



## Women's Equality Party Conference

26 November 2022

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Amendment title: **Amendment to limited consecutive terms of office for Scottish representation on the Steering Committee**

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Proposed by: **WE's Steering Committee**

Proposer: Alison Smith

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Type of amendment: **Amendment to business motion**

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Title of motion you wish to amend: **Scottish representation on the Steering Committee**

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### Motion text you wish to amend:

Line 6: Members of the Steering Committee joining under Articles 7.5.12 (iii), ~~(v)~~, (vi), (vii) and (viii) above may sit on the Steering Committee for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

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(N.B. Text in lilac and underlined is new text.)

### Wording of amendment:

- 1 Reinststate the deleted '(v),' to read 'Members of the Steering Committee joining under Articles
  - 2 7.5.12 (iii), (v), (vi), (vii) and (viii) above may sit on the Steering Committee for a maximum of two
  - 3 consecutive terms.'
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### Amendment rationale

- 4 Article 7.5.13 of WE's Constitution states that Members of the Steering Committee (SC) joining under
  - 5 various paragraphs of Article 7.5.12 may serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms.
  - 6 This is so that the SC has the regular opportunity for new Members to be elected to it, giving regular
  - 7 influxes of fresh vision and skills along with experience and consistency, also allowing more people a
  - 8 chance to represent their particular interests on the SC over a period of time.
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9 By asking Conference to insert a new Article 7.5.12(v) to the Constitution and then amending Article  
10 7.5.13 to delete '(v)', WE Scotland's motion makes its representative an exception to this rule which  
11 applies to hub co-ordinators who represent their local branches, as well as to all other elected SC  
12 members except the Leader, and is being amended to include Caucuses now they have been  
13 recognised as WE Caucuses and their representatives vote on the SC – if the motion carried  
14 unamended, it would allow a single WE Scotland representative to serve on the SC for an unlimited  
15 number of terms, instead of for two consecutive four-year terms.

16 WE's SC believes that to create this exception is unnecessary, commends this amendment to  
17 Conference, and asks Conference to vote the amendment through.

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