National Rebirth Party

Constitution

1. Glossary of Terms

1.1 Party Name

The name of the Party shall be the National Rebirth Party. It shall be referred to in this document as 'The Party'.

1.2 Reasonable Belief

For any action described in this document as a 'reasonable belief', the meaning is a belief which a reasonable person could defensibly, logically and fairly hold without malice or bias.

1.3 Malicious Action

For 'Malicious Action', 'Malicious Intent', and 'Malicious Purposes', Malice is defined as a behaviour that is dishonest in nature and intended to cause loss, detriment, or any other kind of harm to the Party, its organs, or the common good of its members.

1.4 Trustees

Also 'Trustee Officers', or 'Natural Trustees', refers to the individual(s) who occupy the offices of Party Leader, Chief of Staff (Nominating Officer), and Finance Officer of the General Staff (Treasurer).

2. Aims and Objectives of the Party

2.1 Summary

The National Rebirth Party (referred to in this document as The Party) shall exist to promote and advance the interests of British people and defend their territorial and national integrity.

2.2 Political Aims

In order to achieve this objective, the Party will espouse policies which promote:

a) A strong, centralised government
b) A socially and culturally unified nation-state
c) Productivity and work as the foundation of British society
d) A strong military institution and a military ethic within the general population
e) An economic system with the overriding objective of maximising the living standard of British people
f) The prioritisation of the good of the British people above all other things when determining economic, social, and foreign policy.
g) Political and legal reform as shall be necessary to accomplish these aims

2.3 Elections

The Party will contest Elections within England, Scotland and Wales, with quantity of seats contested to be determined by the Party Leader in line with resources and capabilities. It will therefore apply to be included in the Great Britain Register of Political Parties. It will NOT at this time apply be included in the Northern Ireland Register.

2.4 Activities

In the furtherance of its political aims, the Party may:

a) raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any legal or natural person whatsoever in such manner and to the extent and limits established by law, including but not limited to: loans, subscriptions, donations, provision of work or materials in kind;
b) publish, with or without charge, any document it sees fit in any format;

c) employ and pay people to manage, supervise, organize and carry out the Party's aims, administer the Party and meet the Party's obligations under the law;
d) purchase, lease or rent property deemed necessary to carry out the Party's objectives and to conduct the Party's administration and to make arrangements for the management of any such property acquired;
e) carry out or refrain from carrying out any lawful act as may be deemed appropriate for the attainment of the Party's objectives and the proper administration of the Party;
f) enter into contracts for the supply of goods, employment and services;
g) undertake any or all lawful activities under the Companies Acts.

3. Party Leadership

3.1 Party Leader

3.1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Party Leader is to lead the management of the Party General Staff, lead the determination of party policy and operations, and represent the interests of party supporters and members, to the best of their ability.

3.1.2 Appointment

The Party Leader shall be elected by the party membership using a First Past the Post system. In order to stand in such election, a candidate must:

a) Be a full member of the party
b) Accrue the support of party members via signature (electronic signatures are accepted). The two highest supported candidates are then placed into a runoff election for the office of Party Leader in which all party members, including those who have already declared support, are entitled to vote.

3.1.2.1 Procedure for the Ballot

From the moment that a Party Leader resigns or is removed from office, there shall be a period of 28 days for candidates for the office to acquire the necessary support to reach the voting runoff as per Section 3.1.2 Para (b). Once the runoff election begins, party members shall be entitled to cast their vote by post, and there will be a period of 28 days in which to do this.

3.1.2.2 Responsibility for the Ballot

The Chief of Staff of the Party General Staff will be responsible for the final count of the received postal ballots, which shall occur after the 28-day voting period has elapsed. The two candidates for the office of Party Leader (or a representative appointed by them) shall be entitled to watch the count. In the event that the Chief of Staff of the Party General Staff is one of the candidates, one of the other officers of the Party General Staff, chosen by lot, will be made responsible for the count.

3.1.3 Removal from Office

The current Party Leader shall be removed from office if, at any point, a majority (>50%) of the party membership submit in writing a letter of no confidence in the Party Leader, or upon the death or resignation of the Party Leader. The process for Appointment of a Party Leader (Clauses 3.1.2 to 3.1.3.3) then begins.

3.1.3.2 Temporary Measures during the Ballot

During the process of ballot and appointment of a Party Leader, the registered Nominating Officer shall, for purposes of legal compliance, temporarily assume the office of Party Leader (and be registered as such with the EC) and the powers therein until such time as the ballot is concluded, and in any case MUST assume this office and be registered as such within 14 days of the death, resignation, or removal of the Party Leader. If Nominating Officer was already the Party Leader at the time of death, resignation, or removal, then the Treasurer (or the legally required minimum registered Additional Officer) shall temporarily assume the office of Party Leader as per this clause.

3.1.3.3 Temporary Measures of appointment regarding registered officers

If any of the provisions of clause 3.1.3.2 would create a situation whereby one individual holds the offices of Party Leader, Treasurer and Nominating Officer, then the temporary Party Leader shall be responsible for the temporary selection and appointment of a registered Additional Officer, for purposes of legal compliance, until the ballot and election of the new party leader is concluded. The appointed additional officer must be registered as such within a period of 14 days from the death, resignation or removal of the initial Party Leader, and the temporarily appointed Additional Officer will be removed as such once the formal process for election of a new Party Leader is completed, and a new Party Leader is registered.

3.1.4 Fiscal Responsibility

It shall be a requirement of any person who holds the office of Party Leader, in the event that they are elected to or otherwise appointed to public office, to:

a) Donate at least 80% of their salary from that public office to a registered charity, of which they cannot be a private beneficiary in any way.
b) In the event that they are drawing a salary as Party Leader, donate the entire sum of their salary from that public office in the same manner as in part a).

3.2 Party General Staff

3.2.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Party General Staff (referred to herein as the General Staff) is to provide advice, assistance, and support to the Party Leader in making decisions that affect the party, and to exercise control in achieving the aims and objectives of the party as determined by the Party Leader and General Staff.

3.2.2 Appointment

Appointment to Offices of the General Staff shall be made by the Party Leader, in consultation with any existing members of the General Staff.

3.2.3 Offices

The following Offices will exist within the General Staff:

a) **Chief of Staff**, who shall direct and manage the General Staff. This person will also be the Nominating Officer as per PPERA regulations.
b) **Finance Officer**, who shall be responsible for overall management of party finances. This person will also be the Treasurer as per PPERA regulations.
c) **Membership Officer**, who shall be responsible for overall management of the party membership lists and administration of those lists.
d) **Quartermaster**, who shall be responsible for the overall management of any properties and equipment which belong to the party.
e) **Intelligence Officer**, who shall be responsible for monitoring internal party activities as well as activities of other parties or entities, which, when monitored, would assist the Party Leader and General Staff in planning and decision making.
f) **PR Officer**, who shall be responsible for media communication, party publications and information campaigns.
g) **Operations Officer**, who shall be responsible for overall planning and execution of party events
h) **Parliamentary Officer**, who shall be responsible for management of party MPs
i) **Secretary to the General Staff**, who shall be responsible for passage of information between the General Staff and other organs of the party, for minutes and general paperwork
j) **Any additional Officers**, who may be appointed and given a portfolio the discretion of the Party Leader.

3.2.4 Vacant Offices

One person may fulfil multiple Offices within the General Staff at any given time, subject to the approval of the Party leader.

3.2.5 Registration as Additional Officers

Officers of the General Staff may, in agreement with the Party Leader, Chief of Staff (Nominating Officer), and Finance Officer (Treasurer), be registered as Additional Officers as per PPERA regulations.

3.3 Meeting Requirements

3.3.1 Minimum meeting requirements

The Party Leader and Party General Staff will hold an Annual General Meeting at LEAST once per calendar year.

3.3.2 Annual General Meeting Requirements

The General Meeting should involve a physical meeting of the Party Leader and General Staff. If circumstances require, a virtual attendance can be accepted. The Secretary to the General Staff will be responsible for taking minutes. All members of the General Staff will be required to report on their area of responsibility.

3.3.2 Power to convene meetings

The Party Leader, Party General Staff, or any person exercising authority within the Party, shall have the power to convey meetings involving those under their responsibility as they deem to be reasonably appropriate in order to fulfil their functions of office. Any format of meeting is acceptable; however, minutes should be taken when it is reasonably practical to do so.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership Terms and Conditions

4.1.1 Authority to Admit members

The Power to Admit Members is a power of the Party Leader.

4.1.2 Members

Any natural person who is habitually resident in Great Britain will be eligible for membership of the party if:

a) They agree with the aims and objectives of the Party
b) They agree to abide by the Party constitution
c) They agree to abide by any other rules or Terms and Conditions which may from time to time be made by the party, notwithstanding that no such rule shall be made which contravenes anything in the party constitution.

4.1.3 Registered Supporters

A natural person who is not habitually resident in Great Britain may become a registered supporter of the party. A natural person who is otherwise eligible for membership may also opt to become a registered supporter instead of a member. A Registered Supporter shall not hold voting rights within the Party.

4.1.4 Right of Refusal

The Party Leader reserves the right to refuse membership to any person who is otherwise eligible, if:

a) They reasonably believe that the application is made with malicious intent, that is, that the applicant does not genuinely agree with the aims and objectives of the party and is attempting to join the party for malicious purposes.
b) They reasonably believe that the applicant intends to join the party for the purpose of undermining the aims and objectives of the party, or any part of the party constitution, which would reasonably be considered a malicious act.

c) They reasonably believe that to admit the applicant would be detrimental to the interests or reputation of the party.
d) That, if the applicant holds (or is eligible to hold) foreign citizenship, they reasonably believe that to admit the applicant would render the party vulnerable to malign foreign influence.

A person whose membership of the party is refused may, at the discretion of the party, still be eligible to become a Registered Supporter. Where it is deemed possible and appropriate by the authority refusing membership, brief reasons will be provided for any refusal of membership or registered support.

4.1.5 Appeal

For any person whose application to membership is refused, they may appeal the decision in writing to the Party Leader.

4.1.6 Method of Application

The Party Leader will determine the acceptable medium(s) for membership applications to be tendered.

4.1.7 Principal Power of Members

The principal power of members is in their authority to vote for the Party Leader, which in turn leads to their exercise of power over the party in general. In order to be eligible to participate in a ballot of any kind, a member must:

a) Have been a member of the party for at least 28 days from the day their application is accepted
b) Not be in arrears of membership fees
c) Not be subject to a disciplinary sanction which restricts this power, or subject to an active or pending expulsion order

4.2 Membership Fees

4.2.1 Membership Rate

The rate (cost) of Fees due by members and registered supporters shall be determined by the Party Leader in consultation with the Party General Staff, and may be amended as deemed necessary, save that no fees may be amended to be ex-post-facto.

4.2.2 Payment of Fees

Fees shall be payable either yearly or in instalments, as determined by the Party Leader. Fees shall be due on acquiring membership or registered support of the Party and on the same day of each subsequent instalment period or year (Fees due on the 29th February will be payable on the 28th).

4.3.2 Method of Payment

The Finance Officer of the General Staff (Party Treasurer) shall determine the acceptable methods of payment of fees.

4.3 Resignation

4.3.1 Intentional Resignation

A member or registered supporter shall cease to be a member if he or she gives written notice to the Membership Officer of his or her resignation.

4.3.2 Resignation by default

A member whose membership or registered support fees are more than three months in arrears shall be deemed for all intents and purposes to have resigned in accordance with Section 4.3.1.

4.4 Expulsion

4.4.1 Authority to Expel members

The Power to Expel Members (or Registered Supporters) is a Power of the Party Leader.

4.4.2 Right of Expulsion

The Power to Expel members may be exercised on a member (or Registered Supporter) of the Party if it is reasonably believed that:

a) An individual's continued membership of the Party is detrimental to the interests of the party
b) An individual has, or is likely to, engage in malicious action against the Party
c) An individual's continued membership of the Party would, or is likely to, bring the party into disrepute
d) An individual has intentionally or unintentionally made a false representation on a membership application

4.4.3 Lesser Penalties

In alternative to expulsion, the Party Leader may impose a lesser penalty as they see fit, such as a restriction on holding certain positions within the Party, or restrictions on voting in party leadership elections for a set time period.

4.4.3 Appeal

An individual whose membership is revoked, or who is awarded a lesser penalty, has the right of appeal. The appeal shall be determined by majority vote of the Party General Staff. In the case of a penalty lesser than expulsion, the majority vote will determine whether to penalise or not.

4.4.4 Legal Redress

There shall be no appeal to any Court in England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland from the decision of the power of expulsion, save on points of law, and the question whether any decision to expel was so unreasonable that no person deliberating in good faith could rationally have reached it.

4.4.6 Communication of Expulsion

A person whose membership or registered support is revoked, or who is awarded a penalty lesser than expulsion, shall be notified as to their expulsion and the reasons for their expulsion. A person subject to an expulsion or penalty shall have a period of 28 days in which to lodge an appeal against their expulsion, which must be sent in writing.

5. Finance

5.1 Party Finance Management

5.1.1 Authority to Receive Monies

All monies payable to the Party shall be received by the Finance Officer of the General Staff (Treasurer) and shall be deposited in a bank account in the name of the Party. Final authority to Receive Monies rests with the Treasurer.

5.1.2 Authority to Hold Assets

All physical assets other than monies held by the Party shall be held in trust by the individuals (known as Trustee Officers) who occupy the offices of Party Leader, Party Chief of Staff (Nominating Officer), and Finance Officer of the General Staff (Treasurer).

5.1.3 Authority to Use Monies

The final Authority to Use Monies rests with the Finance Officer of the General Staff (Treasurer). Monies shall be drawn in a form most appropriate for their use (cash, cheque, or digital transfer) subject to the requirements of the bank and any applicable legal regulations.

5.1.4 Wages

The Party Leader, in consultation with the Finance Officer of the General Staff (Treasurer) and Party Chief of Staff (Nominating Officer) shall have the authority to authorise payment or remuneration and/or expenses to any officer, member or employee of the Party and to any other person for services rendered to the Party. The remuneration of all members of staff will be noted in a schedule to the Party's annual accounts.

5.1.5 Financial Calendar

The Party's financial year shall be the calendar year.

5.1.6 Auditors and Accountants

The Finance Officer of the General Staff shall be entitled, subject to approval by the Party Leader, to employ or otherwise make use of an independent auditor or accountant to assist in the scrutiny of Party accounts in order to fulfil their obligations. The Party shall be liable for any reasonable costs incurred in the employment or use of such a person.

5.2 Borrowing

5.2.1 Authority to Borrow

The authority to borrow money lies with the Finance Officer of the General Staff (Treasurer), subject to the agreement of the Party Leader.

5.2.2 Purposes

The preceding authority shall carry with it the power to raise in any way any sums of money and to raise and secure the repayment of any sum or sums of money in such manner or on such terms and conditions they think appropriate, and in particular by mortgage of or charge up or by the issue of debentures charged upon all or part of the property of the party.

5.2.3 Liability

Under no circumstances may any member of the Party have personal liability pledged for the repayment of any borrowed sums without the written and signed consent of that member.

5.3 Assets

5.3.1 Authority to Hold Assets

In accordance with Section 5.1.2, any physical assets of the party shall be held in trust by the Trustee Officers who occupy the offices of Party Leader, Party Chief of Staff (Nominating Officer), and Finance Officer of the General Staff (Treasurer).

5.3.2 Use of Assets

The Trustee Officers shall deal with the assets in their own discretion, subject to the approval of the Party Leader, which, by virtue of office, means the approval of the party members.

5.3.3 Removal of Trustee Officers

Trustees shall hold office until death, resignation, or removal from the offices which convey with them the power of a Trustee, either by the authority of the Party or by order of a court, upon which the appointed replacement shall serve as the relevant Trustee.

5.3.4 Exceptional Circumstances

It is permissible for one of the other Officers of the General Staff to be imposed as one of the Trustee Officers in exceptional or unusual circumstance in which the natural Trustee Officer (Leader, Nominating Officer, or Treasurer) cannot perform the duty. Any decision to do this is subject to the unanimous approval of the existing Trustee Officers. Such a person must also be registered as an Additional Officer with the Electoral Commission.

5.3.5 Minimum Number of Trustees

There must always be a minimum of two Trustees. In the event that one individual occupies the positions of Party Leader, Chief of Staff (Nominating Officer), and Finance Officer of the General Staff (Treasurer), a person who is registered as an Additional Officer with the Electoral Commission must be the second Trustee.

5.3.6 Remuneration

The Trustees shall serve without any remuneration, but shall be entitled to an indemnity out of and a lien over any property of the Party and for all expenses and other liabilities properly incurred by them in the discharge of their duties as trustees.

6. Dissolution

6.1 Authority to Dissolve the Party

A resolution to dissolve the party may only be proposed at an Annual General Meeting by the Party Leader. The resolution will be passed if it is carried by a two-thirds majority of those present (in any format) at that meeting.

6.2 Effect of Dissolution

The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the General Staff shall be responsible for the winding-up of the assets and liabilities of the Party. Any funds remaining after the discharge of debts and liabilities shall be divided equally among the Party members, or as they direct. Any physical assets will be liquidated as soon as is reasonably practical and divided the same.

7. Branches and Regions

7.1 Model Rules for Branches and Regions

7.1.1 Accountability of Leadership

The Party believes firmly in the principle of command responsibility. That is, that with a position of leadership comes responsibility for how that power is utilised, and a responsibility to manage the delegation of that power accordingly. It is an expectation that any person occupying a position of leadership within the party recognise and accept accountability for the actions which are carried out on their authority.

7.1.2 Principles of Organisation

The model of the Party Leader working in conjunction with the Party General Staff is a standard which must, to the best of the ability of the persons and resources available, be replicated in any lower-level Party command structures. That is to say, Branch/Region Leaders shall be responsible for overall command in those Branches/Regions, and officers in Branch/Regional General Staff shall be responsible for the same areas of management as their relevant officers in the Party General Staff.

7.2 Regions

7.2.1 Authority to Establish Regions and Appoint Officers

The Authority to Establish Regions is a power of the Party Leader. The Authority to Appoint Officers to Regional Leadership is a power of the Party Leader.

7.2.2 Regional Officers

For each regional organisation established by the Party, the Regional Leadership must contain, at minimum, two persons, a Regional Leader and a Regional Chief of Staff. The full summary of roles should, as far as practical, reflect the Party General Staff, and persons holding offices should report one-up to those holding the same offices.

7.2.3 Financial Duties

In accordance with Section 7.2.2, and for efficient management of finances, there must be an acting Treasurer (Ideally the Finance Officer of the Regional Staff) for each established Region. The individual who acts as Treasurer will be responsible for:

a) Keeping a fully written up cash book, detailing all monies received by category (e.g. donations at regional meetings, literature sales, sales of party literature etc.) and all monies paid out by category (e.g. election deposits, printing, purchase of leaflets etc.)
b) Preserving any invoices, receipts, vouchers, written up cheque stubs and copies of paying in slips
c) Producing these documents to the Finance Officer of the General Staff or his appointed agent in the function of his duty for the purpose of compiling Party accounts in accordance with the Party Financial Scheme.
d) Participating or organising meetings with the Finance Officers/Acting Treasurers in the chain of leadership for the purposes of efficient financial management

7.2.3.2 Accounting Units

Regions shall NOT be separate and autonomous accounting units under PPERA.

7.2.4 Regional Reporting Requirements

Regional Leadership may organise and lead meetings as they deem necessary for the function of their offices. They shall also be required to report and participate in meetings, using a set procedure, as determined by the overall Party leadership from time to time.

7.3 Branches

7.3.1 Authority to Establish Branches and Appoint Officers

The final Authority to Establish Branches is a power of the Party Leader. The power to Appoint Officers to Branch Leadership is a power of the Party Leader.

7.3.2 Branch Officers

For each branch organisation established by the Party, the Branch Leadership must contain, at minimum, two persons, a Regional Leader and a Regional Chief of Staff. The full summary of roles should, as far as practical, reflect the Party General Staff, and persons holding offices should report one-up to those holding the same offices.

7.3.3 Financial Duties

In accordance with Section 7.3.2, and for efficient management of finances, there must be an acting Treasurer (ideally the Finance Officer of the Branch Staff) for each established Branch. The individual who acts as Treasurer will be responsible for:

a) Keeping a fully written up cash book, detailing all monies received by category (e.g. donations at branch meetings, literature sales, sales of party literature etc.) and all monies paid out by category (e.g. election deposits, printing, purchase of leaflets etc.)
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7.4 Additional Tiers of Command

7.4.1 Authority to Create Additional Tiers of Command

The authority to establish additional tiers of command rests with the Party Leader. The authority to populate those tiers of command with appointed officers, and the nature and structure of those tiers of command, shall also be held by the Party Leader.

7.4.2 Purpose

Depending on the size and functionality of the Party, it may be prudent for the Party to establish additional administrative units (e.g. County) to assist in the timely and effective management of the Party and its activities.

8. Candidates (for Electoral purposes)

8.1 Authority to Approve Candidates

The final Authority to Approve Candidates rests with the Party Leader. The creation of lists of approved candidates should, in practice, be carried out by the Party Leader, Chief of Staff (Nominating Officer), and the other members of the General Staff as appropriate.

8.2 Removal of Candidates

A candidate may be removed from any list of approved candidates, or any list in which they are nominated as a candidate, using the same Authority to Approve, if:

a) It is reasonably believed that the candidate is going to be unable to fulfil the duties of any office to which they are elected
b) It is reasonably believed that the candidate will engage in an action likely to bring the Party into disrepute
c) The candidate has engaged in an act that can be reasonably considered to have brought the Party into disrepute
d) It would be inimical to the interests of the Party to continue to nominate that individual as a candidate.

In any case, any candidate that is removed from any list of approved candidates will be given brief reasons, as far as practical, for their removal.

8.3 Terms and Conditions of Candidacy

Any individual who agrees to become a candidate must agree to:

a) Not engage in any action which would be reasonably likely to bring the Party into disrepute
b) Not engage in any action which would be reasonably likely to be inimical to the interests of the Party
c) Not engage in any action which would likely cause a detrimental conflict of interest to the Party
d) Donate at least 10% of their salary from an office to which they are elected to the Party in the form of a registered donation

9. Temporary Provisions

9.1 Party Leadership

9.1.1 Party Leader

At the time of the formation of the party, the Party Leader (Section 3.1) shall be the founding Party Leader, without election to office. The provisions of Section 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 which cover the appointment and removal of the Party Leader shall not be imposable until:

a) The Party has been registered for a period of 24 months, OR;
b) The Party has accrued more than 1000 members, OR;

c) The Party leader resigns from office or dies at any point

9.2 Party Accounting

9.1.2 Deposit of Funds

If, at the time of the registration and formation of the Party, the Party does not have a bank account registered in the name of the Party (Section 5.1.1), then any monies received by the Party shall be held in a bank account not in the name of the Party and in the name of either the Treasurer or the Party Leader. Notwithstanding that the Treasurer shall make all necessary arrangements and accountancy practices to ensure that, until such time as the Party bank account is opened, all financial activities carried out for the purposes of the Party are recorded and detailed in such a transparent manner as required by law.

10. Constitutional Amendment

10.1 Authority to Amend the Constitution

The Authority to Amend the Constitution is a non-transferable power of the Party Leader, which can only be exercised in the following circumstances:

a) The proposed amendment is placed before the Party General Staff and passes a simple majority vote in agreement with the proposed amendment, or;
b) In the event that the Party General Staff and its offices are filled by fewer than six individuals, the vote must be put to the membership of the party, with a period of 28 days to submit either an approval or disapproval, with the count to be performed by the Chief of Staff.

10.2 Amendments

Once authority to amend is obtained, the amendment will be submitted for approval to the Electoral Commission.