

## The Rule Book – Section I

### Constituency Plan Agreement between the Co-operative Party and the .....Constituency Labour Party

An agreement made between the .....CLP (“The CLP”) and the Co-operative Party, within the terms of the National Agreement between the Co-operative Party and the Labour Party to achieve mutually agreed political objectives.

#### Under this Agreement, the CLP recognises

- The need to encourage the Co-operative Party’s members to become individual members of the Labour Party and to participate fully in the work of the CLP.
- The importance of encouraging all Co-operative Society members to become members of the Labour Party and to encourage all members of the Labour Party to become members of the Co-operative Party.
- The value of the political and organisational links between the Labour Party and its affiliated Co-operative Party.

And commits itself to co-operating both with the Co-operative Party nationally and relevant Branches as a means of promoting these objectives.

#### Under this Agreement, the Co-operative Party recognises

- The importance of the CLP securing the election of Labour representatives to all public offices, including, Members of Parliament, the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales and Councillors. Where those Labour representatives qualify in accordance with the terms of the National Agreement between the Co-operative Party and the Labour Party that they be regarded as joint candidates of the two Parties and be designated Labour and Co-operative Party members.
- The desirability of the Co-operative Party’s members in the constituency actively assisting the CLP in public elections.
- The need of the CLP for financial support to achieve its objectives.

#### **The Co-operative Party, therefore, agrees to provide the CLP with the following to assist in the achievement of its objectives and its general development:**

- A grant of £..... per year, paid in advance quarterly instalments on 1 March, June, September and December.
- Where a member of staff is employed, a sum equivalent to .....% of the employment costs of that member of staff, paid in advance as quarterly instalments on 1 March, June, September and December.

The CLP agrees

- to provide the Co-operative Party with a report no less frequently than twice per year on the manner in which the funds contributed by the Co-operative Party have been used for the furtherance of the mutually agreed political objectives.

This agreement may be terminated by either the Co-operative Party or the CLP after six months written notice has been given.

This agreement is subject to ratification by the National Executive Committees of the Labour Party and the Co-operative Party.

Signed:

..... (General Secretary, Co-operative Party)

..... (CLP Chair)

..... (Labour Party Regional Secretary)

Date .....