

CONSTITUTION OF THE TRANSHUMANIST PARTY

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TRANSHUMANIST PARTY PRINCIPLES

The purpose of this section is to list the core principles of the Transhumanist Party (henceforth "TP" or "the Party"), which play a central functional role in this Constitution. Party policy details are open to interpretation and revision by the Party according to the rules in this Constitution, but the core elements listed below must consistently guide overall policy and strategy.

1.1

Evidence, Science, and Technology:

All policy will as far as possible be evidence-based rather than ideology-based. The Party shall support and advocate science and technology; existing to improve the human and societal condition through the use of technological tools. TP shall strive to create and implement technologies including but not limited to anti-ageing, rejuvenation medical technology, a policy of making people "Better Than Well" if they want, artificial and augmented intelligence, and other augmentations of human capabilities.

1.2

Bright Green:

TP shall use all means to work toward the abolition of unnecessary and involuntary suffering across society and throughout nature where appropriate, with particular emphasis on economic enterprises such as farming. The party is deemed to be *Bright Green* in the sense of advocating the use of high technology to minimise, and if possible reverse, the negative impact of humanity on the life of earth.

1.3

Personal Freedom, Social Justice:

TP advocates liberal social policy whereby all acts between mentally competent consenting adult citizens are legal. Furthermore, any mentally competent adult citizen may do to themselves as they will. These freedoms apply insofar as there is no identifiable victim and no extra-personal law broken. We advocate these freedoms in the context of strong social support for society's weakest members, and base policy on the principle "Nobody Left Behind". All citizens shall have a right to sustenance, clothing, shelter, education, healthcare, and access to information resources.

1.4

Principled Autonomy:

TP in government shall assert independence from control by religion, the military, and economic interests. The military will be solely limited to defence of the nation and democratic allies who embrace these principles. Under no circumstances will the military be used to attack any nation or group that has not directly attacked us or an immediate and significant ally to whom we are obliged by treaty.

2.0

PARTY MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

2.1

The National Executive Committee (NEC) is the principal governing and decision-making body in the Transhumanist Party.

2.1.1

The National Executive Committee (NEC) shall consist of the Party Leader, Party Secretary, the five additional Party Officers, five members' representatives, and additional non-voting advisors. The NEC therefore consists of a total of twelve voting positions, plus non-voting Advisors. All twelve Party Officers in the NEC must be full Party Members (see section 2.6), but non-voting Advisors do not need to be Party Members or Supporters.

2.1.2

The six Party Officers (including Party Secretary) are to be appointed by the Party Leader, and the remaining five members' representatives elected at the Annual General Meeting. In all cases the tenure of all members of the NEC (except the Party Leader and Secretary) expires on the day of the next AGM and all are subject to re-election or re-appointment as appropriate, on that day.

2.1.3

Any casual vacancy amongst members of the NEC shall remain unfilled until the next AGM.

2.1.4

The NEC shall appoint all positions necessary to comply with national legislation and any additionally that are deemed necessary.

2.1.5

The NEC may elect or appoint such committees as it decides are necessary, and shall specify the extent to which its powers are delegated to each committee.

2.1.6

The NEC directs the work of the Transhumanist Party, and is responsible for acting as an advisory body to the Party Leader in implementing the objectives of the Transhumanist Party. In particular, the NEC shall, under the direction of the Party Leader:

2.1.6.1

Be responsible for the organisation and finances of the Transhumanist Party.

2.1.6.2

Determine the Transhumanist Party priorities and approve the annual budget for Transhumanist Party income and expenditure.

2.1.6.3

Initiate and progress campaigns and political action.

2.1.6.4

Develop the Transhumanist Party political strategy.

2.1.6.5

Receive regular reports on Transhumanist Party finances from the Treasurer.

2.1.6.6

Ensure that Transhumanist Party policy is regularly reviewed.

2.1.6.7

Liaise with local Transhumanist Party Associations.

2.1.6.8

Set membership subscriptions and affiliation fees.

2.1.7

The NEC is responsible for developing standardised procedures, protocols, and order of business for its own meetings. Clear records of all such decisions must be kept by an appointed member of the NEC.

2.1.8

The six appointed Party Officers and five members' representatives who constitute the NEC may remove the Party Leader by a vote of no confidence. If nine out of those eleven members of the NEC pass a vote of no confidence in the Party Leader then that will trigger an election for the Party Leader and Secretary positions to be held at the next AGM, or no later than one month after the AGM. Such a vote must be proposed and seconded by different NEC members, and may only be taken a maximum of once per year.

2.1.9

The Party Leader may remove any NEC member from their position, for any reason and without warning if necessary, but that reason must be stated as a matter of record available to all Party members. In this event replacement Party Officers must be appointed within one month, and members' representatives must be replaced by Special Ballot of the membership within the same period.

2.2

Party Officers

2.2.1

Party Leader and Secretary

2.2.1.1

The Party Leader adjudicates application of this Constitution, and is the Party's primary decision-maker. While the Party Leader may discount advice from the NEC as a whole in coming to decisions, if this occurs it shall be noted in the minutes that the Party Leader acted against the advice of the NEC as a whole and takes sole responsibility for any outcome.

2.2.1.2

The Party Leader shall be elected using the single transferable vote by postal/electronic ballot of the membership. The term of office is five years.

2.2.1.3

In the event of the post of Party Leader becoming vacant an election will be held immediately after the next AGM, such election to be for a full term of five years. In the interim, all Party Leader decision-making and responsibilities are to be temporarily assumed by the Party Secretary, and if that position is also vacant then by majority vote in the NEC. If there is no Party Leader or Secretary and the NEC faces a hung vote, then the decision is made by the Treasurer.

2.2.1.4

The Party Leader and Secretary shall be entitled to receive the minutes, agenda and reports of all national committees and working groups of the Transhumanist Party, and shall be entitled to attend and speak at any meeting of the Party, at any level, or formally affiliated body.

2.2.1.5

All positions within the party, including the leadership, are independent of any public position to which the member is elected or appointed.

2.2.1.6

Leadership candidates must nominate their Secretary before election.

2.2.1.7

The Party Secretary is appointed by the Party Leader and the position lasts as long as the Party Leader holds the leadership.

2.2.1.8

The primary role of the Party Secretary is organisational and administrative management of the party on a daily basis. That management includes final adjudication in Constitutional matters in the absence of a ruling from the Party Leader, and oversight of delegation and disciplinary processes. The Secretary's formal statements are considered to have the implicit support and authority of the Party Leader, except where such support and authority cannot be automatically offered for constitutional reasons, or the Leader explicitly withholds it for any reason.

2.2.1.9

The secondary role of the Party Secretary is to perform whatever duties fall upon the Party Leader if the latter is unable to perform them for whatever reason. These can range from illness to a simple delegation of duties by the Party Leader. In this case the Party Secretary takes on the full authority of Party Leader, with corresponding responsibilities, until the Party Leader is able to resume their role.

2.2.2

The Party Treasurer is responsible for managing all financial matters of behalf of the Party, and to maintain clear and accurate records regarding those matters in accord with UK law and the requirements of this Constitution. For the particulars of the Treasurer's duties and rights, see section 3.4 (Party Finances).

2.2.3

The responsibilities of the Party Officer for Information Technology (IT Officer) are as follows:

2.2.3.1

Build and maintain the core IT systems used by the Party, including a reasonable degree of cooperation with international Transhumanist Party efforts.

2.2.3.2

Provide platforms that give Party Members, Supporters, and media the ability to share information effectively.

2.2.3.3

Secure Party Members' and Supporters' data against misappropriation, and develop data access policy in accord with ethical and legal requirements.

2.2.3.4

Proactively engage with Supporters and Officers to make effective use of existing and prospective platforms.

2.2.3.5

Configure voting activity in line with agreed Party policy.

2.2.3.6

Advise on Member and Supporter engagement, marketing, and data privacy policies.

2.2.3.7

Advise and support donor, Member and Supporter financial workflows.

2.2.4

The Public Relations and Campaigns Officer manages a broad range of functions within the Party, falling into the general categories of media relations, developing publications, community relations, research, and internal relations.

2.2.4.1

Media Relations

2.2.4.1.1

Develop TP media plan, on consultation with the Party Leader and other Officers.

2.2.4.1.2

Develop the relationship between TP and the media in accord with the Party's media plan.

2.2.4.1.3

Inform media of recent developments and activities, and respond to media enquiries.

2.2.4.1.4

Respond to relevant news events with the TP message when required.

2.2.4.2

Developing Publications

2.2.4.2.1

Develop handouts, flyers, multi-media material including videos and website content. Ensure website is kept up to date.

2.2.4.2.2

Write and/or contribute to and/or edit reports, case studies, and speeches.

2.2.4.2.3

Provide content for external media, TV, magazines, newspapers, etc.

2.2.4.3

Community Relations

2.2.4.3.1

Initiate enquiries toward other organisations that could be allies or supporters.

2.2.4.3.2

Uphold and improve the Party's reputation within the community.

2.2.4.3.3

Issue communiqués correcting any misapprehensions or misinformation that may be circulating.

2.2.4.4 Research

2.2.4.4.1
Conduct and analyse research on the perceptions and attitudes of target constituents, to develop effective communications programmes.

2.2.4.4.2
Collate media coverage of the Party and other closely related UK organisations.

2.2.4.5 Internal relations

2.2.4.5.1
Keep party members informed about party business.

2.2.4.5.2
Work closely with the Party Leader and officials to develop a coherent message and vision for public engagement.

2.2.4.5.3
Regularly report on the successes and failures of all the points above.

2.2.5
The Fundraising Officer is responsible for identifying and extending possible sources of funding for Party activities. This role's responsibilities fall into three categories:

2.2.5.1
Constant development and maintenance of networks through which funding might be made available.

2.2.5.2
Close cooperation with the Party Treasurer, in order to keep clear and accurate records of all financial matters pertaining to fundraising.

2.2.5.3
Ensuring compliance with UK law in all matters relating to fundraising and donations to the Party.

2.2.6
The Nominations Officer is responsible for coordinating and approving nomination of electoral candidates across the nation, on behalf of the NEC. In order to fulfill this role, the Nominations Officer must effectively liaise between the TPAs representing various constituencies, the PR & Campaigns Officer, and the Party Leader. The latter two points of contact reflect the need to approve nominations which reflect the Party's national electoral strategies.

2.3
Every Party Officer should where possible appoint a Deputy (or have one appointed by the Party Leader), whose role it is to assist the Officer in their duties, to help develop and maintain a team in support of that Officer, and to represent that Officer in any capacity where they are unable to personally attend to any responsibility.

2.3.1

The exception to this rule is the Party Leader and Secretary, who do not each require formal Deputies, as the Party Secretary effectively acts as a Deputy to the Leader. Any official effectively filling the role of "Deputy Party Secretary" is not to be formally known as a Deputy, to avoid confusion.

2.3.2

In any situation where a Party Officer cannot attend to a responsibility of their office (e.g. attending agreed NEC meetings), then their formally appointed Deputy will be expected to take the Officer's place. If neither an Officer nor their Deputy attends to a responsibility of their office, the matter may be addressed by the Party Leader.

2.4

In addition to the Party Leader, Party Secretary, five additional appointed Party Officers, and five members' representatives, the NEC formally includes non-voting members known as Advisors. The following parameters define the role of NEC Advisor:

2.4.1

There may be any number of Advisors, appointed to and dismissed from the NEC at the discretion of the Party Leader, upon advice from the NEC, with particular weight given to the advice of the voting members.

2.4.2

The Party Leader may choose to make clear the conditions under which a particular Advisory position will be maintained or removed from the NEC, but doing so is optional. Advisors do not need to be Party Members or Supporters as those terms are defined in this Constitution, but lack of Party support may contribute to dismissal of an Advisor.

2.4.3

Advisors may offer information and advice spontaneously or when called upon, but may not vote in any matter put before the NEC under any circumstances.

2.4.4

Advisors may urge Party Officers to vote a particular way, and may state what their vote would have been if they had one.

2.4.5

Each Advisory position must be established with a brief written remit tabled at the first formal NEC meeting they attend. Establishment of the position is dependent upon the Party Leader's agreement with the proposed remit, at that meeting.

2.4.6

Advisors may be joined or represented by a Deputy at NEC meetings, but that is the Advisor's choice and the Deputy has no powers that the Advisor does not.

2.4.7

Although Advisors and their Deputies are by default invited to attend all NEC meetings, they may be excluded from one or more meetings without the choice being considered extraordinary or subject to any challenge, at the discretion of the Party Leader.

2.4.8

As stated in section 2.0, the tenure of all NEC positions but Party Leader and Secretary ends and begins with each AGM. This rule also applies to Advisors, but the Party Leader will usually set the composition of the next period's initial Advisory panel with a single brief statement. Advisors who are listed on both the previous and new panel are considered to have ended their tenure and been re-appointed.

2.5

Candidates

2.5.1

The NEC is responsible for the system of candidate approval for elections to the national and international (such as European) parliaments.

2.5.2

In the case of local elections approval and selection of candidates is a matter for the TPA concerned, subject to the veto of the Party Leader acting under advisement of the NEC.

2.5.3

All Transhumanist Party candidates at any election must be paid up members of the Transhumanist Party.

2.5.4

No Transhumanist Party candidate at any election can be a member of a rival political party nor any other organisation deemed inimical to the aims of the Transhumanist Party Principles. The decision of what is considered an inimical organisation shall be decided by the NEC subject to ratification by the AGM. Co-membership in parties or organisations deemed neutral or supportive of the Transhumanist Party is considered acceptable.

2.5.5

The NEC shall maintain a list of approved candidates for national elections. The NEC shall also establish, and periodically review, the rules for approving national candidates.

2.5.6

All members of the Transhumanist Party may apply to become national candidates, but no member can become a candidate until they have been properly approved under the rules established by the NEC. No member may describe themselves as a national candidate, or prospective candidate, unless they have been properly approved.

2.5.7

The selection of a candidate for a particular UK parliamentary seat is the responsibility of the TPA whose area covers the seat. Where there is a contest for the selection all members of the Association shall be given the opportunity to vote. Where there is no TPA the NEC is responsible for selecting the candidate, although it may devolve that power as it sees fit.

2.5.8

For European elections the NEC shall ensure that where there is a contest for the selection, all members resident in the seat concerned have the opportunity to vote.

2.5.9

Because of their public status, Transhumanist Party candidates in all elections have a special duty to not do or say anything that may bring the Transhumanist Party into disrepute; a duty which, if they are elected, continues throughout their time in office.

2.5.10

Local Councillors who are members of the Party are granted full autonomy of decision making on behalf of their constituents. They are to use their best judgment concerning decisions affecting their local community. There will be no doctrinaire Party interference; i.e. they will effectively be "independents" under a Transhumanist Party "umbrella".

2.6

Basis of Party Membership

2.6.1

Membership of the Transhumanist Party is open to all people sixteen years of age or older, eligible by law to join UK political parties, who support the Transhumanist Party Principles listed in section 1.0.

2.6.2

Full membership of the Transhumanist Party is by two acts:

2.6.2.1

Payment of a subscription to the Transhumanist Party itself. Subscription rates (also referred to in this Constitution as "membership fees") shall be decided by the NEC.

2.6.2.2

Formal confirmation of adherence to the Transhumanist Party Principles, equivalent to an oath to uphold those Principles. The Transhumanist Party Principles are in this sense considered equivalent to Terms and Conditions, and behaviour incongruent with the Principles constitutes grounds for expulsion from the Transhumanist Party.

2.6.3

Members of organisations recognized by the Transhumanist Party as having perfectly compatible Principles and officially sharing membership privileges with the Transhumanist Party are exempt from the formal confirmation of adherence to Transhumanist Party Principles, which is considered to have already taken place. Exemption from payment of membership fees under these circumstances is dependent upon explicit and recorded agreement between the NEC and said organisations.

2.6.4

The members of the Transhumanist Party have the right to disagree with any aspect of Transhumanist Party policy, with the exception of the Transhumanist Party Principles. However, those who stand for public office have a special responsibility to think through their opposition and in their campaigning to make clear the difference between the Transhumanist Party's policy and their own view, in a manner which does not bring the Party into disrepute.

2.7

Rights of Party Members

2.7.1

All members of the Transhumanist Party have the following Rights which are to be respected and upheld by other members and by all the bodies functioning under this Constitution:

2.7.1.1

To be offered equal opportunities to participate in the activities of the Transhumanist Party, and not to be excluded by the deliberate withholding of information or by other unfair means.

2.7.1.2

To attend and observe any Transhumanist Party meeting (subject to the payment of the registration fee in meetings where such a fee is payable) unless that meeting specifically resolves that it is a closed meeting and states the reason why its business is confidential.

2.7.1.3

To have such details about themselves as may be held by the Transhumanist Party kept confidential and not disclosed to any other person without their permission.

2.7.1.4

To be promptly sent any information about the Transhumanist Party and its activities which is available, subject to payment of the reasonable costs of providing that information, but excluding membership lists and any other information which the NEC declares to be confidential.

2.8

Party Supporters

2.8.1

Party Supporters are people who support the Party's work or message, but who do not hold full membership for reasons including but not limited to any combination of the following:

2.8.1.1

Non-payment of subscription fees.

2.8.1.2

Not having confirmed adherence to the Transhumanist Party Principles.

2.8.1.3

Membership in an organisation not considered inimical to the Party, but which itself precludes formal co-membership.

2.8.1.4

Suspension or termination of membership, for reasons not serious enough to preclude the possibility of later re-application for membership.

2.8.1.5

Non-eligibility for Party membership status due to matters of law, either in the UK or the Supporter's home nation.

2.8.2

Party Supporter status does not allow a person to vote as part of any Party election, meeting, or ballot, or to stand as a candidate for the Party in any election. However, they may formally join the Party and any of its Associations as a Supporter and enjoy all other benefits of membership on that basis. Supporter status may still be

considered to apply whether a person belongs to any Party organizations or not.

2.9

Refusal or Revocation of Membership and Members' Disputes

2.9.1

Membership of the Transhumanist Party may be refused or revoked by the enrolling body, or by the NEC, or by Party Officers on the NEC's behalf, on any of the following grounds:

2.9.1.1

Active support for a person standing against a Transhumanist Party candidate.

2.9.1.2

Membership in or active support of a rival political party or any organisation opposed to the Transhumanist Party Principles, or otherwise deemed actively contrary to TP interests.

2.9.1.3

Disagreement with Transhumanist Party policy expressed in a way and to an extent, or personal conduct, that seriously casts doubt on the person's support for the Transhumanist Party Principles.

2.9.2

Anyone whose membership is refused or revoked may appeal in writing to the Party Leader who shall take reasonable steps to ascertain the full facts of the case and whose decision shall be final. A person whose membership has been refused or revoked may not apply for membership again until one year has passed.

2.9.3

In any dispute between members or groups of members efforts must first be made to resolve the matter at the most local level practical. If this has proved impossible the dispute may be referred to the NEC for decision.

3.0

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3.1

Members of the Transhumanist Party are encouraged to join together to form *Transhumanist Party Associations* (henceforth "TPAs" or simply "Associations"), which are formally constituted organisations considered to be integral parts of the Transhumanist Party.

3.1.1

TPAs cover one or more parliamentary constituencies. TPAs based on areas other than parliamentary constituencies may be formed with the agreement of the NEC.

3.1.2

The minimum membership of a TPA is five.

3.1.3

Each TPA will receive a monetary grant from the Transhumanist Party proportional to its membership and/or its expenses, approved in advance by the NEC, where possible.

3.1.4

Each TPA must have a constitution containing the following minimum requirements. The objectives of the TPA shall include:

3.1.4.1

To confirm formal inclusion within the Transhumanist Party.

3.1.4.2

To recruit new members to the Transhumanist Party.

3.1.4.3

To raise funds to support local, national, and international activities.

3.1.4.4

To promote, and increase understanding of, the Transhumanist Party Principles.

3.1.4.5

To select and support candidates in local elections.

3.1.4.6

To select and support candidates for each national constituency covered by the Association, subject to approval by the NEC.

3.1.4.7

A copy of the Association's constitution must be sent to the Party Leader of the Transhumanist Party, who must be informed whenever that constitution is amended.

3.1.4.8

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) must be held each year to which all the Association's members are invited. The AGM must elect at least three officers, including a Chairperson and a Treasurer.

3.1.4.9

If the Association is set up as a separate accounting unit a bank or building society account must be maintained for Association funds, an annual financial statement presented to the Association AGM, and a copy of the annual financial statement sent to the Treasurer of the Transhumanist Party.

3.1.5

The Party Leader of the Transhumanist Party is responsible for ensuring that each TPA's constitution complies with the Constitution of the Transhumanist Party.

3.1.6

The NEC may refuse or revoke the status of any TPA which, in its opinion, does not support the Transhumanist Party Principles, which has not abided by the terms of this Constitution, or which by its activities risks bringing the Party into disrepute. This decision is taken by the Party Leader under the advisement of the NEC. Before the decision comes into effect the NEC shall explain the grounds to the Association and give the Association two months in which to satisfy the NEC that those grounds no longer exist.

3.1.7

Failure by any Association or its officers at any time to provide information on time to the Transhumanist Party which is required to

comply with Government legislation may result in that Association's immediate disaffiliation.

3.1.8

Transhumanist Party members may form informal groups to promote the Transhumanist Party Principles in localities not covered by formal affiliated Transhumanist Party Associations or to pursue a particular interest, or to develop policy. These groups have no formal status within the Transhumanist Party. Informal groups may subsequently apply for TPA status provided they satisfy the requirements under this section of the Constitution.

3.2

Regional and National Federations

3.2.1

Any group of Associations may decide to form a Regional or National Federation. National Federations are not defined by geography, but by common themes or interests of their members. The geographical or thematic boundaries of Regional or National Federations are subject to the agreement of the Party Leader under the advisement of the NEC, but the Party Leader may not refuse to agree without giving explicit reason for that refusal.

3.2.2

The Party Leader, under advisement of the NEC, may dissolve any Regional or National Federation which, in its opinion, is acting against the best interests of the Transhumanist Party or in a manner likely to bring the Transhumanist Party into disrepute. Any funds held by a Regional or National Federation that has been set up as a separate accounting unit will on its dissolution be passed to the next higher body within the Party.

3.3

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Special Assemblies

3.3.1

All members of the Transhumanist Party are entitled to attend the AGM, subject to payment of a registration fee to cover administrative and venue costs.

3.3.2

There shall be at least one meeting of the AGM in each calendar year. The NEC may convene other national meetings of members of the Transhumanist Party between AGMs, and may charge a registration fee for such meetings. Such additional meetings are known as "Special Assemblies", and must be announced with an itemised order of business. No business may be taken at Special Assemblies unless it has been specified in the calling notice.

3.3.3

For the duration of the meeting, the AGM acts as the second decision-making body of the Transhumanist Party. The functions of AGM as a decision-making body are:

3.3.3.1

To consider policy motions for formal acceptance by the Party.

3.3.3.2

To receive a report from the NEC on its work.

3.3.3.3

To receive audited accounts and a report from the Treasurer.

3.3.3.4

To elect up to five members of the NEC for the period until the following AGM.

3.3.4

Motions which involve expenditure by the Transhumanist Party must be framed as recommendations to the NEC, and require subsequent formal approval by that body independent of any AGM vote.

3.3.5

Transhumanist Party policy shall consist only of resolutions passed at the AGM, and subsequently approved by the NEC where necessary. Such other election manifestos and policy statements as may be produced by the Transhumanist Party shall not contradict Party policy but may discuss, explain, clarify, promote or amplify it.

3.4

Party Finances

3.4.1

The finances of the Transhumanist Party are the responsibility of the NEC which, at its first meeting after the AGM, must include an appointed Treasurer. The Treasurer must keep a proper set of accounting records and has overall and final responsibility for the drawing and paying of monies, and for all monetary transactions on behalf of the Party.

3.4.2

The Treasurer has a place as of right on any committee appointed to oversee the finances of the Transhumanist Party at any level, and has a right to address any meeting of that committee, or the NEC, on the financial implications of a proposal before any final vote on that proposal is taken.

3.4.3

At the end of each financial year the Transhumanist Party's accounts are to be audited by a qualified accountant appointed by the NEC, unless income or reserves are less than the minimum stipulated by government legislation for the preceding year. In the latter case the Treasurer will prepare the accounts.

3.4.4

The Transhumanist Party's accounts are to be available for review by all Party members.

3.4.5

This Constitution specifically prohibits the Transhumanist Party or Transhumanist Party Associations from borrowing money, secured or unsecured, by way of overdraft or loan.

3.4.6

No employee of the Party shall be paid more than the national average wage for a minimum thirty five hour week, and pro-rata for fewer hours worked. No more than half the party income may be spent on wages.

3.4.7

No employee or member on Party business shall use premium services for travel or accommodation unless there is no alternative.

3.5

Commencement of Party

3.5.1

The first AGM is to be held within one year of the registration of the Party, and subsequent AGMs are not to be held more than 13 months apart.

3.5.2

Initially all finances will be managed by the NEC and the Party Treasurer. However, separate accounting units may subsequently be established by the NEC.

3.5.3

The first election for the position of Party Leader will occur one full term (five years) after the first AGM, provided that alternative candidates present themselves for election. If there are no alternative candidates the current Party Leader will continue in the post for a subsequent five year term. This process shall continue until a new Party Leader is elected or the incumbent Party Leader resigns.

3.5.4

In the event of the Party Leader's resignation, that role's responsibilities will be assumed by the Party Secretary and NEC, with an election declared at each AGM until a new Party Leader is elected for a five year term.

3.5.5

The initial Constitution of the Transhumanist Party registered with UK governmental authorities shall be known as Version 1.0, and later amended copies distinguished by their version numbers.

3.6

Dissolution of the Transhumanist Party

3.6.1

The Transhumanist Party may only be dissolved if a proposal to that effect is passed by both:

3.6.1.1

A three-quarters majority at a properly convened Special Assembly; and subsequently

3.6.1.2

A four-fifths majority in a postal/electronic ballot of the membership, provided that at least half of the entire membership vote in favour of the dissolution.

3.6.2

The postal/electronic ballot provided must be completed within three months of the success of a dissolution motion at a Special Assembly.

3.6.3

Any proposal to dissolve the Transhumanist Party must incorporate proposals for the proper disposal of the assets and records of the Transhumanist Party.

3.7

Amendments and Interpretation

3.7.1

The previous section of this Constitution (section 3.6; Dissolution of the Transhumanist Party) may only be amended by a three-quarters majority at an AGM, followed by a four-fifths majority in a postal/electronic ballot of the membership, provided that at least half of the entire membership vote in favour of the amendment.

3.7.2

This Constitution may only be amended by a two-thirds majority of members. Constitutional amendments may be proposed by the Party Leader, Party Secretary, NEC, or any TPA. The same Constitutional Amendment may not be raised twice within one year. The decision as to whether a new motion is sufficiently dissimilar to a previous one within this period is to be decided by the Party Leader.

3.7.3

The cost of polling the membership will normally be borne by the Transhumanist Party but may, at the discretion of the Party Leader, fall upon the TPA if such has made the proposal for amendment.

3.7.4

No Amendment may be proposed that seeks to negate the Transhumanist Party Principles as this is deemed to be the core element that defines the Transhumanist Party as a political and philosophical body.

3.7.5

If there is any question of interpretation of this Constitution, or if a matter arises where the Constitution is silent, the Party Leader shall give a ruling.

3.7.6

All amendments approved in a single set of votes by the membership shall collectively give rise to a new version of the Constitution of the Transhumanist Party, distinguished by an appropriate version number increment determined by the Party Leader.