

SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE CONVENTION

INTERIM CONSTITUTION

Purpose of SIC

The SIC may undertake the following activities:

- To provide a forum which will bring together different groups and parties which support independence
- To provide a contact point for people (including media) who are interested in independence
- To have the capacity to develop and coordinate campaigning on independence
- To have the capacity to carry out research work to strengthen further the case for independence
- To be able rapidly to respond to media and other enquiries about independence, being equipped to rebut inaccurate and hostile information
- To explore and where possible improve skills, systems, structures and networks which will improve the ability to campaign for independence
- To support and work with a community of individuals who support independence to keep them engaged in the independence debate and to help them remain active in support of independence.
- To carry out any other agreed actions it is felt will strengthen the case for independence, improve the chances of securing a second referendum and enhance our ability to win that referendum.

Structure

SIC will be a stakeholder organisation governed by representatives of national (and representatives of grassroots) independence-supporting organisations. The primary governing body would be the Council. This would be made up of 'core members' nominated by organisations designated as core national organisations in the constitution. At least two places would be reserved for representatives of grassroots and local groups to be nominated by networks of those groups.

The core members of the Council would then have the right to co-opt additional Council members on an individual basis but without voting rights. The Council would then have the right to adjust the constitution to add new core member organisations.

Core Members

The following are proposed as the Core Member organisations which would make up the Council, with the number of nominated members each would have the right to nominate to the Council in brackets. The Council will have the capacity to alter the list of Core Members by amending the constitution. There shall be gender-balanced co-conveners. These shall be chosen by the Council but shall not be nominated representatives from the Core Members.

- SNP (2)
- SNP Youth (1)
- Greens (2)
- Labour for Independence (1)
- SSP/RISE (1)
- Women for Independence (2)
- RIC (1)

- Common Weal (1)
- Business for Scotland (1)
- Yes2 (1)
- Yes Registry (1)

(15 in total)

Decision-making

The SIC shall seek to make all decisions on a consensus basis. Where this is impossible decisions shall be made by a majority vote of the Council or, where decision-making has been delegated, by a majority vote of the Management Group. Any stakeholder organisation which does not agree with a decision made will be free to express that disagreement and if requested this disagreement will be noted on any materials produced as a result of the decision.

The constitution of the SIC should be altered by unanimous agreement of the Council. If unanimous agreement of the Council is not possible, a two-thirds majority will be required in a vote.

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