Brigade Council 2026
AGM Summary

Around 100 leaders from across the UK & RoI joined Brigade Council meeting on Saturday 5th September 2026, 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	66
Postal	25
Proxy	0
Total	**91**

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.

Former member Pete Markey shared with Council the impact BB has had on his life, what he has learnt working within marketing over the last three decades and his challenge to everyone to tell local stories of the how the BB is making a difference in young lives today.

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 were agreed.

The Chief Executive gave a short overview of the successes and challenges of the last 12 months. Council watched a video review of the 2025/26 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 2026 and updated members on the current financial position. Council agreed to receive the accounts.

Auditors

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

Capitation Fees

Council agreed the Capitation Fees for the 2026/27 session.

Category		Fee
Fee per young person		£29.00
Adult fees	Officers / Leaders	£29.00
	(Second person at the same address)	£25.00
	Battalion & District Officers not on Company roll	£29.00
	Officers / Leaders in full time education or training	£25.00
	Helpers	£23.50

Office Bearers

The following were elected as Office Bearers for the 2026/27 session:

President:	Rev Dez Johnston
Vice-Presidents:	Mike Colbeck
	Martin Dunbar
	David Gemmell
	Ian Rumbelow
Chaplain:	Rev Stewart Cutler
Treasurer:	Steve Mann

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 2026