

HUMANIST AND SECULARIST LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Annual General Meeting

On Line 10th November 2021 at 7pm.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the 2020 AGM (circulated with this notice)
- 3 Reports from executive committee:
 - a) Chair
 - b) Secretary
 - c) Treasurer.
 - d) Membership Secretary
- 4 Constitutional Amendment.

The Executive is putting forward this constitutional amendment:
Insert new sub-clause 10.2 and renumber following sub-clauses accordingly:
“The Treasurer may arrange internet-based access to the Group’s bank accounts, which may allow a nominated primary user or users to make payments by sole signature or by joint signature.”
- 5 Consideration of Annual Accounts for 2019 and 2020 (circulated with this notice)
- 6 Determination of the annual subscription for 2020/21
- 7 Close of nominations for election of Executive Committee
 - a) Chair
 - b) Vice-Chair
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Membership Secretary
 - f) Four Ordinary Members(nomination form circulated with this notice)
- 8 Election of Executive Committee officers and members to non-contested positions
- 9 Nomination & approval of Honorary Co-Presidents
 - a) Dr Julian Huppert
 - b) Christine Jardine MP
 - c) Baroness Lorely Burt
- 10 Honorary Co-Presidents’ comments (if any)
- 11 Appointment of examiner of the accounts for 2021.
- 12 Guest Speaker: Christine Jardine MP for Edinburgh West

Notes:

Item 4 – Constitutional Amendment

Some banks do not allow online full online bank account access unless this has been authorised in the organisation’s “governing document”. This wording covers that requirement.

Item 5 – Consideration of Annual Accounts for 2019 and 2020

The 2019 accounts were submitted in draft form to the 2020 AGM, but had not been finalised or signed off by the examiner. They have now been revised, and signed off by the examiner (Arnie Gibbons), and are therefore being resubmitted to this AGM.

The 2020 accounts have not yet been signed off by the examiner. If they are revised as a result of the examination, they will be resubmitted to the following AGM.

Item 6 - Annual Subscription

The retiring committee recommends that the annual subscription remain at £10.

Item 8 – Election of Committee:

For non-contested posts, election is by a simple majority of members present and voting at the AGM.

For contested posts, a postal ballot of all members will take place within six weeks after the AGM.

The new committee's members will take office seven days after the AGM (for uncontested positions) and immediately after the declaration of the result (for contested positions).

Item 9 – Nomination & approval of Hon. Co-Presidents

Hon. Presidents or Co-Presidents are nominated by the retiring committee and approved by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at the AGM.