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## **‘BLOCK VOTE’ ELECTIONS 2022/23 Results**

### **• Results of Revenue and Customs Block Vote elections**

In the course of this year's 'Block Vote' elections, and in accordance with the Regulation 7 of the Block Vote Election Regulations, at the closing date for nominations (10 March 2022), where there were the same number or fewer nominees than available positions, those nominees were elected unopposed.

Under those same Regulations, where there are still vacancies, a further round of nominations are called for at Group Conference, with a view to filling those vacancies. Consequently, a number of candidates were nominated at Group Conference and a ballot was arranged.

Issues had first begun to arise when, following the announcement of the number of vacancies, it transpired that a sitting member of one of the Block Vote committees had resigned without the Group Office being informed, meaning that the number of seats to be elected, along with the number of residual seats to be filled on that committee, was greater than previously advertised.

There were then a number of problems with the production of Block Vote ballot papers at Group Conference, including technical problems in the production of the papers, and some nominees who had already been elected appearing on the ballot paper for the residual positions. Another issue was that it transpired that the Conference-based election for the residual posts had not registered that one of the candidates for one of the positions had been elected unopposed in the earlier tranche of nominations, and so an additional vacancy was sought unnecessarily.

There were also delays in the analysis of the Block Vote results, due to the knock-on effect of the re-run GEC Election and given that a number of candidates in the Block Vote Elections had also stood for GEC positions. Members of the GEC cannot also sit on committees whose role is to advise the GEC of which they are a member, so this means that some candidates had to be subsequently declared 'not elected' in the Block Vote Elections, despite receiving a higher number of votes than other candidates in the election at Group Conference.

Following the initial round of nominations, the nominations called for during Group Conference 2022, and the exclusion of newly-elected GEC members from elected Block Vote positions; the final results for the

various Block Vote elections, showing those elected unopposed following the initial nomination process, and those elected at Group Conference (along with number of votes cast) are as follows:

#### **Group Standing Orders Committee (3 to be elected)**

Nick Doyle	R&C Portsmouth – Portsdown Vectis		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Andy Forster	R&C Bristol & Reading		*Elected to Group Executive
Niall McInnes	R&C Edinburgh	9,240	ELECTED
Chris Barclay	R&C East Kilbride	3,280	ELECTED
Craig Ward	R&C VOA Central Valuation	3,252	
David McNeely	R&C Edinburgh	3,223	
Robert Young	R&C Glasgow & Clyde	2,758	

#### **Group Auditor (2 to be elected)**

Hamish Drummond	R&C Edinburgh	20,256	ELECTED
Huw Gingell	R&C Wales	11,918	*Elected to Group Executive
Ian Colledge	R&C Benton Park View	7,231	ELECTED
Jon-Paul Rosser	R&C West Mercia	6,525	

#### **Group Editorial Board (3 to be elected)**

Jaime Davies	R&C Wales		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Darren Price	R&C Benton Park View		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Peter Goddard	R&C Leeds & District	16,542	ELECTED
Robert Young	R&C Glasgow & Clyde	3,591	
Jon-Paul Rosser	R&C West Mercia	3,309	

#### **Group Women's Advisory Committee (8 to be elected - 1 vacancy remaining)**

Jennie Jones	HMRC Merseyside		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Moira McCarthy	R&C Canary Wharf		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Julia McMurray	R&C Glasgow & Clyde		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Inderpal Battu	R&C London North		*Elected to Group Executive
Clara-Louise Harmer	R&C East Midlands	18,299	ELECTED
Shabina Raja	R&C Greater Manchester	17,536	ELECTED
Rachel Allan	R&C Edinburgh	16,007	ELECTED
Yolanda Mandizvidza	R&C Salford Revenue	12,621	ELECTED
Gillian Watts	R&C Criminal Justice	10,716	*Elected to Group Executive

#### **Group Black Members Advisory Committee (8 to be elected)**

Inderpal Battu	R&C London North		*Elected to Group Executive
Jamir Chowdhury	R&C Canary Wharf		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Anne Grier	R&C Canary Wharf		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Tracey Hylton	HMRC Merseyside		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Leo Kyprianou	HMRC Merseyside		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Moira McCarthy	R&C Canary Wharf		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Andy Roach	R&C Canary Wharf		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Claudine Campbell	R&C West Mercia	11,440	ELECTED
Shabina Raja	R&C Greater Manchester	2,969	ELECTED
Idayat Bada	R&C East Midlands	2,471	
Yolanda Mandizvidza	R&C Salford Revenue	2,397	

#### **Group Disabled Members Advisory Committee (8 to be elected - 1 vacancy remaining)**

Patrick Smyth	R&C Portsmouth - Portsdown Vectis	21,574	ELECTED
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**Group Disabled Members Advisory Committee (cont.)**

Barbra Farmer	R&C East Kilbride	21,081	ELECTED
Martyn Mellis	R&C Anglia	19,714	ELECTED
Tracey Hylton	HMRC Merseyside	19,117	ELECTED
Huw Gingell	R&C Wales	14,504	*Elected to Group Executive
Amy Kang	R&C London North	13,048	ELECTED
Maria Dobson-Dines	R&C Canary Wharf	10,820	ELECTED
Peter Smullen	HMRC Merseyside	7,903	*Elected to Group Executive
Mark Benjamin	R&C London North	7,836	ELECTED

**Group LGBT Advisory Committee (8 to be elected)**

Lizzie Allsop	HMRC Merseyside		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Steven Darbyshire	R&C NW & Central Lancashire		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Richard Jones	R&C Telford		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Carol Keen	R&C Canary Wharf		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Stephen Lynch	R&C Glasgow & Clyde		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Sandra Quayle	HMRC Merseyside		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
David Breton	R&C Cumbernauld	11,586	ELECTED
Alan Taylor-Waring	R&C London South Thames	9,566	ELECTED

**Group Young Members Advisory Committee (8 to be elected - 4 vacancies remaining)**

Aisha Akhtar	R&C West Mercia		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Faisal Fahim	Greater Manchester		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Louis Radforth	HMRC Merseyside		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Maisie Spink	R&C West Mercia		ELECTED UNOPPOSED

**Group Environmental Advisory Committee (6 to be elected)**

Jennie Jones	HMRC Merseyside		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Amy Kang	R&C London North		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Ian Williams	R&C Bristol & Reading	12,572	ELECTED
Simon Brett	R&C Leeds & District	12,476	ELECTED
Martin Hynes	R&C Anglia	9,347	ELECTED
Rosemary Rowlands	R&C West Mercia	4,127	ELECTED
Janice Belshaw	R&C Glasgow & Clyde	3,804	
Jonathan Turnbull	R&C Cumbernauld	3,592	
Lee Ward	R&C West Mercia	1,538	

**Regional Learning Co-ordinators (Vacancies remaining for Eastern, Northwest, Southwest, Wales)**

Anne Grier (London/SE)	R&C Canary Wharf		ELECTED UNOPPOSED
Peter Goddard (Yorks/NE)	R&C Leeds & District	12,225	ELECTED
Debra Mills (Midlands)	R&C Telford	5,111	ELECTED
Rachael Phillips (Scotland)	R&C Cumbernauld	3,938	ELECTED

**Vacancies**

There are still a number of vacancies in various categories (see above). On the matter of those remaining vacancies, Branches are reminded that under Block Vote Election Regulation 4:

"If there are insufficient nominations for any position, nominations for the unfilled positions shall be called for from the floor of Conference, and a vote shall be taken. If any position remains unfilled, the GEC may fill it."

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