



## Brigade Council 2017 – Summary

189 leaders attended the Council meeting, one of the largest attendances in recent years. Please note the full wording of all motions / amendments can still be found on the website.

The number of votes registered was as follows:

Ordinary	133
Proxy	332
Post	63
Total	528

The President opened the meeting and a particular welcome was extended to all those attending for the first time. A message of greeting from Our Patron HM the Queen was read and council also paid tribute to leaders who had passed away since the last meeting.

A printed copy of the Annual Review for 16/17 was available and members watched a video presentation highlighting key aspects from the report.

The Brigade Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and updated members on the current financial position.

Council then considered other items of business.

### 1. Capitation Fees

Following a short debate the amendment in the name of East Lancashire Battalion to maintain helper's fees at the current level was agreed.

Council then agreed that the capitation fees for the 2018/19 session would be.

Category		Fee
Company Fee		Nil
Fee per young person		£19.50
Adult fees	All Officers	£19.50
	(Second person at the same address)	£15.00
	Battalion & District Officers not on Company roll	£15.00
	Officers in receipt of state retirement pension	£15.00
	Officers in full time education or training.	£15.00
	Helpers	£14.00

## **2. Auditors**

Whiting and Partners were re-appointed as the Brigade's auditors.

## **3. Office-Bearers**

The following Office-Bearers for Session 2017/18 were appointed.

President:	Lord Griffiths of Burry Port
Vice-Presidents:	David Aubrey Alistair Burrow
Treasurer	Clifford Bygraves

## **4. Motion in the name of the Brigade Executive to Amend Regulations**

Following discussion on a number of the amendments, a number of votes took place and all the proposed amendments to Brigade Regulations were rejected by the meeting.

## **5. Motion in the name of Alan Ayling 12<sup>th</sup> Dublin, Paul Christmas 25<sup>th</sup> Stirling, Tim Dundee 4<sup>th</sup> Newtonabbey, Phil East 53<sup>rd</sup> Manchester & Alen Pasley 21<sup>st</sup> Cardiff.**

Members debated proposals to reduce the size of the Brigade Executive and introduce direct elections.

The Executive amendment to this motion was agreed, however after a vote the amended motion was then defeated by 320 votes to 178.

## **6. Motion in the name of Northern Ireland District**

Members from different regions took part in this debate on whether to instruct the Brigade Executive to bring proposals to Council 2018 to provide accountable autonomy in the Regions.

The motion was then carried by 423 votes to 94.

## **7. Invitation to Edinburgh 2018**

Members were invited to Edinburgh for Brigade Council 2018. This will take place from the 31<sup>st</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



Bill Stevenson  
Brigade Secretary