesting the election

¹ More details can be found in our guidance documents by visiting our parties pages at: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance/those-we-regulate/register-a-new-party>

² See above.

³ See above.

1.11 We understand that if we submit four consecutive quarterly nil donation returns, we will then be exempt from submitting further quarterly returns in respect of donations until we receive a reportable donation.

1.12 We also understand that separate quarterly donation returns must be submitted if we appear on the Northern Ireland register of political parties.

For loans (regulated transactions):

- record information about all regulated transactions (loans, credit facilities, etc.) of more than £500, including:
 - value of benefit of the transaction
 - name of all authorised participants
 - registered addresses of participants
 - company registration number (if applicable)
 - nature of the transaction
 - date agreement entered
 - the terms of the transaction
- ensure that the party does not enter into any regulated transactions over £500 with unauthorised participants
- ensure that a submission of quarterly transaction reports covering transactions exceeding £7,500 (including aggregates of donations and regulated transactions) and any void transactions or transactions of more than £500 entered into with an unauthorised participant is made to the Commission within the prescribed timescales; submit a nil return if there are no reportable transactions
- ensure weekly regulated transaction reports can be submitted during UK Parliamentary election periods if we are contesting the election

1.13 We understand that if the party has submitted four consecutive quarterly nil loans returns, we will then be exempt from submitting further quarterly returns until we enter into a reportable loan.

1.14 We also understand that separate quarterly loan returns must be submitted if we appear on the Northern Ireland register of political parties.

Campaign expenditure

1.15 The party will submit a campaign expenditure return if we have candidates contesting a UK Parliamentary election, European election, Scottish Parliamentary election, National Assembly of Wales election, or Northern Ireland Assembly election. The campaign expenditure return will be submitted within three months of the date of the election if our expenditure is less than £250,000 or within six months of the date of the election if our expenditure exceeds £250,000. We note that if our expenditure during the campaign exceeds £250,000 our return must be submitted with an auditor's certificate.

1.16 In order to ensure compliance with the legislation, Neil Davidson will:

- ensure that campaign expenditure and claims payments are duly authorised, received and paid on time and that all relevant receipts and invoices are kept
- put in place budgeting and monitoring arrangements to ensure that campaign expenditure is within the statutory limits
- ensure the compilation, auditing (if necessary) and timely submission to the Commission of a campaign expenditure return within the statutory deadlines

Referendums

1.17 If the party participates in a referendum to which Part VII of the Act applies, the party will develop and put in place arrangements for complying with the controls on referendum expenditure. We will do this by adapting our arrangements for the control of campaign expenditure.

Grants

1.18 The Party will ensure that any grants from the Commission to the party are spent in accordance with the conditions of grant imposed by the Commission. We agree to cooperate with any associated audit requirements specified by the Commission.

Changes to registered details

1.19 The Party will ensure that the party's details that are registered with the Commission are kept up to date. We will inform the Commission of any changes to registered officers within 14 days of the change and any other changes within 28 days.

1.20 We will ensure that our RP8 annual confirmation of registered details and £25 fee are submitted to the Commission with the annual statement of accounts by 30 April of the following year (if our expenditure or income is less than £250,000) or by 7 July of the following year (if our expenditure or income exceeds £250,000).

1.21 We note that failure to submit our RP8 annual confirmation of registered details within the prescribed timescale will result in our statutory removal from the register of political parties. We understand that this would mean that the party would no longer be able to field candidates at elections under the party name.

Penalties and offences

1.22 The Party understands that the Commission may impose civil penalties on parties that fail to comply with their legal obligations, including failures to submit statutory returns on time. The party also understands that failure to comply with certain legal requirements of being a registered political party is a criminal offence.

Role of other party officers

1.23 Should the appointment of the registered party treasurer terminate for any reason, then the registered party leader will, until a new treasurer is appointed, be treated as the party treasurer and will be responsible for ensuring that the party complies with its legal obligations.

1.24 Should the treasurer whose appointment is terminated also be party leader, then the nominating officer will, until a new treasurer is appointed, be treated as the party treasurer.

1.25 Should the treasurer whose appointment is terminated also be party leader and nominating officer, then the other registered officer will, until a new treasurer is appointed, be treated as the party treasurer.

Promoting compliance with the Act

1.26 The Party will have processes in place to ensure compliance with its legal obligations. The registered treasurer, Neil Davidson, will ensure that the registered leader and all other officers and members of Change UK – The Independent Group have sufficient knowledge of our financial obligations under the Act to ensure that the party as a whole complies with these obligations.

Amendments to the financial scheme

1.27 The registered treasurer, Neil Davidson, will ensure that any proposed amendments to this financial scheme are submitted to the Commission for approval.

Signed

Leader:

Date: 27 March
2019

Treasurer:

Date: 27 March
2019

Nominating
officer:

Date: 27 March
2019

CONSTITUTION OF

CHANGE UK – THE INDEPENDENT GROUP

PART I

VALUES

Our primary duty as a Party is to put the best interests of the people of this country first and foremost. Our aim is to pursue policies that are evidence-based, not led by ideology, taking a long-term perspective to the challenges of the 21st century in the national interest, rather than locked in the old politics of the 20th century in the Party's interests.

We aim to recognise the value of healthy debate, show tolerance towards different opinions and seek to reach across outdated divides and build consensus to tackle Britain's problems.

We believe –

- **Ours is a great country of which people are rightly proud**, where the first duty of government must be to defend its people and do whatever it takes to safeguard Britain's national security.
- Britain works best as **a diverse, mixed social market economy**, in which well-regulated private enterprise can reward aspiration and drive economic progress and where government has the responsibility to ensure the sound stewardship of taxpayers' money and a stable, fair and balanced economy.
- **A strong economy means we can invest in our public services.** We believe the collective provision of public services and the NHS can be delivered through government action, improving health and educational life chances, protecting the public, safeguarding the vulnerable, ensuring dignity at every stage of life and placing individuals at the heart of decision-making.
- The people of this country have the ability to create fairer, **more prosperous communities** for present and future generations. We believe that this creativity is best realised in a society which fosters individual freedom and supports all families.
- The barriers of poverty, prejudice and discrimination facing individuals should be removed and advancement occur on the basis of merit, with **inequalities reduced through the extension of opportunity**, giving individuals the skills and means to open new doors and fulfil their ambitions.
- Individuals are capable of taking **responsibility** if opportunities are offered to them, everybody can and should make a contribution to society and that contribution should be recognised. Paid work should be secure and pay should be fair.

- **Our free media, the rule of law, and our open, tolerant and respectful democratic society** should be cherished and renewed.
- We believe that our **parliamentary democracy** in which our elected representatives deliberate, decide and provide leadership, held accountable by their whole electorate is the best system of representing the views of the British people.
- In order to face the challenges and opportunities presented by globalisation, migration and technological advances, we believe the multilateral, **international rules-based order** must be strengthened and reformed. We believe in maintaining strong alliances with our closest European and international allies on trade, regulation, defence, security and counter-terrorism.
- As part of the global community we have a responsibility to future generations to **protect our environment**, safeguard the planet, plan development sustainably and to act on the urgency of climate change.
- **Power should be devolved** to the most appropriate level, trusting and involving local communities. More powers and representation should be given to local government to act in the best interests of their communities.

NAME, AIM AND OBJECTIVES

1. This organisation shall be known as 'Change UK – The Independent Group' (referred to in this Constitution as "the Party").
2. The Party's aim is to organise and secure the election of representatives of 'Change UK – The Independent Group' in Parliament, devolved institutions, local government, parish and community councils, any European Parliamentary elections and at other elections across Great Britain (including for police and crime commissioners and mayors).

PART II

SUPPORTERS

1. The Supporters of the Party are integral to the ethos and future success of our movement. We shall seek to encourage and value the participation of those supporting the Party across the entire country and reflect their contribution in the plans and policies we pursue, involving Supporters in the development of the Party's constitution.
2. The Supporters of the Party shall be comprised of individuals (referred to in this Constitution as "Party Supporters") conditional on their compliance with rules and arrangements to be determined by the Management Council from time to time.

PART III

LEADERSHIP

1. There shall be a Leader of the Party (referred to in this Constitution as “the Leader”) drawn from those elected to Parliament, who shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2.
2. The first Leader shall be chosen by the Members of Parliament forming ‘The Independent Group’ in the House of Commons until an inaugural Party Conference is convened, at which time a leadership election process will take place. The first Leader shall be the "party leader" for the purposes of Electoral Commission registration.
3. In the event of a vacancy for the leadership of the Party occurring, the leadership election process shall take place in accordance with the provisions in Schedule 2.

PART IV

THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

1. There shall be established and maintained a Management Council of the Party (referred to in this constitution as “the Management Council”) which shall be the supreme decision-making body in matters of Party organisation and management. The Management Council shall consist of:
 - a. The Leader;
 - b. Two Independent Group Members of Parliament chosen by the Leader
 - c. Up to five further Members of Parliament selected by ballot of all Independent Group Members of Parliament who are in receipt of the Party's official endorsement, for a two-year term
 - d. The Treasurer of the Party, who shall be appointed by the Leader
2. The Management Council may determine from time to time that it may include:
 - a. A number of representatives of local government in England; a representative from each of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland elected representation, all selected by ballot of the Party's elected representatives in the relevant jurisdiction, at such time the Management Council determine there are sufficient numbers of elected representatives to commence to fulfil this category;
 - b. A number of Party Supporters, after the Party's inaugural conference has been held and at such time the Management Council determine there are sufficient numbers of Party Supporters to commence to fulfil this category;
 - c. Further members of the Management Council to be determined following the Party's inaugural conference as the Management Council may from time to time determine.
3. The Management Council shall meet not less than five times each year.
4. The quorum for any meeting of the Management Council will be fifty percent of its then membership, plus one.

5. The Management Council shall appoint a Management Council Secretary who shall support the Management Council in its proper and efficient administration but will not be a voting member.
6. Any Member of Parliament on the Management Council can appoint a representative to take part in meetings of the Management Council on their behalf subject to:
 - a. The representative being a Party Supporter.
 - b. Notice of the appointment of the representative being given to the Management Council Secretary in writing (including by email) at least 24 hours prior to the relevant meeting
7. The Management Council shall agree rules concerning the notice to be given in respect of ordinary and emergency meetings of it, and rules governing the circulation in advance of briefing and other papers.
8. The Management Council shall have power to do anything which in its opinion relates to the management and administration of the Party. At its inaugural meeting the Management Council shall allocate the roles and responsibilities falling in its remit, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. the development and implementation of the strategies for the Party, for its campaigning, organisation, supporter status, and fundraising at a national, European and local level;
 - b. the review and approval of the Party's annual budgets;
 - c. the appointment of senior staff within the Party;
 - d. the administration of the national list of Supporters;
 - e. the maintenance of the Approved Lists of Candidates in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4
 - f. the organisation of Party Conferences, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3;
 - g. the resolution of any disputes within the Party, howsoever arising, as it sees fit;
 - h. the overseeing of the procedure for the election of the Leader in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2;
 - i. the registration of trade marks, design rights and patents, and the protection of other intellectual property rights;
 - j. the suspension, cancellation or refusal (in its absolute discretion) of Supporter status of any Supporter whose conduct is in conflict with the purpose, objects and values of the Party or is likely to bring the Party into disrepute;
 - k. the approval of any party election manifesto; and
 - l. the process for the dissolution of the Party, subject to a motion to dissolve being carried with a majority of no less than three quarters at a Management Council meeting.
9. The Management Council shall establish and maintain the following Committees according to rules set out by the Management Committee:
 - a. the Committee on Candidates, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4;

- b. the Committee on Conferences, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3; and
 - c. such other committees as the Management Council shall determine is needed from time to time to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Party.
- 10. The constitution of the Party can be amended in accordance with the arrangements set out in Schedule 5.
- 11. Further rules of the Party shall be at the discretion of the Management Council.
- 12. The Management Council shall be responsible for ensuring that the Party operates in compliance with equalities law, and in particular with the Equalities Act 2010.

PART V

LOCAL PARTY UNITS

- 1. It shall be the objective the Party following arrangements set out by the Management Council to establish Local Party Units (LPUs), over time, across Great Britain.
- 2. Rules and arrangements for the establishment of LPUs shall be adopted by the Management Council.

PART VI

CANDIDATES

- 1. The Party will stand Candidates at such elections as the Management Council decides and the Party shall select Candidates as set out in Schedule 4.

PART VII

PARTY CONFERENCES

- 1. The provisions of Schedule 3 shall have effect in relation to Party Conferences, including the Inaugural Party Conference.
- 2. The Committee on Party Conferences shall organise Party Conferences as set out in Schedule 3.

PART VIII

ETHICS, CONDUCT AND STANDARDS

- 1. The Management Council of the Party shall nominate a person, being a Management Council member, with responsibility for compliance and regulatory matters who shall be responsible for:
 - a. receiving complaints regarding the conduct of Party Supporters
 - b. investigating Party Supporters who are in claimed to be in breach of the Constitution;

- c. administering disciplinary sanctions up to and including suspension and expulsion from the Party;
2. Where a Party Supporter or former Party Supporter feels that the disciplinary sanctions they have been subject to are unjust, they are entitled to send evidence of this to the nominated officer with responsibility for compliance matters for consideration by an Appeals Panel comprising of two members of the Management Council and a chair (who is not a member of the Management Council) appointed by the Leader.
3. Any Member of Parliament found guilty of a criminal act for which a custodial sentence of any duration (including where suspended) is imposed whilst a Member of Parliament shall be automatically excluded from the Party.
4. Members of Parliament shall comply with the complaints procedure set out in the standing orders of the Parliamentary Group.
5. Arrangements and rules for the establishment of a scheme for Party Supporters shall be at the discretion of the Management Council with an aim for adoption at the Inaugural Party Conference.

PART IX

PARTY TREASURER AND PARTY NOMINATING OFFICER

1. The Treasurer of the Party shall be appointed by the Leader.
2. The Treasurer of the Party will have responsibility for signing off the Party's accounts and maintaining its financial scheme in Great Britain and shall be the 'party treasurer' for the purposes of Electoral Commission registration. The monitoring of the financial scheme, the production and publication of annual accounts and compliance with the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, and such legislation, regulations, or measures amending, supplementing or replacing the same shall be the responsibility of the Party Treasurer;
3. The Nominating Officer of the Party shall be appointed by the Leader.
4. The Nominating Officer of the Party shall be responsible for those functions as determined by the Electoral Commission for 'nominating officers', and shall be the 'nominating officer' for the purposes of Electoral Commission registration.

PART X

TERMS OF OFFICE

1. Subject to Part III and Schedule 2, the Leader will hold office for a four term and then be eligible for re-election

2. The Treasurer, Nominating Officer and (save as provided for in Part IV) each member of the Management Council, will hold such office for a three year term, and then be eligible for re-election.
3. There shall be no limit to the number of terms for which the Leader, Treasurer or Nominating Officer may hold office.
4. The Leader shall not be subject to re-election during the last year of a Parliamentary term, or if Prime Minister, or if holding a seat in Cabinet.
5. Members of the Management Council may not hold such role for more than three terms.
6. Other than as set out in Schedule 2 (Rules for the election of the Leader), the Management Council will determine the rules from time to time that govern such Party elections.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

INTERPRETATION

1. In this Constitution, except in so far as the context otherwise requires:
 - a. "Councillor" means an elected local representative in a Unitary, County, Metropolitan, Shire, District or London Local Authority;
 - b. "Member of Parliament" means a Member of the House of Commons in receipt of the Party official endorsement;
 - c. "Member of the European Parliament" means a Member of the European Parliament representing a constituency or region in the United Kingdom, in receipt of the Party official endorsement;
 - d. "Member of a Regional Assembly" means a member of the Party Group in a Regional Assembly;
 - e. "Local Government" means a Unitary, County, Metropolitan, Shire, District or London Local Authority
 - f. "Devolved Government" means the Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly, Northern Irish Assembly and London Assembly

SCHEDULE 2

RULES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE LEADER

1. The first Leader shall be elected by the Members of Parliament in receipt of the Party official endorsement and shall continue on an interim leader basis until the first Party Conference after the formation of the Party.
2. If there is a vacancy for the role of Leader before the first Party Conference is convened, the Members of Parliament in receipt of the Party official endorsement shall by majority elect an interim Leader who shall act as Leader until the first Party Conference when a leadership election shall be held.

3. From the first Party conference onwards, the Leader shall be elected by an electoral college system of (a) Members of Parliament in receipt of the Party official endorsement for not less than three months prior to the election, and (b) Supporters of the Party, whereby each group has 50% of the vote.

Election of Leader

4. Upon the initiation of an election for the Leader at the first Party conference, and in any subsequent circumstances requiring the election of a Leader of the Party should a vacancy occur following the first Party conference, the Management Council will meet to decide a timetable for the contest.
5. Only candidates who receive the nominations of over twenty percent of Members of Parliament shall go forward to be on the ballot paper in the ensuing election.
6. If there is only one candidate at the time laid down for the close of nominations, that candidate shall be declared Leader of the Party.
7. Should more than two candidates meet the nomination threshold, there shall be an exhaustive ballot of MPs to determine two candidates to go forward to the leadership election.
8. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the rules for the conduct of the ballot shall be agreed by the Management Council.
9. The Management Council Secretary, acting on behalf of the Party, shall act as Returning Officer for all stages of the election.
10. If thirty percent of MPs (or the next whole number of MPs if thirty percent includes a part of a whole number) notify the Management Council Secretary with a request for a fresh leadership election, then the Management Council shall make arrangements for a timetable for a new leadership election. The incumbent leader shall also require a twenty percent nomination of MPs (or the next whole number of MPs if twenty percent includes a part of a whole number) to be eligible to stand in that new election as shall all other candidates as above.

SCHEDULE 3

PARTY CONFERENCES

Committee on Conferences

1. In accordance with its responsibility for the organisation of the Inaugural Party Conference, the Management Council shall establish a Committee on Party Conferences ("the Committee on Conferences") the composition and membership of which shall be as the Management Council shall from time to time determine. The Committee on Conferences shall report

directly to the Management Council.

2. The function of the Committee on Conferences shall be to organise and administer Party Conferences, including setting the agenda and ensuring that, so far as is practicable, there is open access and debate on topical issues.

Inaugural Party Conference

3. There shall be an Inaugural Conference of the Party (“the Inaugural Party Conference”) which shall be held at such time and place as the Management Council or Committee on Conferences shall decide, within six months of the registration of the Party by the Electoral Commission.
4. Rules for the procedure to be adopted at the Inaugural Party Conference will be prepared by the Committee on Conferences.

SCHEDULE 4

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

1. Selection of all Candidates shall be at the discretion of the Management Council ahead of a comprehensive process for candidate selection to be reported at the Inaugural Party Conference.
2. In accordance with its responsibility for maintaining a Candidates’ List, the Management Council shall establish and maintain a Committee of the Management Council on Candidates, (“the Committee on Candidates”), the composition and membership of which shall be as the Management Council shall from time to time determine, but which shall be chaired by a chair who shall report directly to the Management Council.
3. The Committee on Candidates shall establish Lists of Candidates. In particular, there shall be two Approved Lists: one shall be known as the Great Britain Parliamentary List and the other shall be known as the European Parliament List.
4. The Committee on Candidates shall prepare a procedure for the selection and review of Candidates onto both Approved Lists and submit that procedure to the Management Council for prior approval.
5. The Committee on Candidates shall ensure a procedure for Candidate selection is published, and arrangements for selection shall be determined by the Management Council until such time as proposals can be reported to the Inaugural Party Conference.
6. Any Candidate for the European Parliament must be included on the European Parliament List prior to selection.
7. In the case of a by-election, the Committee on Candidates may revise the relevant List for the purposes of the by-election

8. The Management Council may, through the Committee on Candidates, from time to time publish mandatory rules as to the procedure by which Candidates are selected for all or any public elections.
9. Standing in an election against an official Party Candidate shall be a ground for expulsion of a Party Supporter from the Party.

SCHEDULE 5

CHANGES TO THIS CONSTITUTION

1. Any proposal to amend this Constitution may be initiated by the following:
 - a. The Management Council;
 - b. The Leader; or
 - c. The Party Conference
2. Upon being notified of the proposal the Management Council Secretary shall give notice in writing to all Members of the Management Council and Members of Parliament in receipt of the Party official endorsement of a proposed ballot on a motion for the change of the Constitution.
3. A change to the Constitution shall only take effect when it has been agreed to by:
 - a. A simple majority of the Management Council, and
 - b. A simple majority of the Members of Parliament in receipt of the Party official endorsement
4. All changes to the constitution shall have immediate effect, and shall be notified within 7 days by the Management Council Secretary to the Electoral Commission.

Adopted: 28 March 2019