

# Changes to Area Constitution EGM August 2017

## Introduction

At the 2017 Area AGM a vote was taken with an overwhelming majority, only two votes against, to remove the clause in the Area Constitution that limits the number of consecutive terms that an individual can be Area Chair to two years, because it is now felt that two years is too short a term in order to be an effective Area Chair, especially in terms of acquiring the skills needed to conduct such an office.

## Proposed Changes

The proposed change to the constitution is to delete clause 4.2, which currently states -

### **4.2 The Area Chair shall hold office for not more than two years consecutively**

This will then mean that the Area Chair is treated in the same way as other Executive Committee Officers in that there is no limit on the number of consecutive terms of office for which they can be elected.

## Approving the Changes

- The above changes were put to the Area EC in a motion at the 2017 Area AGM on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2017, which was passed at the AGM, to be approved at an EGM to take place immediately prior to the April EC meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 in order to approve the changes.
- At the EGM on April 25<sup>th</sup> a minimum of 25 Ramblers Members will need to be present for the meeting to be quorate, however this was not achieved so it was decided to hold a new EGM at the next EC meeting.
- The only item on the agenda of the EGM will be the changes to the Constitution.
- To approve the changes a 2/3 majority will be needed, and if approved the changes will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval at their next meeting.
- Once the new constitution has been approved by the Board of Trustees, at the next Area EC meeting after the approval has been granted new Standing Orders and Procedures in line with the new constitution will be adopted by the Area EC.
- Should the Board of Trustees deem that there is a need for revisions to the changes to our constitution, this will be addressed by the Area EC in the first instance.