

**Rotary**  
Great Britain & Ireland



**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**2025/26**

14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.00pm

**2026 ABM Details and**  
**Annual Report 2024/25**

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# **Rotary GB&I Business Meeting 2026 Agenda**

## **1. Rotary GB&I Regional Board Progress & Forward Plans**

Chair of the Regional Board, Heather Stuart to report on activity 2025/26; Chair-Elect Bob Maskall to present *The Year Ahead*.

## **2. Annual Report 2024/25**

Highlights from the Regional Board 2024/25, Past Chair Nitesh Joshi

- **Report of the Rotary GB&I Disaster Recovery Trust - to be taken as read with questions**
- **Report of the Rotary GB&I Premises Trustees - to be taken as read with questions**

## **3. Rotary International**

RI Director Eve Conway to present highlights from 2024/25 Board of RI Directors

## **4. Rotaract GB&I MDIO Update**

Past Chair Penelope Milner – report for Rotaract 2024/25

Chair Chloe Rawlings to present progress and activity for Rotaract 2025/26

## **5. Statements of Account for 2024/25**

Honorary Treasurer Richard Campbell will present the annual accounts of the Association for the year 2024/25. After discussion the following resolution will be put to the meeting:

*That the audited statements of account for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 be adopted.*

## **6. Auditors**

*That Burgis and Bullock, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, be proposed for appointment as auditors to the Association for 2025/26.*

**NOTE:** *Tendering for Auditors for 2026/27 is in progress.*

## **7. Nominations**

District Governors for 2028/29 are formally presented for nomination to the Board of Rotary International:

<b>District Governors 2028/29:</b>		
District 1010 – <b>Brian Mitchell</b>	District 1110 – <b>Alan Priddy</b>	District 1190 – <b>Mary Bradley</b>
District 1030 – <b>TBC</b>	District 1120 – <b>TBC</b>	District 1200 – <b>TBC</b>
District 1040 – <b>TBC</b>	District 1130 – <b>Angelie Bharwaney</b>	District 1210 – <b>David Chantrey</b>
District 1060 – <b>Iain Wilson</b>	District 1145 – <b>TBC</b>	District 1220 – <b>TBC</b>
District 1070 – <b>Judith Rastall</b>	District 1150 – <b>TBC</b>	District 1240 – <b>Alison Beaumont</b>
District 1080 – <b>Steven Clarke</b>	District 1160 – <b>TBC</b>	District 1260 – <b>David Footitt</b>
District 1090 – <b>TBC</b>	District 1175 – <b>Adrian Laurie</b>	District 1285 – <b>TBC</b>
District 1100 – <b>TBC</b>	District 1180 – <b>TBC</b>	District 1320 – <b>James McCulloch</b>

## 8. Proposed budget for 2026/27

Honorary Treasurer Richard Campbell will present the budget for the Rotary year 2026/27 and the triennial financial forecast. See Annual Report 2024/25.

After discussion, the following resolution will be put to the business meeting:

*That the 2026/27 Budget incorporating an annual subscription of £87 per member, be adopted.*

## 9. Resolutions to the Rotary GB&I Business Meeting 2026

### Overview

Resolution Number with Purpose and Effect
<b>25/26:01 To add an Introduction to the Standard Club Bylaws:</b> Rotary International (RI) prescribes the Club Constitution (Articles) and provides recommended bylaws to clubs. This resolution creates the same environment here in Great Britain and Ireland as in the rest of the world i.e. recommended bylaws as a common framework that may be adapted to meet the operational practices of the club within defined parameters.
<b>25/26:02 To amend Standard Club Bylaw 2 Clause 3 Meetings and new Clause 4 Meeting Types:</b> Additional flexibility for clubs to determine when and how meetings of the Council should be scheduled is affected by changing the single word of <i>shall</i> to <i>should</i> in clause 3 above and by inclusion of a new clause 4 as detailed.
<b>25/26:03 To amend Standard Club Bylaw 2 Clause 5 Voting:</b> The ability for clubs to vote at Club Council meetings by electronic means provides additional flexibility and meets the custom and practice now introduced by many clubs.
<b>25/26:04 To amend Standard Club Bylaw 6 Clause 6 Voting:</b> The ability for clubs to vote at meetings by electronic means provides additional flexibility and meets the custom and practice now introduced by many clubs.
<b>25/26:05 To amend Standard Club Bylaw 6, inserting new Clause 9 Meetings online:</b> The ability for clubs to hold meetings online provides additional flexibility and meets the custom and practice now introduced by many clubs.
<b>25/26:06 To amend Standard Club Bylaws, inserting Bylaw 13 Amend Club Constitution:</b> Provides flexibility enabling clubs to: determine meeting cadence & eligible activity for defining a meeting; inclusion of membership types recognised by the Rotary GB&I Board; vary attendance provisions.
<b>25/26:07 To amend the composition of the Board as detailed in Rotary GB&amp;I Bylaw 2.010:</b> The Board recognises the value that the Immediate Past Chair of the Board provides to the Board particularly in relation to organisational memory and wider continuity.
<b>25/26:08 To amend Application for Membership as detailed in Rotary GB&amp;I Bylaw 7.010:</b> To provide a point of reference for membership types approved by the Rotary GB&I Board within the Bylaws of the Association.
<b>25/26:09 To insert Termination of Direct or Enterprise Membership as detailed in Rotary GB&amp;I Bylaw 7.050:</b> In providing new membership categories provision must be made for termination of such membership rights which are detailed in the respective policies as defined by the Rotary GB&I Board now referenced in this new bylaw.
<b>25/26:10 To amend Voting Delegates as detailed in Rotary GB&amp;I Bylaw 8.040:</b> In providing new membership categories provision must be given to enfranchise members in the democratic processes as made available to club members.

## CLOSE OF BUSINESS

**Voting will open 11am Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026, closing 7am Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.**

1 **RESOLUTION 25/26:01**

2 To add an Introduction to the Standard Club Bylaws

3  
4 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY GB&I BOARD**

5 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the  
6 STANDARD ROTARY CLUB BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND  
7 IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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9 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

10  
11 **Introduction:**

12 These Bylaws are recommended for use by clubs. Once adopted they are binding on the club  
13 and its members. Clubs may devise their own bylaws to suit their own circumstances, save for  
14 those bylaws marked with a "\*" which are compulsory, provided the club complies with all the  
15 following provisions:

- 16 1) any amendments shall be consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws and the  
17 Standard Club Constitution of the Association;
- 18 2) the amendments are approved in accordance with Bylaw 10, Clause 2; and
- 19 3) the club secretary provides details of the amendments in writing to the General  
20 Secretary via upload to Association's document storage for the club within 14 days  
21 of the date of each amendment being made.

22 In the absence of these conditions being met the club is deemed to have adopted these Bylaws.

23 **Note:** The mandatory Bylaws will be:

24 Bylaw 1

25 Bylaw 2, Clauses 1/2/3

26 Bylaw 4, Clause 1

27 Bylaw 10

28 Bylaw 11

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30 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

31 Rotary International (RI) prescribes the Club Constitution (Articles) and provides recommended  
32 bylaws to clubs. This resolution creates the same environment here in Great Britain and Ireland  
33 as in the rest of the world i.e. recommended bylaws as a common framework that may be  
34 adapted to meet the operational practices of the club.

35  
36 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

37 *No financial impact.*

<b>REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE</b>
This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (ROTARY GB&I Article 12 and 15 (1) and ROTARY GB&I Bylaws 9 and 16).

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40 **The current version of the Bylaw(s) affected by this change may be read in The Rotary GB&I**  
41 **Constitutional Documents available online.**

1 **RESOLUTION 25/26:02**

2 To amend Standard Club Bylaw 2 Clause 3 Meetings and new Clause 4 Meeting Types

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4 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY GB&I BOARD**

5 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the  
6 STANDARD ROTARY CLUB BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND  
7 IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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9 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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11 **Bylaw 2 Clause 3 - Meetings**

12 Meetings of the Council should be held at least quarterly at a time and method to be decided  
13 by the Council. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President or upon request  
14 of two members of the Council, with at least twenty-four hours' previous notice. Meetings may  
15 be held by electronic means.

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17 **Bylaw 2 Clause 4 - Meeting Types**

18 The council shall meet at such times and places as it may determine, including meeting online.

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20 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

21 Additional flexibility for clubs to determine when and how meetings of the Council should be  
22 scheduled is affected by changing the single word of *shall* to *should* in clause 2 above and by  
23 inclusion of a new clause 4 as detailed.

24  
25 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

26 *No financial impact.*

<b>REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE</b>
This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (ROTARY GB&I Article 12 and 15 (1) and ROTARY GB&I Bylaws 9 and 16).

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29 **The current version of the Bylaw(s) affected by this change may be read in [The Rotary GB&I](#)**  
30 **[Constitutional Documents available online.](#)**

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32 **Formatting Note:**

33 *If the addition of new Clause 4 is approved, existing Clauses 4 and 5 will be renumbered to Clauses*  
34 *5 and 6 respectively.*

1 **RESOLUTION 25/26:03**

2 To amend existing Standard Club Bylaw 2 Clause 5 Voting

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4 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY GB&I BOARD**

5 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the  
6 STANDARD ROTARY CLUB BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND  
7 IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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9 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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11 **Bylaw 2 Clause 5 - Voting**

12 All voting shall be by members attending the meeting, by viva voce vote, by show of hands or  
13 by electronic means. At all meetings, in the event of votes being equal, the Chair shall have a  
14 second or casting vote.

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16 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

17 The ability for clubs to vote at Club Council meetings by electronic means provides additional  
18 flexibility and meets the custom and practice now introduced by many clubs.

19  
20 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

21 *No financial impact.*

<b>REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE</b>
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This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (ROTARY GB&I Article 12 and 15 (1) and ROTARY GB&I Bylaws 9 and 16).
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24 **The current version of the Bylaw(s) affected by this change may be read in [The Rotary GB&I](#)**  
25 **[Constitutional Documents available online](#)**

26  
27 **Formatting Note:**

28 *Due to the addition of new Clause 4, if approved, existing Clause 5 will be renumbered to Clause 6.*

1 **RESOLUTION 25/26:04**

2 To amend Standard Club Bylaw 6 Clause 6 Voting

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4 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY GB&I BOARD**

5 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the  
6 STANDARD ROTARY CLUB BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND  
7 IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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9 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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11 **Bylaw 6 Clause 6 - Voting**

- 12 a) Voting at all meetings shall be by members attending the meeting, by *viva voce* vote,  
13 by show of hands, by electronic means or by ballot at the discretion of the council  
14 with the Chair having a second or casting vote in the event of votes being equal,  
15 except that voting shall be by ballot in the following circumstances:
- 16 i Election of the president for the next year but one, as in *Clause 2 (c)*  
17 *(ii)* of this *Bylaw*.
  - 18 ii Election of the council as in *Bylaw 2*.
  - 19 iii Appeals against any decision of the council under *Article 13, Section*  
20 *3* of the *Standard Rotary GB&I Club Constitution*.

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22  
23 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

24 The ability for clubs to vote at meetings by electronic means provides additional flexibility and  
25 meets the custom and practice now introduced by many clubs.

26  
27 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

28 *No financial impact.*

<b>REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE</b>
This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (ROTARY GB&I Article 12 and 15 (1) and ROTARY GB&I Bylaws 9 and 16).

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31 **The current version of the Bylaw(s) affected by this change may be read in The Rotary GB&I**  
32 **Constitutional Documents available online.**  
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1 **RESOLUTION 25/26:05**

2 To amend Standard Club Bylaw 6, inserting new Clause 9 Meetings online

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4 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY GB&I BOARD**

5 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the  
6 STANDARD ROTARY CLUB BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND  
7 IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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9 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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11 **Bylaw 6 Clause 9 - Meetings online**

12 Any meetings of the club may be held online with the prior approval of the Council and as  
13 advised to members from time to time by giving not less than 7 days' notice to that effect.

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15 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

16 The ability for clubs to hold meetings online provides additional flexibility and meets the custom  
17 and practice now introduced by many clubs.

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19 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

20 *No financial impact.*

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<b>REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE</b>
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This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (ROTARY GB&I Article 12 and 15 (1) and ROTARY GB&I Bylaws 9 and 16).
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23 **The current version of the Bylaw(s) affected by this change may be read in The Rotary GB&I**  
24 **Constitutional Documents available online.**

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1 **RESOLUTION 25/26:06**

2 To amend Standard Club Bylaws, inserting new Bylaw 13 – Amendments to Club Constitution

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4 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY GB&I BOARD**

5 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the  
6 STANDARD ROTARY CLUB BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND  
7 IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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9 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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11 **Bylaw 13 – Amendments to Club Constitution**

12 The following amendments are made to the Standard Rotary GB&I Club Constitution (the Club  
13 Constitution) as permitted under Articles 7 and 9 of the Club Constitution and all references  
14 to Article numbers in this Bylaw are to the Article numbers in the Club constitution. In the  
15 event of any discrepancy between the two this Bylaw shall take precedence.

16  
17 **Clause 1 – Amendment to Article 8 Section 1**

18 Clubs shall meet at least twice in any calendar month. Club service projects and other events  
19 or activities may constitute a meeting of the club if agreed by the Council.

20  
21 **Clause 2 - Amendments to Article 10 Section 2**

22 Article 10 Section 2 is deleted and replaced with:

23 “This club shall have such types of membership as the Board of Rotary GB&I shall approve  
24 from time to time”.

25  
26 **Clause 3 – Amendments to Article 12**

27 Notwithstanding Article 12, the club is not obliged to keep attendance records. It is for the  
28 club to agree if they will keep attendance records, provided they have a procedure in place for  
29 recording the quorum with name of members present and total of votes cast, where required.  
30 The Council can agree whether or not to vary the attendance provisions in Article 12 Section  
31 1 (a).

32 Any meetings of the club may be held online with the prior approval of the Council and as  
33 advised to members from time to time by giving not less than 7 days’ notice to that effect.  
34 All other provisions of Article 12 shall remain in full force and effect save as varied by this  
35 Clause.

36  
37 **Clause 4 – Amendments to Article 15 Section 4**

38 Club Council can retain a membership for any cause that it may consider reasonable on an  
39 individual basis.

40 As in Clause 3 above, the club is not obliged to keep attendance records. However, it is for the  
41 club to agree any variations to Article 12 and Article 15 Section 4. This variation may allow the  
42 club to include their own minimum attendance requirement no greater than that as in Article  
43 12 and Article 15 section 4.

44  
45 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

46 Provides additional flexibility enabling clubs to: determine meeting frequency and eligible  
47 activity for defining a meeting; inclusion of membership types recognised by the Rotary GB&I  
48 Board; vary attendance provisions.

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51 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

52 *No financial impact.*

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<b>REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE</b>
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This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (ROTARY GB&I Article 12 and 15 (1) and ROTARY GB&I Bylaws 9 and 16).
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56 [The current version of the Bylaw\(s\) affected by this change may be read in The Rotary GB&I](#)  
57 [Constitutional Documents available online.](#)

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1 **RESOLUTION 25/26:07**

2 To amend composition of the Rotary GB&I Board as detailed in Rotary GB&I Bylaw 2.010

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4 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY GB&I BOARD**

5 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BYLAWS  
6 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as  
7 follows:

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9 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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11 **2.010 Governing Body**

12 The General Council (hereinafter referred to as "The Rotary GB & I Board – "the Board") shall  
13 consist of:

- 14 • The Chair
- 15 • The Chair-Elect
- 16 • The Chair-Nominee
- 17 • The Immediate Past Chair
- 18 • The Honorary Treasurer
- 19 • A District Governor-Nominee (six-month term)
- 20 • A District Governor-Elect
- 21 • A District Governor
- 22 • An Immediate Past District Governor (six-month term)
- 23 • Five General Members

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25 The General Secretary shall attend meetings of the Board but shall have no vote. In the event  
26 of a tie in any vote, the Chair or other member presiding shall have a second or casting vote.

27  
28 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

29 The Board recognises the value that the Immediate Past Chair of the Board offers to the Board  
30 particularly in relation to organisational memory and wider continuity.

31  
32 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

33 *Dependent on where the Immediate Past Chair resides, the cost implication will vary but on average*  
34 *per annum would add £150 per in-person Board meeting (usually 4 per annum)*

<b>REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE</b>
This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (ROTARY GB&I Article 12 and 15 (1) and ROTARY GB&I Bylaws 9 and 16).

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37 **The current version of the Bylaw(s) affected by this change may be read in The Rotary GB&I**  
38 **Constitutional Documents available online.**  
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1 **RESOLUTION 25/26:08**

2 To amend Application for Membership as detailed in Rotary GB&I Bylaw 7.010

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4 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY GB&I BOARD**

5 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BYLAWS  
6 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as  
7 follows:  
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9 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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11 **Bylaw 7.010 Application for Membership**

12 All applications for membership in Rotary International for new Clubs within the Area shall be  
13 in writing, and shall be sent to the General Secretary of the Association on the prescribed forms  
14 which shall include an undertaking signed by each founder member of that club to adopt the  
15 Association's Standard Rotary GB&I Club Constitution and Bylaws, and to observe the  
16 Constitution and the Bylaws of the Association and of Rotary International.

17  
18 Membership of Rotary International within Great Britian and Ireland provides for two additional  
19 membership categories to that of Club membership, being that of Direct membership and  
20 Enterprise membership. Individuals within direct membership shall be recorded as Rotarians  
21 on the systems of Rotary International through a 'Hub' that will operate under policies as  
22 defined by the Rotary GB&I Board. Employees of an organisation that has been accepted into  
23 membership under the category of enterprise membership shall be recorded as Rotarians  
24 through an Enterprise club functioning under policies as defined by the Rotary GB&I Board.

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26 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

27 Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has been developing two new membership  
28 channels that widen opportunities for individuals to participate in Rotary membership outside  
29 of the club model. Much consideration and testing of the two models has been undertaken and  
30 this resolution seeks to provide a point of reference for these Rotarian membership types  
31 within the Bylaws of the Association. This aligns custom and practice with constitutional  
32 expectation.

33  
34 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

35 *No financial impact.*  
36

<b>REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE</b>
This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (ROTARY GB&I Article 12 and 15 (1) and ROTARY GB&I Bylaws 9 and 16).

37  
38 **The current version of the Bylaw(s) affected by this change may be read in The Rotary GB&I**  
39 **Constitutional Documents available online.**  
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1 **RESOLUTION 25/26:09**

2 To insert Termination of Direct or Enterprise Membership as detailed in Rotary GB&I Bylaw  
3 7.050

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5 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY GB&I BOARD**

6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BYLAWS  
7 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as  
8 follows:

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10 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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12 **Bylaw 7.050 Termination of Direct or Enterprise Membership**

13 A Rotarian in direct or enterprise membership shall meet the requirements of Rotary  
14 International in Great Britain and Ireland as defined in the policies of the respective  
15 membership category.

16  
17 A Hub may have its authority removed if it fails to meet the operating requirements as defined  
18 in the Hub Policies as defined by the Rotary GB&I Board.

19  
20 An Enterprise club may have its charter removed if it fails to meet the operating requirements  
21 as defined in the enterprise's memorandum of understanding and standard enterprise  
22 membership policies as defined by the Rotary GB&I Board.

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24  
25 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

26 In providing new membership categories provision must be made for termination of such  
27 membership rights which are detailed in the respective policies as defined by the Rotary GB&I  
28 Board now referenced in this new bylaw.

29  
30 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

31 *No financial impact.*

<b>REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE</b>
This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (ROTARY GB&I Article 12 and 15 (1) and ROTARY GB&I Bylaws 9 and 16).

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34 **The current version of the Bylaw(s) affected by this change may be read in The Rotary GB&I**  
35 **Constitutional Documents available online.**  
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1 **RESOLUTION 25/26:10**

2 To amend Voting Delegates as detailed in Rotary GB&I Bylaw 8.040

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4 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY GB&I BOARD**

5 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BYLAWS  
6 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as  
7 follows:

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8  
9 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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11 **8.40.1 - Qualifications**

12 Each club voting delegate and each club deputy shall be an active member of the club  
13 represented. No club in arrears with its subscriptions and dues shall be entitled to voting  
14 representation at the Annual Conference and Business Meeting.

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16 All active members in direct membership and enterprise membership of Rotary International  
17 in Great Britian and Ireland shall be entitled to vote. Voting shall be provided for all active direct  
18 members by gaining the collective decision from the direct membership pool across Rotary  
19 GB&I. This in turn is added to the club calculations as a single entity submission with  
20 proportional weighting applied. Each enterprise member shall be entitled to vote using the  
21 same process as that of a club. Voting by direct and enterprise members shall be administered  
22 by the General Secretary.

23  
24 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

25 In providing new membership categories provision must be given to enfranchise members in  
26 the democratic processes as made available to club members.

27  
28 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

29 *No financial impact.*

<b>REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE</b>
This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (ROTARY GB&I Article 12 and 15 (1) and ROTARY GB&I Bylaws 9 and 16).

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32 **The current version of the Bylaw(s) affected by this change may be read in [The Rotary GB&I](#)**  
33 **[Constitutional Documents available online](#)**

## Appendix 1 – Business Meeting Information

These introductory notes are for the benefit of all voting delegates attending the online business meeting.

The meeting will be regulated under the Association's Standing Orders, which are contained in the Rotary GB&I Constitutional documents pages 33 to 39 (issued July 2024).

The 2025 Business Meeting is being conducted online, using the **Zoom** platform for all voting delegates. The facility to address the meeting will be made available and full instructions will be issued in advance.

The proposer for each resolution will be allowed **5 minutes** to state their case. All other speakers will be allowed **3 minutes**. The proposer will be allowed a **further 3 minutes** to exercise their right of reply. The reply shall be strictly confined to answering previous speakers, and any new matter shall not be introduced into the debate.

As with a face-to-face business meeting, warnings will be issued when one minute of speaker time remains. The audio will be switched off when the permitted time has expired unless the business meeting approves an extension in advance. The Moderator has indicated that these rules will be enforced.

Use of the 'question' facility within the online webinar environment may also be used to raise points for debate. These will be reviewed by the Constitutions Committee and brought forward for the Moderator to reference back to the participating delegates.

**Standing Order 16 Amendments to be in Writing** – Every amendment shall be moved and seconded by a duly accredited voting delegate and shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and forwarded to the General Secretary of the Association not later than seven days before the date of the business meeting, and shall be read before it is further discussed or put to the meeting. However, the Moderator may waive such requirement on the basis that the proposed amendment is clearly understandable and straightforward as orally stated by the proposer of such amendment and a written copy is submitted via the online question system. No voting delegate shall move or second more than one amendment to any individual resolution.

**Standing Order 4 Rules as to speeches – reply** – A Rotarian shall not, unless by leave of the Moderator, address the business meeting more than once on any proposed resolution or amendment, but the mover of an original proposed resolution, or of an amendment which has become the substantive resolution, may reply.

To clarify any matter, the Chair of the Constitutions committee and General Secretary are permitted to address the meeting.

We realise that voting delegates may not be able to attend the meeting as it happens live. Therefore, the following provisions have been made to be as inclusive as possible:

- Text based questions and some audio questions can be raised throughout the live meeting and will be responded to by the constitutions Committee in real time.
- Questions can also be submitted by email to [governance@rotarygbi.org](mailto:governance@rotarygbi.org) until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. A complete list of those questions, along with responses from the Constitutions Committee will be posted [here](#) the following week. Text questions and responses from the live meeting will also be included in this list.
- All voting will take place in the 2 weeks immediately following the meeting via Electronic Ballot.

***Voting will open 11am Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026, closing 7am Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.***

