

## EUROPEAN MOVEMENT CONSTITUTION OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BRANCH

The undersigned Members of the European Movement are formally inaugurating a new branch of European Movement in Nottinghamshire on this day of the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The following represent the Constitution of Nottinghamshire Branch of European Movement approved and adopted by the officers and the members present on the same day of the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

### **Name:**

The Branch shall be called the *Nottinghamshire Branch of the European Movement* (NBEM). It shall operate in accordance with the European Movement (EM) of the United Kingdom (UK), and comply with the EM/UK's constitutional provisions.

### **Objectives of the Branch shall be:**

- to promote awareness of the European Union (EU)
- to disseminate a positive image of the European Union and Britain's role in Europe
- to campaign to remain a permanent member of the EU
- to further the aims and objectives of the European Movement by undertaking relevant activities.

### **Membership of the Branch:**

Membership shall be open to all and everybody who supports the objectives of the European Movement.

The branch will have four membership categories:

1. Full Members who have paid the annual European Movement (nationwide) subscription;
2. Associate Members who shall pay nominal fee of £1.00 to the Treasurer/Membership Secretary of NBEM. Associate Members ARE NOT members of nationwide EM and their membership is due for renewal every twelfth month.
3. Corporate Members who shall be co-opted at the discretion of the Committee.
4. In addition, Honorary Membership can be granted to individuals and corporations in recognition of their contribution to the objects of the Branch by Annual General Meeting of NBEM.

### **Officers:**

There shall be minimum of Five Branch Officers: 1) a Chairperson, 2) a Secretary, 3) a Treasurer, 4) a Membership Officer and 5) a Campaign Executive.

Nominations for the Officers' posts and Committee membership for the following year shall be received in writing by the Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM.

### **Committee:**

A Committee shall carry out Branch business between AGMs. It shall consist of the Officers and up to 5 other members elected at the AGM. If required, vacancies for Officers may be filled by substitution agreed by the Committee from amongst its members. The Committee shall have the power of co-option. The quorum for the Committee shall be 5, including at least 2 Officers; if required the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

**Funds and Duty of Care:**

The management of the Branch's funds shall comply with standard current financial practice.

**Annual General Meeting:**

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at a time to be decided by the Committee. All current paid-up members of the Branch shall be notified of the arrangements for an AGM at least 14 days in advance. All members present at the AGM shall be entitled to vote.

The quorum for voting at all General Meetings shall be 10 members, including at least 2 of the Officers. If necessary, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote

Minimal agenda for the AGM will be:

- a) a report from the Chairperson.
- b) annual statement of Accounts.
- c) election Officers and Committee members for the coming year.
- d) appointing or re-affirming an Auditor.
- e) conduct Any Other Business notified at least 7 days in advance.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be held by decision of the Committee, or at the written request of at least 10 paid-up Branch members. Members shall have at least 14 days' notice of an EGM.

Amendment of this Constitution may be made only at an AGM, or an EGM called for that purpose, with the voting approval of at least two thirds of the Branch members present.

**Branch Dissolution:**

If the Branch's activities cease, any remaining funds shall be disposed of by a decision of a final AGM or EGM. If such a meeting cannot be held or is inquorate, funds shall be transferred to EM/UK. If EM/UK's activities cease, the Branch shall continue its operations until the constitutional position is regularised.

To confirm the branch inauguration and adoption of the constitutions:



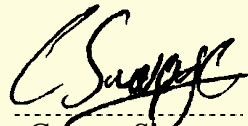
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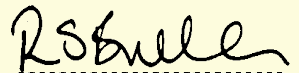
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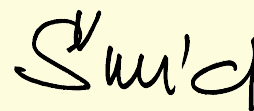
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