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ALLIANCE

**Constitution
2026**

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Alliance Constitution

As Amended at 2026 Conference

1. NAME

- 1.1. The name of the Society is the Alliance Party Incorporated (in this Constitution referred to as the 'Alliance Party').
- 1.2. The Alliance Party shall be an Incorporated Society operating as a political party for the purposes of the Electoral Act 1993.

2. CHARITABLE STATUS

- 2.2. The Alliance Party is not and does not intend to be registered as a charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005.

3 PRINCIPLES

- 3.1. The Alliance Party is a party of the left with policies based on socialist principles of democracy, equality, and social ownership. It endeavours to be the electoral expression of the broad socialist and social democratic left in Aotearoa New Zealand.

- 13.2 The Alliance Party principles are:

- 3.2.1 All people should enjoy secure, well-paid work; high-quality, free education and healthcare; affordable housing and power; a safe, sustainable environment; and the right to make decisions about their lives and communities.
- 3.2.2 A productive, environmentally sustainable economy operated in the interests of all New Zealanders to ensure full employment and a fair distribution of wealth. Achieving this means public ownership and control of key national and local assets, especially of water, electricity, telecommunications, railways, coastal shipping, ports, and airports.
- 3.2.3 All workers are entitled to meaningful work and to a secure wage for themselves and their families, to combine in unions to advocate for their interests, while also recognising the contribution of unpaid work.
- 3.2.4 Every person is entitled to the resources needed to fully participate in society and the purpose of the social welfare system is to guarantee this.
- 3.2.5 Wealth should be redistributed through means such as a highly progressive taxation system to achieve a just and equitable society without poverty or discrimination.
- 3.2.6 Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the basis for a genuine partnership between tangata whenua and all other people in Aotearoa New Zealand. Land and other grievances must be redressed, Māori customary rights safeguarded, and Māoritanga and Te Reo protected and promoted as the first culture and language of Aotearoa New Zealand.

- 3.2.7 The society we envisage is one in which racism, sectarianism, homophobia, ageism, and discrimination against women and people with disabilities have no place, where diversity is recognised as a strength and each individual's contribution is valued, and where every person is treated with respect in accordance with their basic human rights.
- 3.2.8 The destruction of our natural environment must be halted and we must actively promote its restoration and protection. A prosperous economy and a stable society in the future requires a natural world in balance.
- 3.2.9 Aotearoa New Zealand must play a positive role globally with an independent foreign policy that promotes social justice, peaceful resolution of conflicts, and opposes all wars of aggression. We should strengthen our ties with our Pacific neighbours.
- 3.2.10 Global capitalism is not permanent or invincible – we must challenge that conventional assumption and fight for a socialist alternative for society.

4 OBJECTIVES

4.1 The objectives of the Alliance Party are:

- 4.1.1 To organise and fight for Alliance Party principles and policies outside Parliament.
- 4.1.2 To contest Parliamentary and local body elections as an independent party of the left as a platform for winning support for Alliance Party principles and policies and building a mass democratic party.
- 4.1.3 To win seats in Parliament and on local authorities to enable us to implement Alliance Party policies.
- 4.1.4 To unite socialists and social democrats from all traditions, allowing different ideas and perspectives to be discussed within the Party in an environment of tolerance and respect. This includes the ability to create formal factions (affiliated groups and networks) within the Party.
- 4.1.5 To build links in solidarity with all those resisting inequality and injustice around the world.

5. CONTACT PERSON

- 5.1. The Alliance party shall have at least 1 but no more than 3 contact person(s) whom the Registrar can contact when needed.
- 5.2. The Union's contact person must be:
- 5.3. At least 18 years of age, and
- 5.4. Ordinarily resident in New Zealand.

- 5.5. A contact person can be appointed by the Alliance Party Council or elected by the members at the Alliance Party conference.
- 5.6. Each contact person's name must be provided to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, along with their contact details, including:
 - 5.6.1. a physical address or an electronic address,
 - 5.6.2. and a telephone number.
- 5.7. Any change in that contact person or that person's name or contact details shall be advised to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies within 20 Working Days of that change occurring, or the Union becoming aware of the change.

6 MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1. Any person of at least thirteen years of age may make an application to join the Alliance.
- 6.2. Any person may be approved for membership by the Alliance Party Council who:
- 6.3. Acknowledges the founding principles of the Alliance Party
- 6.4. Works to support the Alliance Party objectives
- 6.5. Acts within the Alliance Party Constitution
- 6.6. Abides by lawful Alliance Party decisions made in accordance with the Alliance Party Constitution
- 6.7. Pays the appropriate annual membership fee, and
- 6.8. Is not a member of any political organisation deemed by the Alliance Party Council to be incompatible with the Alliance Party.
- 6.9. New members shall be advised in writing by the Alliance Party Council of the acceptance of their Alliance Party membership. Commencement of membership for the purpose of clauses 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7 shall take effect from the date of application.
- 6.10. On acceptance, financial members shall be entitled to attend and participate in Alliance Party membership meetings to stand for Alliance Party internal office-holders positions.
- 6.11. After three months of membership, any member shall be entitled to vote in local candidate and list selections.
- 6.12. After twelve months of membership, any member shall be eligible for election into the candidate pool by four financial members of the Alliance Party. The Alliance Party Council, by a majority vote of its voting members, may waive any of the above requirements with respect to individual candidates.

- 6.13. The financial term of ordinary Alliance Party members is twelve months. Where a member is twelve months overdue, they shall be deemed to be un-financial and shall lose membership rights.
- 6.14. Any person whose membership application is deferred will be advised in writing and given the right to petition the next meeting of the Alliance Party Council. The Council may decline a membership application that the Council believes does not meet the criteria outlined in 3.2. The applicant shall be advised in writing of the decision. The applicant may appeal that decision at the next Alliance Party Council meeting where the decision shall be final.

7. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- 7.1. Disciplinary action may be brought against any member who:
- 7.2. Refuses to comply with the Constitution
- 7.3. Improperly deals with any funds of the Alliance Party
- 7.4. Breaches the Candidates' Pledge
- 7.5. Wilfully undermines the Alliance Party's objectives
- 7.6. Has been found to be guilty of a harassment complaint against them through the Alliance Harassment Procedures
- 7.7. In any other way wilfully brings the Alliance or its members into public disrepute.
- 7.8. A complaint against a member for any of the above reasons shall first be communicated in writing to the President. The President shall, in the first instance, try to resolve the matter with the individuals concerned.
- 7.9. If this procedure is inappropriate, or has not resolved the matter, the President shall refer the complaint to the Alliance Party Council, which shall establish a grievance committee of three members.
- 7.10. Any grievance committee established shall, throughout an enquiry, observe the principles of natural justice, and in particular:
- 7.11. Must make available promptly to the parties involved full details of the nature of the enquiry and of allegations made; and
- 7.12. Must give any party against whom allegations are made notice of a hearing of at least fourteen days. Any member being interviewed by the grievance committee shall be entitled to have a representative of their choosing present.
- 7.13. The Grievance Committee shall communicate its findings and reasons for them in writing to the parties. Where appropriate, the Grievance Committee may recommend a remedy, or in the case of serious matters, may recommend penalties, which may include censure, suspension, or expulsion from the Alliance Party.

- 7.14. Any party to the proceedings may within seven days of being notified of such resolution appeal to the Alliance Party Council against the Grievance Committee's decision. The decision of the Council (or the Grievance Committee if not appealed) shall be final and binding on all members.
- 7.15. If a member facing a charge has to travel to appear before the Grievance Committee, he or she shall meet such costs. A member facing a charge will always have the option to join remotely via a web-conferencing platform.
- 7.16. If the Grievance Committee finds that any complaint or charge has been made maliciously, or that no case has been made out for it, the Committee may recommend to the Alliance Party Council that the member/s bringing such complaint or charge be held liable for all or part of the costs of the enquiry, including those of the member/s facing the charge, and if a majority of the members of the Council support such a recommendation, the Treasurer shall attempt to recover such costs.
- 7.17. The Alliance Party Council's decision on malicious complaints shall be final and binding.

8. AFFILIATED GROUPS/NETWORKS

- 8.1 The Alliance Party Council on behalf of the Alliance Party may approve the formation and affiliation of sector groups and networks which the Council considers will further the objectives of the Alliance Party as a result of the co-ordination and organisation of such groups. Approval of affiliated groups and networks shall not be withheld without due cause.
- 8.2 Such affiliated groups and networks shall have such rights and responsibilities as may be determined by the Alliance Council on a case-by-case basis. Groups may petition the Alliance Party Council for specific rights and responsibilities as they see fit.
- 8.3 The Alliance Party Council shall annually review each group or network. Where the Council believes an affiliated group or network is unable to function effectively or further the objectives of the Alliance, the Council may make such recommendations as necessary up to and including the disbanding of the affiliated group or network.
- 8.4 Any such decision shall require a vote of the membership to be conducted online. The group or network in question will be given the opportunity to make their case to the membership before voting begins.

9. ALLIANCE BRANCHES

- 9.1. A branch of the Alliance shall be approved by the Alliance Party Council. A Branch may represent members of a sector, or part of an electorate, and may cross electorate boundaries.
- 9.2. Branches shall elect officers annually to fulfil the following functions:
 - 9.2.1. Chairperson/Convenor

- 9.2.2. Secretary
- 9.2.3. Treasurer
- 9.2.4. Membership Secretary

- 9.3. No one person shall fulfil more than two of the above functions.
- 9.4. Branches shall give all financial members of the Branch at least seven days written or electronic notice of any Branch Annual General Meeting, candidate selection meeting, or delegate selection meeting for Alliance National Conference or list conferences.
- 9.5. Branches shall allow all financial members of the Branch to attend, vote and fully participate in discussions and decisions at Branch meetings. Authorised members of the Alliance Party Council have the right to attend and address Branch meetings.
- 9.6. Where there is more than one Branch in an electorate, each Branch will be represented on an Electorate Committee which will make any decisions required to be made on an electorate boundary basis.
- 9.7. Branches shall allow financial members from outside the Branch boundaries to be members of the Branch. Such members will have all the rights and responsibilities of a resident member except they may not vote in local candidate selections and may only vote at Branch Annual General Meetings if they have been a financial member of the Branch for the three months prior to the Annual General Meeting. No member shall be an officeholder in more than one Branch.
- 9.8. Branches shall, where practicable, hold monthly meetings open to all financial members from February to December. If a Branch does not meet for a three-month period, the Alliance General Secretary may require the Branch to meet within thirty days of notification. If the branch fails to meet within the thirty-day period, The General Secretary, or their nominated representative, may organise a meeting of the Branch. The meeting must be notified in writing to all financial members at least seven days in advance.
- 9.9. Branches shall supply copies of meeting minutes, records and notices to the Alliance General Secretary or their nominated agent upon request.
- 9.10. Branches shall regularly forward membership applications and fees to the national office, along with changes to current membership details.
- 9.11. Branches shall maintain an accurate record of Branch finances and meet their legal financial responsibilities and agreed financial responsibilities to the regional and national bodies of the Alliance Party.
- 9.12. Branches (or Electorate Committees, where there is more than one Branch within an electorate), have the right to be represented on the following Alliance bodies:

10. Alliance Annual, Special, and Candidate List Selection Conferences

- 10.1. One delegate for every five branch members or part thereof up to a maximum of twenty delegates for national conferences.

- 10.2. Branches shall have the right to submit policy, constitutional, and other remits from branch meetings, for consideration at Alliance National Conferences
- 10.3. Branches have the right to be represented on Alliance bodies subject to operating a functioning Branch committee and meeting relevant registration or other fees.

11. ROLE OF ALLIANCE CONFERENCE

Authority of Conference:

- 11.1. The Alliance Party conference is the supreme decision-making body of the Alliance Party. Conference decisions will be forwarded to the Alliance Party Council for action
- 11.2. Vote on policy remits
- 11.3. Vote on constitutional remits
- 11.4. Approve Council reports
- 11.5. Approve pre-election policy platform
- 11.6. Approve any Coalition Government agreements
- 11.7. Elect President
- 11.8. Elect two Co-Leaders
- 11.9. Elect Alliance Party spokespeople
- 11.10. Any other matter as approved by the Alliance Party Council.
- 11.11. The President shall not also be elected as a Co-Leader.
- 11.12. The Alliance Annual Conference shall be held nationally at least once in each calendar year.
- 11.13. Voting Representation:
- 11.14. Alliance Officers
- 11.15. President, Co-Leaders
- 11.16. Branches:
- 11.17. One delegate for every five members. Delegate representation shall be determined by the number of financial members as of six weeks prior to the conference.

Decision Making:

- 11.18. All resolutions shall be determined by accredited voting delegates present, each of whom has one vote.

- 11.19. All Conference decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote of those voting representatives present.
- 11.20. Where conference delegates are required to elect office holders a Single Transferable Voting system as approved by the Alliance Party Council shall be used.
- 11.21. The Alliance Party Conference agenda and proposals regarding decisions must be circulated no later than six weeks prior, with provisions for items of special business as approved by the Alliance Party Council.
- 11.22. Nominations for the positions of Co-Leaders, President, and Policy Committee Representatives shall be closed and circulated to all constituent bodies six weeks prior to the conference, unless the Council or Council Executive agrees to an extension of the nomination deadline.

Quorum

- 11.23. A quorum of the Conference shall be not less than fifty percent of those duly appointed to attend and registered conference delegates. That quorum shall include at least one delegate from not less than fifty percent of branches.

12. GENERAL MEETINGS (new clauses inserted after Conference section)

- 12.1. The Alliance Party shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year. The Annual Conference shall be deemed to satisfy this requirement where it fulfils the purposes of an Annual General Meeting.
- 12.2. At least 20 Working Days' notice of a General Meeting shall be given to members. Any motion to be considered at a General Meeting must be submitted at least 10 Working Days before the meeting unless accepted as urgent business by the meeting.
- 12.3. A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 20% of financial members or 50 members, whichever is the lower number.
- 12.4. The President shall chair General Meetings. If the President is absent, the meeting shall elect a chairperson from those present. The chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of a tied vote and may adjourn the meeting if necessary.
- 12.5. General Meetings may be held in person or by electronic means. A written resolution in place of a General Meeting may be passed if 75% of eligible members approve the resolution. A Special General Meeting must be called if requested in writing by at least 10% of eligible members.

13. ROLE OF ALLIANCE PARTY COUNCIL

- 13.1. Authority of the Council:
- 13.2. Set the national budget
- 13.3. Set party, network, electorate, and membership fees

- 13.4. Confirm constitutional decisions
- 13.5. Establish and appoint members to Council sub-committees
- 13.6. Determine job description of President and other officers
- 13.7. Approve reports and work of all Alliance bodies
- 13.8. Oversee the process of coalition negotiations and make recommendations to the Alliance Conference on coalition formation
- 13.9. Approve the formation of Alliance bodies
- 13.10. Suspend membership of individuals and/or Alliance bodies in accordance with the rules of the constitution
- 13.11. Elect candidates into the candidate pool
- 13.12. Confirm Cabinet Minister appointments by secret ballot on nomination of the Alliance Co-Leaders.
- 13.13. Act in accordance with the Alliance constitution.
- 13.14. Between Alliance Conferences, the Alliance Party Council has delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Alliance organisation.
- 13.15. The Alliance Party Council shall meet at least four times per year in person or by telephone or online conference calls as determined by the Council no later than 31 January of each year.
- 13.16. Alliance Party Council membership shall be:
 - 13.16.1.1. President
 - 13.16.1.2. Co-Leaders
 - ~~13.16.1.3. Two Policy Coordinators~~
 - 13.16.1.4. Branch Representatives
 - 13.16.1.5. Affiliated group representatives, as determined by the Council
 - 13.16.1.6. Members of Parliament who do not hold other positions on the Council (non-voting)
 - 13.16.1.7. General Secretary (non-voting)

Decision Making:

- 13.17. All Council members, except non-voting MPs and the General Secretary, shall have full participation and rights and receive one vote each.
- 13.18. Council decisions shall aim for consensus but, where appropriate, decisions shall be made by a majority vote of councillors present.
- 13.19. Election of nominees into the candidate pool shall be made by a majority vote.

- 13.20. Where a vote is taken on an election of officers, the Single Transferable Voting System as approved by the Alliance Party Council will be used to determine the successful candidate.

14. ROLE OF ALLIANCE PARTY COUNCIL (additional clauses inserted)

- 14.1. Meetings of the Council
- 14.2. The Alliance Party Council shall meet at least four times each year.
- 14.3. A quorum for a Council meeting shall be half of the voting members of the Council.
- 14.4. Decisions of the Council shall be made by majority vote of those present. The chairperson shall have a casting vote if the votes are tied.
- 14.5. Council meetings may be held in person or by electronic means.

15. CAUCUS

- 15.1. The parliamentary caucus shall determine the management of Alliance Party parliamentary work and activities to advance the Alliance Party Objectives in accordance with Alliance Council decisions.
- 15.2. The members of the parliamentary caucus shall include:
 - 15.2.1. Alliance Co-Leaders who shall convene and chair caucus meetings
 - 15.2.2. Alliance Members of Parliament
 - 15.2.3. Alliance President
 - 15.2.4. Alliance General Secretary
 - 15.2.5. Two representatives elected by the Alliance Party Council

16. POLICY PROCESS

- 16.1 Policy development is the purview of all interested Alliance Party members, and the responsibility of Alliance Party spokespeople, who will work with reference groups comprised of Alliance members with expertise or special interests in the relevant area of policy.
- 16.2 Policy development will be co-ordinated by two Policy Representatives who shall be elected to the Alliance Party Council by the Alliance Conference.
- 16.3 New policies or changes to existing policy must be approved by Conference following discussion by members in branches and at regional conferences. The new policies or policy changes must have been previously circulated in accordance with clause 9.6.

17. CANDIDATE SELECTION

Electorate Selection process

- 17.1 Eligibility for Constituency Candidates:
- 17.2 All nominees for electorate seats shall be nominated into the candidate pool by four financial members of the Alliance.
- 17.3 Each nominee into the candidate pool shall state the electorate for which they intend to stand.
- 17.4 A nominee shall be eligible to stand for selection as a parliamentary candidate for that electorate once they have received a majority vote of the Alliance Party Council.

Uncontested Selection Meeting:

- 17.5 A date for any selection shall be set by the Alliance Party Council in consultation with the local, regional, and electorate committees.
- 17.6 In the event of an uncontested election, the local members present at such a meeting shall endorse the sole nominee by secret ballot vote.
- 17.7 Each party member, resident in the electorate, shall be advised no later than seven days prior to the meeting.
- 17.8 Each eligible Alliance member present shall receive one vote.
- 17.9 The nominee shall be declared as the parliamentary candidate by simple majority of votes cast.
- 17.10 The candidate shall automatically be eligible for the party list.

Contested Selection Meeting:

- 17.11 A date for any selection shall be set by the Alliance Party Council in consultation with the local, regional, and electorate committees.
- 17.12 Each party member, resident in the electorate, shall be advised no later than seven days prior to the meeting.
- 17.13 In the case of two or more nominees, the successful candidate shall be selected by a selection panel.
- 17.14 The Chair of this panel shall be appointed by the Alliance Party Council.
- 17.15 The panel shall include two regional representatives selected by the local regional committee.
- 17.16 The local electorate members shall select three panel members where there are up to twenty-nine members in attendance at the selection meeting. Where there are thirty to thirty-nine members present, the meeting may select an additional panel member. Where there are forty or more members present, the meeting may select a further panel member, making a maximum of five local panel members in total.

- 17.17 A secret ballot of all eligible Alliance members present at the selection meeting shall be conducted in a preferential vote.
- 17.18 The result of the preferential vote from the meeting shall be tabled to the selection panel prior to its vote on the candidate.
- 17.19 All members of the selection panel shall receive one vote each.
- 17.20 Where a selection panel has a tied vote, the preferential vote from the meeting shall act as a casting vote.
- 17.21 The nominee who receives a majority vote of the panel shall be declared the successful candidate for the electorate.
- 17.22 The candidate shall automatically be eligible for the party list.

List Selection Process

Candidate Pool:

- 17.23 Any financial member nominated by four financial members of the Alliance may be nominated into the candidate pool.
- 17.24 A nominee is elected into the candidate pool by receiving a majority vote of Alliance Party Council members.

Eligibility for Party List:

- 17.25 All candidates elected into the candidate pool are eligible to stand for the Party List.

National List Committee:

- 17.26 The President shall chair the National List Committee.
- 17.27 Each Regional List Caucus shall have two representatives each, making eight in total.
- 17.28 The Alliance Party Council shall elect a further three representatives to the List Committee. The Council shall make such nominations as to ensure that the membership of the Committee, as a whole, takes into account gender and Te Tiriti o Waitangi commitments, as well as the merit of individual panel members.
- 17.29 No parliamentary candidate for the list, except the Co-Leaders and President, may be eligible for membership of the List Committee.
- 17.30 The List Committee shall meet at the National Conference.
- 17.31 The List Committee shall interview top three candidates from each regional caucus and any other candidates as appropriate.
- 17.32 The Committee shall rank candidates, placing the Co-Leaders at numbers one and two (and three) and rank other candidates based on

merit. The Committee will be advised on any additional criteria when ranking candidates as set by the Alliance Party Council. These may include considerations of geographical and demographic representation.

- 17.33 All members on the Committee shall receive one vote each.
- 17.34 The Committee shall recommend a final list to the Conference for ratification.

Early election List Selection Process

- 17.35 Where an early election is called, or the if Alliance Council decides that a party list may need to be submitted before the Alliance Conference can meet, the Council may decide to use the following process as an alternative to the process outlined in sections 17.
- 17.36 A ten-member List Committee shall recommend the Candidate List to the Alliance Party Council for its endorsement.
- 17.37 The List Committee members shall be the President (who shall chair the committee); the two Co-leaders, the three members elected by the Alliance Party Council; and four additional members selected to represent the electorates: one member for the Upper North island (including Auckland); one member for the Lower North Island; one member for the Upper South Island (including Christchurch); and one member for the Lower North Island (including Dunedin).
- 17.38 No nominee for the List Committee, except for the President and Co-Leaders, shall be a candidate for the Party List, but they may be an electorate candidate who does not wish to be placed on the List. Nominees must be members of the Alliance.
- 17.39 The Alliance Party Council shall determine the boundaries of each List area and supervise the selection of nominees to the list committee.
- 17.40 The General Secretary shall advise all parliamentary candidates in the candidate pool of their eligibility and request that they submit a one-page CV for the List Committee's consideration.
- 17.41 The List committee shall meet and complete its recommendations on a date determined by the Alliance Party Council.
- 17.42 The List Committee may interview any candidate as appropriate.
- 17.43 The List Committee shall rank candidates placing the Co-Leaders at No. 1 and No. 2 and rank other candidates as follows taking into account gender, ethnicity, regional considerations and any other criteria set by the Alliance Party Council:
 - a. Step 1: Elect candidates into positions 3–10 from candidates ranked in the first band from each region.
 - b. Step 2: Elect candidates into positions 11–20 choosing first from those candidates ranked in the two bands from each region.

- c. Step 3: Continue this process in bands of ten (i.e. 21–30, 31–40, etc) until all potential candidates are ranked.

17.44 The President shall chair the List Committee but shall not vote. The other nine members on the List committee shall receive one vote each.

17.45 The List Committee shall recommend a final Party List to the Alliance Party Council for ratification.

18. ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP AND OFFICERS

18.1. The Co-Leaders of the Alliance Party shall be elected by a majority vote at the Alliance Conference by individual secret ballot of the delegates present and shall be Co-Leaders of the Parliamentary Caucus.

18.2. The Alliance President shall be elected by a majority vote at the Alliance Conference by individual secret ballot of the delegates present. The President shall be elected each year at the Alliance Conference. A current Member of Parliament cannot stand for election as Alliance President.

18.3. If any extraordinary vacancy arises for the positions of Co-Leaders or President, then the Alliance Council shall fill the vacancy at its next meeting by a majority vote of representatives until the following Alliance Conference.

18.4. The General Secretary shall circulate to Regional Committees, Branches, and Sector Networks a call for nominations for the positions of Co-Leaders, President, Policy Coordinators and Alliance spokespeople at least three months before the annual conference. Any branch may nominate an Alliance member for the positions of Co-Leaders, President, or other conference- elected positions. Nominations shall be closed and circulated to all constituent bodies six weeks prior to the conference, unless the Council agrees to an extension of the nomination deadline.

18.5. No MP shall be eligible to be elected for any conference-elected position, except for the positions of Co-Leaders or Alliance spokespeople

18.6. The Alliance General Secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of representatives on the Alliance Council.

19. ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP AND OFFICERS (additional clauses inserted)

Terms of Office

19.1. Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution, officers of the Alliance Party shall be elected for a term of one year and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

19.2. An officer may be re-elected but shall not serve more than five consecutive terms in the same position. The President shall not serve more than five consecutive years in that role.

19.3. An officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Alliance Party Council or by a majority vote at a General Meeting.

20. FINANCES

Control and management

- 20.1. The funds and property of the Alliance Party shall be—
- 20.2. Controlled, invested and disposed of by the Alliance Council, subject to this Constitution, and devoted solely to the promotion of the purposes of the Alliance Party.
- 20.3. The Alliance Council shall maintain bank accounts in the name of the Alliance Party.
- 20.4. All money received on account of the Alliance Party shall be banked within 3 Working Days of receipt.
- 20.5. All accounts paid or for payment shall be submitted to the Alliance Council for approval of payment.
- 20.6. The Alliance Council must ensure that accounting records are always kept that—
- 20.7. Correctly record the transactions of the Alliance Party, and
- 20.8. Allow the Alliance Party to produce financial statements that comply with the requirements of the Act and would enable the financial statements to be readily and properly audited (if required under any legislation or the Alliance Party Constitution).
- 20.9. The Alliance Council must establish and maintain a satisfactory system of control of the Alliance party's accounting records.
- 20.10. The accounting records must be kept in written form or in a form or manner that is easily accessible and convertible into written form. And the accounting records must be kept for the current accounting period and for the last 7 completed accounting periods of the Alliance party.

21. BALANCE DATE

- 21.1. The Alliance Party's financial year shall commence on 01 April of each year and end on 31 March (the latter date being the Alliance Party's balance date).

22. DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

- 22.1. The Alliance Council, at a meeting called in accordance with the Standing Orders, may resolve that the Alliance be dissolved as from the date to be named in the resolution, and may also by such resolution direct the method of disposing of the assets and property of the Alliance after its dissolution.
- 22.2. Upon the resolution being confirmed at a subsequent Alliance Conference meeting called for the purpose and held not earlier than thirty

days after the date on which the first resolution was passed, the Alliance shall be dissolved. A notice of the resolution and its confirmation shall be sent to the Electoral Commission and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

- 22.3. The property of the Alliance shall upon dissolution be transferred to such not for profit organisations having objects similar to those of the Alliance within New Zealand as the meeting of dissolution shall determine or in default as may be determined by the High Court of New Zealand on the application of the Alliance Council.