

SSCUP Constitution

1. Aim

The Scottish Senior Citizens Unity Party (SSCUP) shall exist to further the best interests and benefits of all senior citizens in Scotland, and to that end shall contest elections to all levels of government in Scotland.

2. Membership

Membership will be open to all people resident in Scotland and ex-patriot Scots living out with the country.

Membership will be open to all, regardless of colour, religion, class or creed.

Membership rates will be set at the Party's A.G.M.

The SSCUP will be independent of all other political parties, but members of other parties may become associate members of the party. Associate members will not be able to hold office or have voting rights.

3. Decision-Making

The SSCUP will hold an Annual General Meeting at which policy will be decided.

Every ordinary member of the Party will have a vote at the A.G.M.

4. Party Officials

The Party will have a National Management Committee comprising the Party Leader, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and eight other members, one of whom shall be appointed as Vice-Chairman. The Committee will be elected at the A.G.M. each year. Candidates for these positions must be nominated and seconded by a current party member and the nomination must be approved by a majority of the current National Management Committee.

5. Regional Parties

There will be eight regional parties, one for each of the Scottish Parliament regions. A regional party will be formed when a Regional Management Committee of eight is established and a standard constitution agreed.

Each regional party will have a Convener and a Secretary/Treasurer and will be entitled to one place on the National Management Committee.

Each Regional Management Committee will meet at least four times a year.

It will be deemed to be quorate when 50% of members are present.

6. Finances

Management of Party finances will be the responsibility of the Treasurer who will draw up the party accounts for the financial year ending 31st December. The accounts will be approved by the National Management Committee prior to submission to the Electoral Commission. The final accounts will be presented to the A.G.M.

7. Elections

Candidates for elections to local government, the Scottish Parliament, Westminster and the European Parliament may be proposed by the Regional Management Committee or the National Management Committee. All candidates must be approved by the National Management Committee prior to nomination papers being lodged.