

## **Independent & Private Sector Advisory Group (IPSAG) Constitution**

### **Membership:**

2 Executive Members, including the Lead Member for the independent sector who will Chair the meetings

1 Officer

6 Standard Members representing geographical areas. Members to be nominated by District or Local Branches, or by at least 5 standard members.

3 additional Standard Members to seek to ensure balance and that IPSAG represents the different constituencies of the membership as a whole.

Nominations/elections will usually take place in the summer. Members will serve for two years commencing in the September.

*Total – 12 members*

**Number of Meetings:** 4 meetings a year on Saturdays

**Remit:** To consider and advise the Executive Committee and the Policy Council on all matters relating particularly to working in the independent sector; especially pay and conditions of employment and to recommend and to disseminate advice and best practice on all matters relating to the independent sector.

To advise on and participate in recruitment and organisation within the sector.

To represent the Association with appropriate organisations.

To advise on and participate in the annual independent schools' conference.

### **Rules**

IPSAG operates under the standing orders of the Executive Committee.

### **Explanatory Notes**

If there is a contested place on the group, each candidate will supply a statement of no more than 200 words declaring their interest in sector issues. The Executive Committee will use this information to decide upon the successful candidate(s).

### **The nomination/election of the 6 standard members**

The nomination/election of the 6 standard members is to ensure geographical representation of the membership, of which no more than 4 are permitted to be Executive Members.

The geographical areas are:

1. The Northeast: Scotland, branches east of the Pennines and south to (and including) Humberside and South Yorkshire.
2. The Northwest: branches west of the Pennines, the Greater Manchester and Merseyside areas, Cheshire, North and Central Wales.

3. The Midlands: branches in England south of those in constituencies 1 and 2, east to (and including) Northamptonshire, south to (and including) Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Buckinghamshire.

4. The East: branches in East Anglia and eastern England north of the Thames and east of the Midlands, but not those in inner or outer London.

5. London and the South East: branches in London, Kent, East and West Sussex and Surrey.

6. The South West: branches in South Wales, west of (and including) Hampshire and south of those in constituency 3.

### **The nomination/election of the 3 additional Standard Members**

The nomination/election of the 3 additional Standard Members working in the independent and private sector to seek to ensure balance and that IPSAG represents the different constituencies of the membership as a whole.

Amongst other things, consideration will be given to ensure balanced representation from day/boarding schools, senior/junior, male/female, full-time/part-time etc.

The Executive Committee will decide upon the successful candidates.

As amended by Rules & Procedures and approved by the Executive May 2010.