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Sent: 18 December 2023 10:23
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 168-23 - Response
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-168-23

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 14 November 2023.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and has done so within the statutory timeframe.

Your request is shown below followed by our response.

As per the precident set by FOI response 138-23

Please can you provide me with any information, discussions, communications or committees on the most recent Party Of Women application to register as a political party in the United Kingdom. (Rejected on 6th November)

Specifically the discussions in the legal department and the approval panel. A similar level of detail as provided in the previously mentioned request.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

The Electoral Commission considers some of the information exempt from disclosure. Please see further explanation below.

Attached is the following information:

- Redacted email exchanges between the party and staff at The Electoral Commission
- Redacted application documents:
    - Application form
    - Proposed constitution
    - Proposed financial scheme
- Redacted application assessment document. This includes the final decision on the application which was taken by the Director of Regulation and Digital Transformation on 6 November 2023

Exemptions applied to disclosure of information

Exemption under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000
Information is exempt under section 40(2) of the FOI Act where release of the information would breach one of the data protection principles in the GDPR. One of the principles states that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully.

Some of the information contained in the requested information falls within the description of personal data because the information relates directly to an identifiable living individual. Disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which states the information must be processed fairly and lawfully.

Under this provision, we have redacted the names of Commission staff that are not, or have not been part of, our Senior Leadership Group. This is because those members of staff have a reasonable expectation that their personal details will not be made public. We have also redacted the names and contact details of the proposed party officers where it is not publicly available that they fill such a role. We have also redacted any names of members of the public that appear in the documents.

This is an absolute exemption under the Act.

Exemption under section 42(1) of the FOI Act
We have redacted and withheld some of the information relating to this request under section 42(1). Section 42 of the Act provides an exemption for information that is protected by Legal Professional Privilege (LPP). This exemption protects communications between lawyers and their clients for the purpose of obtaining legal advice.

We have considered the public interest test, for and against release of the information you request.

The arguments considered in favour of disclosure
There is a clear public interest in public authorities being accountable for the quality of their decision making. Part of that is ensuring that decisions have been made on the basis of good-quality legal advice. It could also be argued that there is a public interest in knowing whether or not legal advice has been followed.

Transparency of the Commission's registration process is in the public interest. Having access to the information on which decisions have been based can enhance accountability, and public understanding of the regulatory decisions taken by the Commission.

The arguments considered against disclosure
There is a substantial public interest in the Electoral Commission being able to communicate freely with its legal advisers to provide and receive advice in confidence. Public authorities require high quality and comprehensive legal advice for the effective conduct of their business and in order to take legally robust decisions. It is in the public interest for the Commission to be able to do so.

There is a very strong element of not disclosing in the public interest inbuilt into the concept of Legal Professional Privilege and this has long been recognised, by the Information Commissioner, the Information Tribunal and the courts, and it reflects the importance of legal advice being sought, and given, in confidence. Moreover, the legal advice received by the Commission continues to inform our

operational processes and decision making and disclosure of such legal advice has a significant deterrent effect on the Electoral Commission seeking legal advice to properly discharge its statutory functions as bestowed by Parliament.

Conclusion
After carefully considering the opposing public interest arguments in favour of engaging the exemption and in favour of releasing the information, there is, we believe, a strong and overriding public interest in maintaining the principle of legal professional privilege.

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: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/freedom-information/make-a-freedom-information-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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E-mail

Party of Women – R...

Sent Date 27/09/2023 14:41

E-mail

From [redacted] **Cc**

To Kellie-Jay Keen; [redacted] **Bcc** [redacted]

Subject Party of Women – Receipt of application [redacted]

Dear Party of Women proposed officers,

We confirm receipt of your application to register Party of Women on 26/09/2023. As previously stated, no payment is required for this as it is a resubmission within one calendar month of the previous decision.

We will now assess your application against the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). At this point we cannot confirm whether or not the application will be approved.

Next steps

We will publish the details of your application shortly on our 'Current Applications' page for public comment.

The Registration Team will assess your application against the PPERA requirements and put it to our internal Approvals Board. This Board is chaired by the Director of Regulation who takes the final decision.

We aim to process applications as quickly as possible, and we will notify you once we have made a decision.

We may write to you during the assessment process seeking further information from you about the application.

Otherwise, we will contact you again once we have made a decision. In the meantime, you can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
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Regarding Party Of Women (GB)

Owner [redacted]

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2023-11-13 Party Of...

Sent Date 13/11/2023 14:20

E-mail

From	Partyreg	Cc	[redacted]
To	Kellie-Jay Keen	Bcc	
Subject	2023-11-13 Party Of Women - Application decision [redacted]		

Dear Kellie-Jay Keen,

Refusal of your application to register Party Of Women

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Party Of Women. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

Section 31(4)(a) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 outlines that a party must notify the Commission of the details of a replacement party officer within 14 days of the termination of appointment. This requirement is also stated in the party's submitted financial scheme.

Paragraph 5.5 of the constitution states that the 'elected Leader will also be responsible for appointing all Party officers'.
Paragraph 10.1 states that 'until the election of a new Leader, the National Nominating Officer will be registered as Leader with the Electoral Commission – this will take place within 14 days of the resignation of the previous Leader'.

While the constitution clearly sets out a process for replacing the Leader within the legally obligated timeframe, there is no explicit process for the replacement of all officers within 14 days of their termination of appointment. Furthermore, it is unclear from the party constitution whether the interim appointment of the Nominating Officer as Leader would result in this individual holding the same power as a formally elected Leader, and therefore able to appoint all officers as set out by paragraph 5.5.

Although it was acknowledged that it could be possible under the constitution for the Commission to be notified within 14 days of the details of replacement officers in all posts, we could not be satisfied that the constitution is explicit enough in outlining that requirement would be met. We therefore took the decision that the constitution was not consistent with the party's financial scheme, which outlines that the party will notify the Commission of details of replacement officers within 14 days.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

In addition to the reasons above, the following aspect of the constitution has also been identified as potentially inconsistent with PPERA and the party's financial scheme, and you may wish to amend your constitution or clarify this in any future application.

Paragraph 9.1 states that 'in order to qualify to be a candidate for the office of "Leader", a member must have more than three years' continuous membership'. Paragraph 9.2 outlines that the incumbent Leader is automatically eligible for the candidacy to the leadership.

It is unclear how long the party has existed, and therefore unclear what the longest possible continuous membership is at this point in time. However, the wording of paragraph 9.2 would suggest that the party has existed for less than three years. In the event that the incumbent leader has their appointment terminated for any reason, it is not clear that any other member of the party would be eligible to replace them in this post, until the party had been in existence for at least three years. Under PPERA, a political party must have an individual registered as Leader.

Our decision to refuse your application was not formally taken on the basis of the leadership eligibility clause. However, if you submit a fresh application to register, you may wish to consider amending your constitution. Alternatively, you could evidence when the party and its membership first came into existence, if you are you of the view that this would demonstrate an individual other than the incumbent would be able to fulfil the statutory role of Leader, if this was required soon after registration of the party.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

As set out in relation to your party's constitution, we were not satisfied that the party has sufficiently set out detail relating to its officer change process. For that reason, we were not satisfied that the constitution was consistent with the scheme.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	Party Of Women	Minded to approve.
Emblem	 A white square with black text Description automatically generated	A minded to decision was not taken on this identity mark.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

Where we have refused two applications from your party, you must now make a further £150 payment.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Regarding

2023-09-26 Party Of Women - RP1

Owner [redacted]

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Constitution of
Party of Women

1. Name

1.1 The name of the party shall be “Party of Women.”

2. Objectives

2.1 The purpose of Party of Women shall be to protect and promote the rights of biological women in all aspects of life.

(a) Party of Women will recognise the importance of biological sex in public life.

(b) Party of Women will fight for the preservation of biological women in political, economic, and social arenas.

3. Geographical Location

3.1 The geographical registration of Party of Women shall be in Great Britain.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership shall be open to all those over the age of 18 and irrespective of sex, class, religion, race, ethnicity or creed. For more information, see ***Equality Policy*** of this Constitution.

5. Leadership

5.1 The “Standing Committee” is tasked with assisting the elected Leader and provides a platform for Party officers to address grievances. Its members shall consist of:

- Leader *
- Treasurer*
- National Nominating Officer *

* As registered officially with the Electoral Commission.

5.2 Party of Women shall be headed by the Leader.

(a) The Leader shall be responsible for overseeing all activities of the organisation.

(b) The Leader shall be elected by a majority of its membership eligible to vote.

5.3 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the organisation.

5.4 Nominating Officer will support the duties of both the Leader and the Treasurer.

5.5 The elected Leader will also be responsible for appointing all Party officers (listed above) that subsequently form the Standing Committee.

5.6 The Standing Committee can meet as often as required, but at a minimum of once every 12 weeks. For ordinary meetings of the Standing Committee, a quorum of 60 percent is required.

5.7 The Party's policy, decisions and direction shall be determined by the elected Leader, Standing Committee and AGM.

6. Meetings

6.1 Party of Women shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM)

6.2 Attendance at the AGM is open to all Members.

6.3 The AGM will be chaired by the Party Leader

6.4 Special Meetings may be called by the Party Leader.

6.5 For the AGM and Special Meetings a quorum of at least twenty-five per cent (25%) of all the members entitled to vote is required.

7. Party Leader

7.1 The Party Leader shall be the primary public face of the party and responsible for presenting Party of Women and promoting its electoral activity and campaigns to the public on a daily basis.

7.2. Party of Women Leader will stand for elections.

7.3 The Leader will also sit on the Standing Committee and act as its chair.

7.4 The elected Leader shall enjoy full executive authority over the Party.

7.5 The Leader is elected by a popular and secret general postal ballot amongst all Party Members who have been members for a period of not less than one year.

8. Candidate Selection and Elections

8.1 Party of Women candidates will be authorised by the Nominating Officer.

8.2 Party of Women intends to stand candidates local and national elections including but not limited to:

(a) General Elections

(b) Devolved Parliaments Elections

(c) Local Government Elections

(d) Mayoral Elections

8.3 The Leader of the Party and the Standing Committee can exercise a veto for proposed electoral candidates.

8.4 Candidates must abide by the terms of this Constitution.

8.5 Candidates must be fully paid up members of the Party.

8.6 Any fully paid up Party Member can submit an application to be considered as a candidate.

9. Party Leader Eligibility

9.1 In order to qualify to be a candidate for the office of “Leader”, a member must have more than three years’ continuous membership and have a proven record of activism.

9.2. The incumbent Leader is not required to obtain any nomination signatures and are automatically eligible for candidacy to the Leadership.

10. Leadership Election Process

10.1 Until the election of a new Leader, the National Nominating Officer will be registered as Leader with the Electoral Commission – this will take place within 14 days of the resignation of the previous Leader.

10.2 Party members will have two weeks from the date of posting of the ballot papers in which to return the ballot papers marked with their choice. The returned ballot papers will remain sealed until the two-week period is over, whereupon they will be opened and counted in the presence of the candidates and their representatives.

10.3 The candidate with the most popular votes (first past the post) will be declared duly elected and take up the role of Leader with immediate effect.

11. Election Timeframes

11.1 The position of Leader shall be valid for four years.

11.2 If at the end of this period, no nominations are received, and the incumbent indicates his or her desire to retain the post, he or she will duly be considered to be re-elected unopposed for a further four years.

12. Constitution

12.1 Party of Women Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those voting members present at the Annual General Meeting of the Party.

12.2 Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by Party of Women Party Leader and the Standing Committee.

13. Finances

13.1 The Treasurer will oversee the day-to-day finances of the Party of Women.

13.2 Financial documents and financial accounts will be reviewed annually.

13.3 The Treasurer will employ a qualified accountant to produce full annual accounts to the Standing Committee at the end of every calendar year.

13.4 The Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring that the Party follows all legal requirements of the ‘Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000’ and fulfils our commitments as laid down in our Financial Scheme.

13.5 Party accounts will be submitted to the Electoral Commission on time and audited by external accountants if applicable.

13.6 The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Leader.

13.7 More information on our financial structure can be found in the Party of Women Financial Scheme.

14. Dissolution

14.1. Party of Women may be dissolved by the Party Leader.

14.2 In the event of dissolution, all assets of the organisation shall be distributed to a nonprofit organisation whose goals are consistent with those of the Party of Women.

Party of Women Equality Policy

Membership of the Party will be open to everyone over the age of 18, regardless of sex, class, religion, race, ethnicity or creed.

The Party will fulfil its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and will not tolerate discrimination in any form.

The Party recognises the Protected Characteristics as laid down by the Equality Act 2010, these being age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

Responsibility for investigating complaints of discrimination will be the responsibility of the Standing Committee.

Discrimination and victimisation will be treated as disciplinary offences and, if proven, will result in expulsion or suspension of membership.

This Constitution was adopted by Party of Women on 20 September, 2023

Financial scheme

Party Of Women

Introduction

1. This scheme sets out how ('the party') Party Of Women will organise its financial affairs to comply with the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 ('the Act').

Constitution

2. A copy of Party Of Women'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

3. Party Of Women does not wish to register any separate accounting units with the Commission.[1]

Organisations within the party

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

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

Role of the party treasurer

6. [redacted] the registered treasurer of Party Of Women is responsible for the whole party's compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the following:

Annual accounts

7. Party Of Women 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

[1] Please refer to sections 2.13 and 2.14 in our brief guide *Registering a political party.*

that year. We understand that if our income or expenditure exceeds £250,000 our accounts must be submitted with an auditor's certificate.

8. In order to comply with this requirement, Kellie-Jay Keen 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)

9. Party Of Women 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

10. In order to comply with this requirement, Kellie-Jay Keen 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)[2]
- check the permissibility of any donations over £500 within 30 days of receipt[3]
- 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

[2] 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

[3] See above.

of more than £500 is made to the Commission within the above timescales; submitting a nil return if there are no reportable donations[4]
- provide weekly donation reports to the Commission during UK Parliamentary election campaigns if we are contesting the election

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.

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

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.

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

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

[4] See above.

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.

16. In order to ensure compliance with the legislation, [redacted] 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

17. If the party participates in a referendum to which Part VII of the Act applies, The Party of Women, 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

18. Party of Women 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

19. Party of Women 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.

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).

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

22. Party of Women 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

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.

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.

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

26. The Party will have processes in place to ensure compliance with its legal obligations. The registered treasurer, [redacted], will ensure that the registered leader and all other officers and members of Party of Women 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

27. The registered treasurer, [redacted], will ensure that any proposed amendments to this financial scheme are submitted to the Commission for approval.

Signed

Leader:	Kellie-Jay Keen	Date:	20 September 2023
Treasurer:	[redacted]	Date:	20 September 2023

Nominating officer:	[redacted]	Date:	20 September 2023
Campaigns officer (if applicable):		Date:	
Other officer (if applicable):		Date:	

PARTY OF WOMEN

APPLICATION TO REGISTER IN GB

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Decision and Approval Board comments

Applicant party name: Party of Women

Application type: RP1

Relevant register: GB (England, Scotland, Wales)

Application details and recommendation	**Decision and Approval Board comments**
Constitution (**R**) Financial scheme (**R**) Proposed party name: Party of Women (**A**) Proposed emblems: 1.  (**R**)	**Initial view (please add initials and date):** LE – 30/10/23 – As recommended I am minded to refuse the constitution and financial scheme, and to approve the name. On the emblem, I am not fully convinced that it does not sufficiently symbolic. It is not purely text, and the symbol used is fitting for the party. I am also not convinced that a voter is likely to be misled by the acronym POW, notwithstanding its more common usage, because the name is given underneath. I am therefore currently minded to approve the emblem, subject to the assessment of the remaining statutory tests. **Approval Board comments (please add initials and date):** DA 30/10/23: I agree with the initial view. I am content that the emblem does meet the requirements, albeit largely text. RT 31/10/23: I agree with the initial view including approving the emblem. CH 31/10/23: I agree with the initial view. Given the party name is included in the emblem I think it is unlikely the voter will be misled. AON 31/10/23: I agree with the initial view including approving the emblem as I do not think it will confuse voters and is an emblem, not just text (but only on balance in my view). NN 03.11.2023: I agree with the initial view. I consider the emblem to contain a pictorial element and to be sufficiently clear as to the meaning of the acronym. TH 03.11.2023: I agree with the initial view, including to approve the proposed emblem – which does

Application details and recommendation	Decision and Approval Board comments
	contain at least one key element of design (the female symbol) as well as text. **Decision (please add initials and date):** LE – 06/11/23 – I am not satisfied that the constitution and financial scheme are compliant with PPERA and so I refuse the application. As the application is incomplete I am not required to take decisions on the identity marks. However, to support any reapplication and based on the register as it currently is, I note that I would have approved the name and sought a full assessment of the emblem.

Recommendation of Registration Team member

1. In making my recommendations I have considered the requirements and statutory tests set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA).
2. I recommend that the Commission **reject** party's application.
3. My recommendations in relation to each aspect of the application are set out as follows:

Application	Application	**A**	No issues identified
Asset and liability declaration	-	**A**	Made properly
Constitution	Constitution	**R**	The constitution does not provide a process for the replacement of the treasurer and nominating officer within the 14-day limit as per

			PPERA, thus is not compliant with the financial scheme.
Financial scheme	Financial Scheme	**R**	Does not set out the financial arrangements of the party and has not been adopted
Name	Party of Women	**A**	Meets the requirements of a name under PPERA
Emblem 1		**R**	Does not amount to an emblem under PPERA

[redacted]

24 October 2023

Registration Team member assessment

Applicant party information

Link to party's registered entry	N/A
Link to party accounts	N/A

4. The proposed party officers are as follows:
    a. Party Leader: Kellie-Jay Keen
    b. [redacted]
    c. [redacted]
5. I have searched and cannot find a website, Twitter or Facebook account relation to the applicant party. The proposed party Leader [redacted], Kellie-Jay Keen, has a personal twitter account with over 100,000 followers, a YouTube channel with over 80,000 subscribers, and a personal website.
6. Further, there is a link on the personal website of the proposed leader to a 'Spring / Summer 2023 planned political party' called "The Other Party". However, no further information is provided on this site.
7. Kellie-Jay Keen, also known by the name Posie Parker, frequently appears in the media. The first widely covered story on her activism was focussed on a controversial billboard placed in Liverpool at the same time as the Labour Party Conference.[1] I have found several articles mentioning Kellie-Jay Keen's demonstrations and activism against the rights of Trans people.[2][3]
8. In March 2023, Kellie-Jay Keen held a highly controversial[4] rally in Melbourne, Australia. The event was highly controversial as a group of self-proclaimed Neo-Nazis joined her rally in support.[5] Whilst Kellie-Jay Keen denied all knowledge of the attendees and stated that they were not part of the rally in a YouTube video[6]; there was widespread condemnation regarding this.[7]
9. In May 2023, Kellie Jay Keen was suspended from YouTube for violating the video-hosting platform's hate speech policy.[8]

[1] https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-45650462
[2] https://www.thenational.scot/news/23299549.posie-parker-anti-trans-founder-standing-women/
[3] https://www.thepinknews.com/2023/03/22/posie-parker-kellie-jay-keen-minshull-anti-transgender-group/
[4] https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-03-26/kellie-jay-keen-minshullanti-trans-rights-liberal-party-debate/102142130
[5] https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11883261/How-transphobe-Kellie-Jay-Keen-aka-Posie-Parker-caused-controversy-Australian-tour.html
[6] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FsKn5XeJkWY
[7] https://unherd.com/thepost/the-truth-about-posie-parker-and-the-neo-nazis/
[8] https://www.thepinknews.com/2023/05/20/posie-parker-youtube-ban-kellie-jay-keen/

10. [redacted]

Application history

Link to application docs	Application, Financial Scheme, Constitution, Emblem 1	
Part of the register	GB (England, Scotland, Wales)	
Date first lodged	**Date considered complete**	**Date published for comment**
26 September 2023	26 September 2023	02 October 2023

11. The proposed party first applied on 09/04/2023. However, there was inconsistencies with the proposed officer roles provided, in addition to issues with the provided Constitution and Financial Scheme.
12. These issues were clarified with the party, and the updated Constitution and Financial Scheme were received on 17/06/2023.
13. The decision was taken to reject the proposed party's first application due to multiple issues with the constitution and financial scheme. They were contacted on 18/09/2023.
    a. The rejection decision letter can be found here.
    b. The first application assessment can be found here.
14. The new application (subject of this assessment) was received on 26/09/2023 and was considered complete on the same day.

Consideration of the Welsh Language Measure

15. As a public body operating in Wales, we are required to carry out our functions in line with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards. We are required to treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English in performing our functions in Wales.
16. I have considered these requirements insofar as they relate to our assessment of this registration application, including the application of the statutory tests under Part II of PPERA.
17. To this end, as the party has applied to contest elections in Wales, I have sought Welsh translations of all proposed English identity marks (and vice versa), including text contained in emblems. I have considered those translations and their relevance to each of the relevant statutory tests.

Type	ID Mark – English Version	ID Mark – Welsh Version	Translators comments

Name	Party of Women	Plaid Merched	

Intention to stand candidates

18. Paragraph 7.2 of the party's constitution states that the party leader will stand for elections.

Application form

Link to application form	Application form
Recommendation	**Approve**
Summary reason	Meets the requirements

19. I **am** satisfied that the required fee has been provided.
20. I **am** satisfied that the party have provided the address of the headquarters, or that where they have provided a correspondence address, that there is no evidence that the party has a headquarters.
21. I **am** satisfied that the party have applied to register the overall leader of the party, or where the party does not have an overall leader, the leader is registered for a particular purpose.
22. I **am not** aware of any convictions for electoral fraud within the last 5 years for the proposed treasurer, having conducted open source searches.
23. I **am** satisfied that the officer roles applied for are compliant with PPERA.
24. I **am** satisfied the party has provided home addresses for all responsible officers.
25. I **am** satisfied that the application has been properly authorised.
26. I **am** satisfied the party has applied for a financial year end that matches that applied for in their financial scheme.

Constitution

Link to constitution	Constitution
Recommendation	**Reject**
Equality Act issue identified	**No**
Summary reason	The constitution does not provide a process for the replacement of the treasurer and nominating officer within the 14 day limit as per PPERA.

27. Paragraph 5(1)(a), Schedule 4 of PPERA prescribes that a party must submit with their application to be registered a copy of their constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA says that a constitution is the document or documents by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined. Accordingly, the constitution must set out sufficient detail to show the structure and organisation of the party.

28. In my view the constitution **does not** show the structure and organisation of the party.

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	**Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.**
Summary and recommendation.	**29. I am of the view that the constitution does not accurately show the structure and organisation of the party for the following reasons:** **30. The constitution sets out who has the authority to appoint officers, however it does not set out the process for how changes to both the nominating officer and treasurer will be made. This information is required to ensure that the scheme has been properly adopted. I would recommend including some details within the constitution about how these changes will work in practice.** **31. There is no process for the replacement of the Treasurer or Nominating officer roles. There is no mention of how this election would be run internally by the party. There is no indication of how officers (other than the leader) could be replaced, especially within the 14-day period as required by PPERA. As such, I am of the view that the party does not have a mechanism to replace the party treasurer and nominating officer within the statutory timescale.** **32.** The updated documents provided to the Commission as part of the re-application does show that our comments have been taken on board and most of the issues raised have been addressed. However the lack of officer

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.
	replacement procedure results in this version of the constitution still being inconsistent with PPERA.
The constitution should reflect which register the party are applying to register in.	33. Paragraph 3.1 states that the geographical registration of the Party of Women shall be in Great Britain.
The party's aims and objectives.	34. Paragraph 2, titled 'Objectives', gives a brief description of the purposes of the party. 35. 2.1 (a): Party of Women will recognise the importance of biological sex in public life. 36. 2.1 (b): Party of Women will fight for the preservation of biological women in political, economic, and social arenas.
A reference to an intention to stand candidates and at which elections.	37. Section 8, 'Candidate Selection and Elections' states that the proposed party intends to stand candidates at local and national elections, including but not limited to: General Elections, Devolved Parliament Elections, Local Government Elections and Mayoral Elections. 38. The previous constitution was inconsistent with PPERA as it was not clear how individuals can become candidates. However, the additions to section 8'Candidate Selection and Elections' include details on how candidates will be authorised, and the rules that they must abide by.
The candidate selection process (or at least a statement that the party will have one).	39. Paragraph 8.1 states that Party of Women candidates will be chosen by the Nominating officer.
The structure of the party and who is responsible for managing the party, including the responsibility of the party officers, the terms of office and procedure for change of those officers.	40. The structure of the party leadership is outlined in section 5 of the constitution. 41. The Party of Women will be headed by the leader, who is responsible for overseeing all activities of the organisation, and elected by a majority of its membership. This provision has been updated since the previous constitution, which stated that a majority of the membership was required to elect the leader. 42. The treasurer will be responsible for the financial affairs of the organisation. 43. The Nominating officer will support the duties of both the leader and treasurer. 44. Section 10.1, 'Leadership Election Process', provides details on how the registered nominating officer would

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.
	become leader should the leader resign. This section states that the Commission will be notified within 14 days of the officer change. 45. The term of office for party leader is given as four years in section 11.1. If no opposition is present at the end of the four year period, the leader will be re-elected. **46. There is no process for the replacement of the Treasurer or Nominating officer roles. There is no mention of how this election would be run internally by the party. There is no indication of how officers (other than the leader) could be replaced, especially within the 14-day period as required by PPERA. As such, I am of the view that the party does not have a mechanism to replace the party treasurer and nominating officer within the statutory timescale.**
How the party will make and record decisions, as well as any other governance arrangements. For example the frequency, timing and type of meetings and the quorum for meetings.	47. Paragraph 6.1 of the constitution states that the Party of Women will hold quarterly meetings. 48. 6.1 states that the party will hold an AGM, open to all members. 49. The quorum requirement of the meetings is 25% of all the members entitled to vote. 50. The previous application was very unclear on the quorum of party meetings and what level of support is required for an agenda item to be approved. I note these points have been addressed in full within the new constitution. 51. 6.4 states that Special Meetings may be called by the leader. **52. The constitution sets out who has the authority to appoint officers, however it does not set out the process for how such changes will be made. This information is required to ensure that the scheme has been properly adopted. I would recommend including some details within the constitution about how these changes will work in practice, particularly in relation to how the treasurer and nominating officer roles could be replaced within the 14 day limit.** **53. The party was contacted about this provision as part of the previous decision, and we requested that: 'The party… set out a mechanism to replace a registered officer within the statutory timeframe.' This point was not addressed in the updated documents.**

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.
If the party has membership, and if so the process and rules governing that membership.	54. Paragraph 4 sets out the rules for party membership; being: 'Membership shall be open to all those over the age of 18 and irrespective of sex, class, religion, race, ethnicity or creed.' 55. This section has been updated from the previous constitution, adding in reference to the equalities act considerations that were part of the first assessment. 56. This section does not state whether there would be any membership fees affiliated with joining the party, or the rules governing that membership beyond the above. 57. I note that there is an additional section within the constitution titled: 'Party of Women Equality Policy'. The equality policy states that: 'Membership of the Party will be open to everyone over the age of 18, regardless of sex, class, religion, race, ethnicity or creed. The Party will fulfil its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and will not tolerate discrimination in any form.' 58. One of the concerns of the first application assessment was that the lack of detail in their initial constitution could lead to the higher risk of discriminatory membership provisions. However, the addition of this section provides ample detail on how the party would adhere to the EqA 2010.
How the constitution can be changed and the process for dissolution of the party.	59. Paragraph 12 of the constitution outlines how amendments to the constitution are made. The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those voting members present at the quarterly meeting. 60. Section 12.2 states that amendments to the constitution may be proposed by Party of Women leadership including the leader and the Standing Committee. 61. The party may be dissolved by the leader as outlined in section 14.1 of the constitution. In the event of dissolution, all assets of the organisation shall be distributed to a nonprofit organisation whose goals are consistent with those of the Party of Women.
That the party have adopted its financial scheme / The constitution must also be consistent with a party's financial scheme	**62. The party has not set out a mechanism for replacing either the nominating officer or treasurer within the statutory timeframe. As this affects the party's ability to maintain an officer, I am not satisfied that the financial scheme has been adopted.**

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.
Equality Act consideration	63. I have not identified issues in the party's constitution legislation relating to equalities legislation. *64.* The objectives and purpose of the Party of Women 'shall be to protect and promote the rights of biological women in all aspects of life' and to 'fight for the preservation of biological women in political, economic and social arenas'. Whilst not explicitly stating that the party is opposed to those in the Trans community, the main focus of Kellie-Jay Keen's politics is against the rights of the community. I have found several articles mentioning Kellie-Jay Keen's demonstrations and activism against the rights of Trans people.[9][10] *65. The Equality Act 2010 says that you must not be discriminated against because of gender reassignment. In the Equality Act, gender reassignment means proposing to undergo, undergoing or having undergone a process to reassign your sex.* *66. To be protected from gender reassignment discrimination, you do not need to have undergone any medical treatment or surgery to change from your birth sex to your preferred gender. You can be at any stage in the transition process, from proposing to reassign your sex, undergoing a process of reassignment, or having completed it. It does not matter whether or not you have applied for or obtained a Gender Recognition Certificate, which is the document that confirms the change of a person's legal sex.* *67.* The party's membership rules are acceptable on paper, though it is imperative to consider their contextual meaning, taking into account recent speeches delivered by the proposed Leader, who has the power to determine if membership will be accepted or refused. 68. I am of the view that the objectives of the party are focussed primarily on supporting the "importance of biological sex in public life". I acknowledge there is a 69. One of the concerns of the first application assessment was that the lack of detail in their initial constitution on the membership provisions of the proposed party. It was deemed that there was a risk that the membership provisions of the first constitution could be implemented in a discriminatory manner, particularly in relation to the protected characteristic of gender reassignment

[9] https://www.thenational.scot/news/23299549.posie-parker-anti-trans-founder-standing-women/
[10] https://www.thepinknews.com/2023/03/22/posie-parker-kellie-jay-keen-minshull-anti-transgender-group/

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.
	discrimination. However, having asked the party as part of the rejection decision letter to explain more clearly their membership provision, I am of the view that these issues have been addressed. 70. There is an additional section to the constitution that was not previously included, titled: 'Party of Women Equality Policy'. Whilst I am of the view that the above Equalities Act considerations are worth noting, the addition of the Equality Policy ensures no discrimination could take place within the proposed party. 71. "The Party recognises the Protected Characteristics as laid down by the Equality Act 2010, these being age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation". 72. [redacted] 74. Therefore, on the balance of the considerations made above, I am of the view that the constitution is compliant with the Equality Act 2010. 75. Where my recommendation is to reject this constitution against the requirements of PPERA, I have not contacted the party about this consideration – this will be addressed in any rejection correspondence. If the delegated decision maker is minded to approve this constitution against PPERA, the party will be contacted in relation to this matter before a final decision is made.

Financial scheme

Link to scheme	Financial scheme
Recommendation	**Reject**

Summary reason	Does not set out the financial arrangements of the party and has not been adopted

76. Pursuant to section 26 of PPERA, a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which sets out the arrangement for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of PPERA.

77. I am of the view that the scheme **does not** set out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party of the purposes of PPERA.

    a. As mentioned above, the party has not set out a mechanism for replacing the registered treasurer or nominating officer within the statutory timeframe. As this affects the party's ability to maintain an officer, I am not satisfied that the financial scheme has been adopted.

78. Based on the information available to me, I am of the view that the party **has not adopted** the scheme.

    a. The party has not set out a mechanism to replace the registered treasurer or nominating officer within the statutory timeframe.

    b. As this affects the party's ability to maintain an officer, I am not satisfied that the financial scheme has been adopted.

79. The party's financial year end **does** match the financial year end indicated on the application form.

Asset and Liability Declaration

Link to record	ALR
Recommendation	**Approve**
Summary reason	Meets the requirements
Pursuant to section 28(3B) of PPERA, a party may not be registered unless it has made a declaration that it the asset/liability is or is not met. Has the party has made a declaration under 28(3B)?	
A declaration has been made and states that an ALR is not required. Having considered the available information I am satisfied that the party is not required to provide an ALR.	1. I am not aware of information that indicates the declaration is not properly made.

Name

Proposed name	Party of Women
Recommendation	**Approve**
Summary reason	Meets the requirements of a name under PPERA

80. In making my recommendation I have considered the factors set out in the following paragraphs.

81. As explained above, in considering the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards, I have sought a translation for this proposed name: **Plaid Merched**. I have considered the relevance of the translation to each of the relevant statutory tests.

    a. The record of the translation can be found here.

82. The proposed identifier **is not the same** as another identifier on the register.

83. I am of the view that registration of the identifier **is not likely** to result in electors confusing the applicant party with another registered party.

    a. I believe that the identifier currently registered that has the most visual similarity to the applicant party name is the Women's Equality Party.

        i. This is because it is of a similar length and contains the word 'Women' and 'Party'.

        ii. However, where there is some visual similarity, I believe that the lack of contextual similarity mitigates the risk of confusion.

        iii. Furthermore, although there is some contextual similarity in that the Women's Equality Party was created to forward the rights of women, whilst the Party of Women was created to forward the rights of so called 'biological women', the different lengths of identifiers and addition of the word 'Equality' created visual distinction that I believe is sufficient to mitigate the risk of confusion.

OAK, Mary

(address in the Constituency)

Women's Equality Party

ASH, James

(address in the Constituency)

Party of Women

PINE, Susan (address in the Constituency) Communist Party of Britain	
ELM, David (address in the Constituency) Alliance Party of Harlow	

84. The proposed identifier **is not more** than six words.
85. The proposed identifier, in my view, **is not** obscene or offensive.
    a. I note I do have a slight concern with the overall connotations of the party name in context of the Equalities Act issues mentioned above.
        i. The 'Party of Women', whilst visually not offensive or obscene in of itself, could lead to the indication that this party is solely for those 'women' who are defined as such by the leader of the party as: "Adult Human Females"[11].
            1. Whilst I do note this concern, I was unable to find any clear indication that this is how was the proposed party name was intended, thus cannot reject it on this ground.
            2. If the Approval Board disagrees with the above, I will return and reevaluate the assessment of the proposed name.
86. The proposed identifier, in my view, if published is **not likely** amount to the commission of an offence.
87. The proposed identifier, in my view, is **not likely**, were it to appear on a ballot paper, to result in an elector being misled as to the effect of their vote.
88. The proposed identifier, in my view, is **not likely**, were it to appear on a ballot paper, to contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting.
89. The proposed identifier **does not** include any script other than Roman Script.
90. The proposed identifier **does not** include a word or expression prohibited by order made by the Secretary of State.

[11] https://www.facebook.com/NCultureForum/videos/women-are-adult-human-females-why-trans-women-arent-women-posie-parker-kellie-ja/682563396233539/

Emblems

Emblem 1

Proposed emblem	
Recommendation	**Reject**
Summary reason	Does not amount to an emblem under PPERA

91. In making my recommendation I have considered the factors set out in the following paragraphs.
92. As explained above, in considering the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards, I have sought a translation for the text contained in this proposed emblem: **Plaid Merched**. I have considered the relevance of the translation to each of the relevant statutory tests.
    a. The record of the translation can be found here.
93. I **am not satisfied** that the proposed identity mark amounts to an emblem under PPERA.
    a. The proposed identity mark **does not** primarily comprise a pictorial or symbolic element. The emblem contains the proposed party name: 'Party of Women' below the abbreviation 'PoW' above. The 'O' of 'PoW' appears to illustrate the symbol used to represent the 'Female' sex.[12]
        i. Whilst the symbol does provide some level of pictorial element, this is not the primary feature. Furthermore, when sized at 5cm x 5cm as it would appear on the ballot paper, the symbolic element is almost lost due to its size.
            1. Furthermore, the abbreviation of the party name, whilst permitted due to the party name being given in full below, is not a commonly known abbreviation for the party. In addition to this, 'PoW' is commonly used as an acronym for Prisoners of War. As such, I do not find it appropriate in this sense to use the abbreviation as the party's emblem. This could lead to confusion for voters.

[12] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Female#:~:text=The%20symbol%20%E2%99%80%20(Unicode%3A%20U,commonly%20used%20to%20represent%20females.

b. As I am not satisfied that this identifier constitutes an emblem, it should be rejected on this basis.
    i. The party was contacted about the emblem as part of the initial decision to reject (due to constitution errors).
        1. “Approval Board opinions were divided on whether the proposed emblem had enough pictorial or symbolic elements (E.G. the female symbol represented within the ‘O’ of ‘PoW’) to constitute an emblem under electoral law. You may want to consider how to incorporate more of such elements in any future application.”
        2. No alterations were made to the emblem as part of this application, as such, I am of the view that the emblem still does not meet the requirements of PPERA to be classed as an emblem.
c. As my recommendation is that the proposed emblem does not primarily comprise a pictorial or symbolic element, I have not considered the rest of the PPERA requirements at this stage. If the delegated decision maker is satisfied that this is emblem is not misleading under PPERA, the rest of the requirements will be considered at that point.

Register searches

Table 1: Similarity score results

94. The following table lists identifiers that are similar to the proposed name or descriptions according to an electronic matching process. The higher the value, the higher the similarity.

95. I undertook the search on the GB (England, Scotland, Wales) register.

Proposed ID Marks	ID Mark	Type	Party registered to	Register	Protected until	Similarity
Party of Women	Women's Equality Party	Name	Women's Equality Party	Great Britain	-	0.6618
Party of Women	Vote Women's Equality Party on orange	Description	Women's Equality Party	Great Britain	-	0.6247
Party of Women	Abram Independents part of Wigan Independents	Description	Wigan Independents	Great Britain	-	0.4652
Party of Women	Ashton Independents part of Wigan Independents	Description	Wigan Independents	Great Britain	-	0.4652
Party of Women	Aspull Independents part of Wigan Independents	Description	Wigan Independents	Great Britain	-	0.4652

Party of Women	Bryn Independents part of Wigan Independents	Description	Wigan Independents	Great Britain	-	0.4652
Party of Women	Hindley Independents part of Wigan Independents	Description	Wigan Independents	Great Britain	-	0.4652
Party of Women	Orrell Independents part of Wigan Independents	Description	Wigan Independents	Great Britain	-	0.4652
Party of Women	Shevington Independents part of Wigan Independents	Description	Wigan Independents	Great Britain	-	0.4652
Party of Women	Tyldesley Independents Part of Wigan Independents	Description	Wigan Independents	Great Britain	-	0.4652
Plaid Merched	Green Party	Name	Green Party	Great Britain	-	0.4000

Table 2: Identity marks that contain words in the proposed identity marks

96. I have conducted a search to identify where words contained in the proposed descriptions and emblems appear on the registers.

97. I undertook the searches on the GB (England, Scotland, Wales) register.

98. I did not search the following words: '***Of'*** or '***Party'.*** That is because they appear very frequently across all registers.

Word searched for: [Women]		
ID Mark	**Type**	**Party registered to**
Vote Women's Equality Party on orange	Description	Women's Equality Party
Women's Equality Party	Name	Women's Equality Party

Public comments

All comments are original and verbatim. All comments are tracked to the RP1 case.

Commenter	Comment
06/10/2023 – [redacted]	Wish to object to the proposed registering of "The Party of Women" because I believe that by the very nature of the party and its proposer it is incompatible with Equalities law. It is being set up to discriminate against people on the basis of sex and gender reassignment both of which are protected characteristics.

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Application to register a political party in Great Britain

The Electoral Commission

This application was submitted electronically to the Electoral Commission on 26/09/2023 at 23:49:22.

PEF Online reference: [redacted]

Declaration

The party named below is applying to be a registered party in accordance with the requirements of Part II of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

I declare that Party Of Women intends to contest one or more relevant elections in Great Britain (which will not be confined to parish (England) or community (Wales) elections) and is accordingly applying to be registered in the following part(s) of the Great Britain register:

England	Y	Scotland	Y	Wales	Y

Parliamentary election status

Exempt from UK parliamentary elections	N

Signatures

Proposed registered party nominating officer

I declare that I am authorised to sign this application on behalf of the above named party.

Officer sanctioned online - 26/09/2023 3:28 AM

Signed

Printed name [redacted] Date dd mm yyyy

Proposed registered party leader

I declare that I am authorised to sign this application on behalf of the above named party.

Officer sanctioned online - 26/09/2023 11:48 PM

Signed

Printed name Mrs Kellie-Jay Keen Date dd mm yyyy

Proposed registered party treasurer

I declare that I am authorised to sign this application on behalf of the above named party.

Officer sanctioned online - 26/09/2023 11:48 PM

Signed

Printed name [redacted] Date dd mm yyyy

For electoral commission use

Date of receipt dd mm yyyy Checked by

Party name

Primary name: Party Of Women

Language: English

Secondary name:

Language:

English translation:

Address (party headquarters or for correspondence if no HQ)

Address [redacted]

Town [redacted]

County [redacted]

Postcode [redacted]

Country [redacted]

Telephone number [redacted] Extn

Fax number

Email address

Website address

Emblems

Emblem Id [redacted]

Monochrome emblem



The P.O.W. initials of the party name.

Party officers

Party Leader

Title: Mrs

First name(s): Kellie-Jay

Surname: Keen

Home address: [redacted]

Telephone number: [redacted] Extn

Fax number

Email address: [redacted]

If leader for a particular purpose, please specify

Nominating Officer

Title	
First name(s)	
Surname	
Home address	
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Country	
Telephone number	Extn
Fax number	
Email address	

Treasurer

Title	[redacted]
First name(s)	[redacted]
Surname	[redacted]
Home address	[redacted]
Town	[redacted]
County	[redacted]
Postcode	[redacted]
Country	[redacted]
Telephone number	[redacted] Extn [redacted]
Fax number	[redacted]
Email address	[redacted]

Financial and organisational information

Please enclose a cheque made payable to The Electoral Commission for £150.00.

Copy of party's constitution enclosed? ☐ Yes ☐ No (tick as appropriate)

Copy of financial scheme enclosed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Financial year end: 31/12

Declaration of assets and liabilities

Y I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the assets/liabilities condition is met in relation to the party [the total value of assets and total amount of liabilities held are £500 or less]

Please return the form to:
Party and Election Finance
The Electoral Commission
3 Bunhill Row
London
EC1Y 8YZ

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Website: www.electoralcommission.org.uk