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Branch Circular No 12/24

To: Members of the NEC  
All Branch Secretaries

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Dear All

**Re: Torquay Conference Motions**

In accordance with regulations for the conducting of Annual Conference Rule 3 (Annex 1), please find attached list of motions for inclusion within the conference agenda.

As in previous years, any amendments to the listed motions should be sent to the Chief Executive as soon as possible but **NOT LATER THAN THE 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024.**

Branch Chairman and Secretary must sign any amendments, which must be set out in clear terms in order that the desired intent is apparent and any amendments, which negate the original motion, will not be accepted.

**PLEASE FORWARD ANY AMENDMENTS VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS.**

Yours sincerely,

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### **Motion 1 – London Branch**

**That this Conference instructs the National Executive Committee to take steps to change the Articles and Rules of NARPO to allow all members of the company to vote on motions and resolutions laid before Conference.**

#### **Explanatory Note**

This would bring the new company in line with most other companies and organisations who allow all members a vote on matters affecting the governance of their company. NARPO Rules state whilst all members are allowed a vote at their own branch AGM, the new Articles and Rules carry on supporting a delegate system for attendance (and voting) at Conference with the number based on an algorithm determined by branch membership at each year end. This is unfair and undemocratic with around 300 delegates deciding outcomes affecting 93,000 members.

### **Motion 2 – London branch**

**In accordance with Rule 11.4 the Minimum Subscription applicable for 2025 should remain the same as that charged in 2024 unless a budgetary case of need is put forward to indicate otherwise.**

#### **Explanatory Note**

Following recent rises in the cost of living and the financial hardship facing many members, London branch believes there should be no increase to the minimum subscription in 2025. In 2022 NARPO members saw their NARPO subscription rise from £21.60 to £22.32 (3.1%), in 2023 it rose from £22.32 to £24.60 (10.1%), and in 2024 it rose from £24.60 to £26.28 (6.7%). Over these three years there has been a 21.67% increase in subscriptions. All increases of the minimum subscription should be based on a budgetary case of need which should be presented to Conference and not based on the simple formula of the increase in police pensions.

### **Motion 3 in the name of the NEC -1**

This Conference agrees to amend Article 9.2 of Association. After the words, “and the reason for it”, insert the words, “within 14 days” and after the words, “of that Branch whose decision,” insert the words, “independent of the original decision maker, shall be dealt with as soon as reasonably practicable,”.

The amended Article to read:

Any person whose application for Membership is refused shall be notified of that refusal and the reason for it within 14 clear days and may, within 14 days of such notification, appeal to the Branch Committee of that Branch whose decision, independent of the original decision maker, shall be dealt with as soon as reasonably practicable, and shall be final and binding.



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Explanatory Note:

The purpose of these amendments is to ensure that appeals against a decision by a Branch to refuse membership applications are progressed fairly and without undue delay.

#### **Motion 4 in the name of the NEC – 2**

This Conference agrees to amend Article 9.2 of Association by deleting the final sentence, “An appeal may be dealt with by the Branch Committee or the Branch Chair as the Branch Committee considers appropriate”.

Explanatory Note:

This sentence contradicts the previous sentence which empowers the Branch Committee to resolve appeals against a decision to refuse an application for membership.