LDER 2024 AGM: Minutes
November 21, 2024, 7.30pm on Zoom
Prepared by LDER Secretary, Sarah Lewis

1. Apologies for Absence	• Tom Brake • Wendy Chamberlain • Rowan Fitton • Duncan Greenland • Sue Kendrick • Rob Kinnon-Brettle • Diana Simpson • Kathryn Sturgeon • Sally Yalden
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 30 November 2023 (minutes) a. Accuracy b. Matters Arising	• 2023 Minutes approved
3. Reports a. Chair (full report from Keith Sharp)	• LDER is working with parliamentarians and also cross-party • We have also made progress in advancing our own campaign messaging and toolkits to equip local members/activists for doorstep campaigning • We continue to see a lot of opportunity in these areas moving into 2025 • We are supporting *Politics for the Many* on their work with trade unions: ○ Action for all: Please drop us a note if you have any LD trade union

	connections we can follow up with

b. Membership Secretary (full report from Helen Parker)	• This year has seen consistent growth in LDER membership (now 203 members, up from 132 last year) and newsletter subscribers (now 2040 subscribers up from 1180 last year).
	• Following the technology transition, we hope the website is easier to navigate
	• To ensure GDPR compliance we ask new members to confirm their subscription to our mailing list:
	  ○ Action for members: Please do follow the email journey that confirms permissions
	• Question from Sean Hagan: Do we have information on MPs, Peers and Councillors who have joined?
	  ○ Yes, LDER has seen an increase in MP members and subscribers, helped by collaboration with ERS, Make Votes Matter, Unlock Democracy
	  ○ We have briefed them all on LDER/electoral reform and will continue to do so
	  ○ We have worked with ALDC on the councillor recruitment side (recent focus has been on working with LD councillors in

	Wales on PR for local government) and there is more we can do here
c. Treasurer (full report from Kay Kirkham)	• LDER has over £4000 in the bank - less than last year but still financially strong position • 2025 budget will be finalised by the new Exec, in light of changes to the environment post-General Election
4. Annual Accounts a. To consider and approve the examined annual accounts for 2023. (2023 accounts)	• Clarification: accounts have already been approved and submitted (have to run a January - December year which does not align to AGM) so these accounts are for noting only • 2023 accounts noted
5. Membership fee a. Proposal to maintain fees at a minimum £10 per annum (£5 concessions)	• Approved
6. Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members a. President b. Chair c. Secretary d. Treasurer e. Membership Secretary f. Up to five Ordinary Members of the committee	• President: Sarah Olney MP ○ Proposed: Keith Sharp ○ Seconded: Sarah Lewis • Chair: Sarah Lewis ○ Proposed: Keith Sharp ○ Seconded: Denis Mollison • Secretary: Ali McVan ○ Proposed: Kathrine Santos ○ Seconded: Denis Mollison • Treasurer: Kay Kirkham ○ Proposed: Hazel Fell-Rayner ○ Seconded: Ian Minto

g. Co-options by the elected executive	• Membership Secretary: Helen Parker
	  ○ Proposed: Hina Bokhari
	  ○ Seconded: Ian Minto
	• Ordinary members: Keith Sharp, Hazel Fell-Rayner, Alec Sandiford, Hina Bokhari, Kathryn Sturgeon
	  ○ Proposed: Denis Mollison
	  ○ Seconded: Samuel James Jackson
	• Cooptions: LDER Constitution allows for three co-optees over the course of the year, requiring approval by the Executive Committee

7. Appointment of Examiner
a. To appoint an Examiner of the accounts for the coming year
	• Examiner: Dominic Mathon
	  ○ Proposed: Keith Sharp
	  ○ Seconded: Helen Parker

Close of formal AGM – approximately **8pm.**	**AOB:** • Sarah Lewis: Thanks to Keith Sharp for his service as Chair • Samuel James Jackon: Welcomes Keith Sharp response on policy motions and Keith will revert
Address by Sarah Olney MP (video recording)	