

<b>BYELAW 15 POLICIES OF THE UNION</b>	
<b>Adoption of Policies</b>	<p>1. Policies of the Union shall be decided by resolution passed by a two thirds majority vote of Union Council, or by decision of referendum.</p> <p>2. Policies must be consistent with these Articles of Governance and Bye Laws, and may not result in:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">2.1 serious financial implication for the Union</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">2.2 failure to comply with charity or education law, or other legal requirements, including ultra vires</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">2.3 damage to the reputation of the Union</p> <p>3. The decision of the Board of Trustees in these matters shall be final</p>
<b>Policies to be binding on the Union</b>	<p>4. Policies of the Union shall be binding on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ members of Union Council</li> <li>■ the Officer Committee (individually and collectively)</li> <li>■ Union Representatives</li> <li>■ members of all other committees</li> <li>■ officials and staff of the Union (in the course of their duties with the Union)</li> </ul>
<b>Register of Policies</b>	<p>5. It shall be the duty of the Democracy and Communications Officer to maintain a register of Policies, showing the terms of each Policy and the date of its adoption</p> <p>6. Any full member, trustee or employee of the Union may have access to the register of Policies upon application to the Democracy and Communications Officer</p>
<b>Alteration of a Policy</b>	<p>7. Policies remain in force for a period of 3 (three) calendar years after adoption, but</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">7.1 Union Council may, by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority vote, alter any Policy</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">7.2 no alteration shall be made to any Policy during the calendar year in which it was adopted</p>
<b>Lapse of Policy</b>	<p>8. Any Policy shall lapse:</p>

	<p>8.1 if it becomes in contravention of, or is inconsistent with, any applicable law, or the Objects or provisions of these Articles of Governance and Bye Laws, or</p> <p>8.2 if by a two thirds majority vote, Union Council resolves that the Policy shall lapse, subject to (7) above</p> <p>8.3 after a period of 3 (three) calendar years from the date the Policy was adopted, or if the Policy has been altered, 3 (three) calendar years from the date the alteration took effect</p> <p>9. It shall be the responsibility of the Democracy and Communications Officer to advise Union Council of any Policy due to lapse within the following calendar month</p>
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