



Brigade Council 2025 AGM Summary

Over 100 leaders from across the UK & RoI joined the Brigade Council meeting on Saturday 6th September 2025, which was held via video conferencing. Full wording of all the motions can still be found at boys-brigade.org.uk/brigade-council

The number of votes registered was as follows:

Ordinary	63
Postal	48
Proxy	14
Total	123

Very Rev Dr Martin Fair chaired the meeting and joining him were Jonathan Eales, Chief Executive, and several members of the Brigade Executive.

Following the Chair's welcome, opening devotions were led by Rev Stewart Cutler, the Brigade Chaplain, which included remembering those that have died over the past year.

A message of loyal greeting to His Majesty The King was read, along with His Majesty's reply.

The Procedural Rules for this meeting and the minutes of last year's Brigade Council and EGM were agreed.

The Chief Executive gave an overview of the successes and challenges of the last 12 months, with Natalie Whipday providing a summary of the work that has been carried out through funding from the DCMS Uniformed Youth Fund. Council watched a video review of the 2024/25 session. Both this and the Annual Review (in PDF format) are available at boys-brigade.org.uk/who-we-are/annual-review

Council then considered other items of business.

Presentation of Annual Accounts

Steve Mann, Brigade Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2025 and updated members on the current financial position. The accounts were received by Council.

Auditors

Whiting and Partners were reappointed as the Brigade's auditors.

Capitation Fees

Council agreed the Capitation Fees for the 2025/26 session.

Category		Fee
Fee per young person		£28.00
Adult fees	Officers / Leaders	£28.00
	(Second person at the same address)	£24.00
	Battalion & District Officers not on Company roll	£28.00
	Officers / Leaders in full time education or training	£24.00
	Helpers	£22.50

The fee in respect of an Associate Member is £31.00.

Office Bearers

The following were elected as Office Bearers for the 2025/26 session:

President: Rev Dez Johnston
Vice-Presidents: Alison Chambers
Ian Rumbelow
Chaplain: Rev Stewart Cutler
Treasurer: Steve Mann

Special Resolution in the name of West Lothian Battalion

Council agreed a Special resolution in the name of West Lothian Battalion – “That, in accordance with Article 46 of The Boys’ Brigade’s Articles of Association, the Brigade Executive shall ensure that candidates for all Major Awards, namely the King’s Badge award (amended from time to time), will always have the option of a hard-copy printed record book at the candidate’s discretion.”

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Closing devotions were led by the President, Rev Dez Johnston.

The Chair thanked leaders for attending, as well as the members of Brigade Staff and the Brigade Executive who contributed to the day.



Jonathan Eales
Chief Executive
September 2025