

Policy Proposal:

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Current Policy/Situation

What happens at the moment?

Section 6.3 of Standing Order 6 contains provisions for a specific annual referendum on the Union's affiliation with the NUS.

New Proposal

What is your new proposal? This must include the exact wording that you would like in the Standing Orders?

This proposal is to remove section 6.3 of the Standing Orders so that this is no longer an automatic annual occurrence, but a referendum on affiliation can still be called under the general referendum rules in section 6.2 of Standing Order 6.

Rationale for the change

What are the pros and cons of the change? How will any cons be managed/mitigated?

There has been a noticeable lack of engagement with the annual NUS affiliation referendum, so this proposal would remove the requirement for the Union to automatically hold one each year, but if it becomes appropriate to have a referendum on this subject another time then this can still be done under the general referendum rules.

What consideration or consultation have you taken prior to submitting this proposal? *All proposals go the exec team to be confirmed, so having insufficient consultation/consideration could mean the proposal is rejected.*

These amendments have been discussed with the Voice and Insight Manager and the CEO.

Have you considered any impact of the new proposal on any of the protected characteristics as listed in the Equality Act 2010? *What are the impacts and how will any negative impacts be managed/mitigated? For more information on the protected characteristics please see [Equality Act 2010 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)*

Appendices *if necessary.*