

Resolution 11 – approval of the Members’ Council Terms of Reference

This supporting paper provides details as to the change of name of National Council to Members’ Council as referred to in the new terms of reference presented for members’ approval.

The BMC Independent Organisational Review Group Amended Recommendations Report (March 2018) stated:

Recommendation 33: The National Council should be restructured and become the Members’ Assembly and its role re-defined.

In 2018, the BMC Board and National Council set up the Organisational Development Group (ODG) to provide recommendations on implementing the outstanding items from the 2017 ORG report. The ODG grouped these items into 8 work streams, which together will provide recommendations to Board and National Council on all outstanding items.

The R33 Working Group was formed within the Governance Workstream (WS5) and has produced the proposals for the restructuring of National Council.

The consultations suggested that there was not a great deal of passion around the name of the Reconstituted National Council. However, there was a good case to be made for a name change in order to demonstrate that the composition and role of Reconstituted National Council is substantially different to what has gone before.

The Organisational Review of the BMC recommended that the name of the National Council be changed to **“Members Assembly”**, but there was not much enthusiasm for this name. During the discussions within the R33 Working Group, an alternative name was proposed which the R33 Group believes better reflects the role of the body and its place within the structure of the BMC – **“Members’ Council”**.

Members’ The body collectively belongs to the membership and acts on its behalf. Member is also a better descriptor than ‘National’ which does little to tell you who it is there to represent.

Council An assembly of persons convened for, deliberation, discussion, consultation or advice. A more specific and relevant noun than ‘Assembly’.

The Working Group therefore recommended that **“Members’ Council”** is the name adopted by the reconstituted body.

The proposed structure of the new Members’ Council, together with the suggested name change, was discussed with National Council at the 64th National Council meeting, 22 June 2019, as shown by point 8.1.5 in the minutes.

The new name “Members’ Council” was presented to BMC members through the ODG website in the Summer of 2019 and via area meetings in Q3 2019.