# DRAFT LDER 2025 AGM: Minutes

3 November 2025, 7.30pm on Zoom

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| **1. Apologies for Absence** | Received from:<br>● Alison de Verteuil<br>● Ali McVan<br>● Denis Mollison<br>● Rachel Dineley<br>● Susan Kendrick |
| **2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21 November 2024**<br><br>a. Accuracy<br>b. Matters Arising | The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed to be accurate.<br><br>There were no matters arising. |
| **3. Reports**<br><br>a. Chair | Sarah Lewis presented the Chair's report. The full report is available to read here.<br><br>Key points of note were:<br>● LDER strategy is being enacted in the landscape created by the outcomes of the 2024 General Election.<br>● LDER has focused on its mission to promote proportional representation through support for the APPG on Fair Elections.<br>● Thanks to Sarah Olney MP as President of LDER for 2025 and particularly noting her successful 10 Minute Rule.<br>○ Given the political environment there have been fewer opportunities since to headline PR messages.<br>● Thanks to Lisa Smart for serving as the Lib Dem Vice President of the APPG for Fair |

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| | Elections.<br>• Thanks to everyone who has helped at events and with member engagement.<br>• It had been hoped that we would make more progress in campaigning on doors and online so this should be a priority going forward. |
| b. Membership Secretary | Helen Parker presented the Membership Secretary's report. The full report is available to read here.<br><br>• Thanks for support at Conference on stall and at events.<br>• LDER has trialled topic-specific Zoom meetings - these have gone very well and hope they will become more regular going forward. |
| c. Treasurer<br>i) 2025 y-t-d;<br>ii) budget 2026 | Kay Kirkham presented the Treasurer's Report. The full report is available to read here.<br><br>• Noted that decision needed on Annual Membership fee to finalise 2026 budget (see item 5).<br><br>There were no questions on any of the reports. |
| **4. Annual Accounts**<br><br>a. To consider and approve the examined annual accounts for 2024 | The examined annual accounts for 2024, which had been approved by the Exec, were noted and accepted. |
| **5. Membership Fee** | Kay Kirkham presented on behalf of the Exec a motion proposing to increase fees to a minimum £20 per annum (£5 concessions) for new members. The full motion is available here.<br><br>The purpose of this being to give LDER more operational funds for activity and member |

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| | engagement. The amount proposed would be broadly in line with other AOs,<br><br>There were no questions on the motion and it was accepted. |
| **6. Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members** | The nominations received for Officer and ordinary Executive members was equal to the number of positions available. It was agreed therefore that the nominations would be read out and if those present indicated their approval the nominations would be accepted.<br><br>The nominees with proposers and seconders were as follows:<br><br>President: Olly Glover MP - proposed by Sarah Lewis, seconded by Keith Sharp<br><br>Chair: Keith Sharp - proposed by Hina Bokhari, seconded by Hazel Fell-Rayner<br><br>Secretary: Sarah Lewis - proposed by Keith Sharp, seconded by Helen Parker<br><br>Treasurer: Kay Kirkham - proposed by Keith Sharp, seconded by Hina Bokhari<br><br>Membership Secretary: Helen Parker - proposed by Sarah Lewis, seconded by Hazel Fell-Rayner<br><br>Ordinary members were proposed as a slate by Kay Kirkham and seconded by Keith Sharp:<br>Hina Bokhari<br>Stephen Gosling<br>Mark Pack<br>Katherine Santos<br>Hazel Fell-Rayner<br><br>All nominations were accepted. |

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| | Sarah Lewis noted that the new Exec may co-opt further ordinary members. |
| **7. Appointment of Examiner** | Dominic Mathon was proposed as Examiner of the accounts for the coming year by Kay Kirkham and seconded by Sarah Lewis.<br><br>The proposal was accepted. |
| **8. Motions & AOB** | No further motions were proposed to the AGM.<br><br>Keith Sharp gave thanks to Sarah Lewis for her work as chair during the year. |
| **Debate Session** | The formal business was followed by a panel debate chaired by Olly Glover MP with Lisa Smart MP (Liberal Democrat Cabinet Office spokesperson and Liberal Democrat Vice Chair, APPG for Fair Elections) and Cameron Thomas MP. |

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