

# Resolutions Update

**Annual Conference 2025**

Update on the progress against Motions carried  
and responses by the Board of Trustees

Registered charity number: 219279



The Board of Trustees wish to update the Royal British Legion formations and its members of the actions that have been taken on the Motions carried at Annual Conference held on Saturday 17 May 2025.

## Special Notes

1. To have been eligible for representation at the 2025 Annual Conference, Branches had to comply with the following:
  - a. been formed prior to 30 Sep 2024.
  - b. submitted their complete year end accounts (for Field Financial Year 2022 - 2023) by 30 September 2024, unless they were a County Supported Branch.
  - c. submitted their signed MSI Form by 31 Dec 2024.
2. Only Branch delegates are eligible to vote at the Conference.
3. Voting will be via an online system for those who join online and on voting pads for those in the auditorium.
4. Delegates are requested to be polite and to treat with respect everyone in attendance at Conference or interacting on related forums.

## Motions of Urgency

The deadline for submitting Motions of Urgency for Annual Conference 2025 was 5:00pm on Thursday 15 May 2025.

## Resolutions 2025 Update

<b>Motion 2 (Charter Motion)</b>	
Proposer	Lancaster Branch
Seconder	Lancashire County
Charter Motion	<p>This Conference requests that application be made by the Board of Trustees to the Charity Commission and the Privy Council for an Order to amend the 2003 Royal Charter of Incorporation and Rules (Version 15 - 30th September 2023) by replacing:</p> <p>16. Conduct and business of the Annual Conference</p> <p>16.4 All decisions of the Annual Conference must be reached solely by the votes of the Voting Branch delegates who are both present and voting. The quorum for Annual Conference shall be determined by the Conference Committee.</p> <p>With:</p> <p>16.4 All decisions of the Annual Conference must be reached solely by the votes of the Voting Branch delegates who are both present and voting, either physically or via a secure video link, allowing equal rights to virtual and in person delegates, i.e. voting, nominating, proposing and seconding. The quorum for Annual Conference shall be determined by the Conference Committee.</p>
Vote Result	For – 268 (85.62%) Against – 45 (14.38%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<p><b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>This motion has been upheld by the Board of Trustees as it acts to future-proof the delivery of Annual Conference and recognises the virtual audience. Privy Council authorisation of the change is not required, but RBL’s Legal team have advised the Board that it would be courteous to inform the Privy Council of the intended change which will be taken forward in due course.</p>
Follow up actions owned by	Executive Director: Membership – Nina Villa / Executive Director: Digital, Data and Technology - Steve Blackburn
Action Update	This action is being taken forward and an update will follow.
<b>Motion 3</b>	
Proposer	Lancaster Branch
Seconder	Lancashire County
Motion	This Conference requests that the Board of Trustees investigate the feasibility

	of remote voting delegates nominating, seconding and speaking on motions via a secure webinar.
Vote Result	For - 271 (87.14%) Against - 40 (12.86%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b>  This motion aligns with the recommendation from the Annual Conference Review undertaken by the Audit and Compliance team, as a means by which the offer of one member one vote could be explored. This approach would allow for a higher representation of members.
Follow up actions owned by	Director: Membership – Ruth Efunnuga
Action Update	This is being taken forward and conversations with the relevant delivery partners are being undertaken. We are reviewing the viability of implementing these changes for Annual Conference 2026 and considering the support requirements and communications for membership to support the introduction of these changes.

#### Motion 4

Proposer	Lancaster Branch
Seconder	Lancashire County
Motion	This Conference requests that the Board of Trustees reduce the minimum number of members serving on a Branch Committee from seven to five.
Vote Result	For - 293 (94.54%) Against - 17 (5.48%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b>  Amendments will be made to the Membership Handbook for the September edition once policy change activities have been undertaken to assess and manage the impact.
Follow up actions owned by	Head of Membership Policy and Compliance - Alison Bunn
Action Update	This action has been taken forward and will be reflected in the September 2025 release of the Membership Handbook.  This resolution is now closed.

#### Motion 5

Proposer	Addlestone Branch
Seconder	Malden & Coombe Branch
Motion	The RBL moves away from wet signatures to accepting electronic signatures.

Vote Result	For - 167 (53.70%) Against - 144 (46.30%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<p><b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>A feasibility check will be undertaken in terms of risk mitigation, adoption into current ways of working and analysis of available providers such as DocuSign/Adobe, etc, to deliver a consistent approach to signature capturing across the RBL to be adopted by Membership.</p> <p>Whilst this has been carried, it is recommended that further exploration of the adoption of this technology is undertaken properly to ensure its effectiveness and it being offered alongside the current approach of accepting wet signatures to ensure inclusiveness for those membership formations / individuals who are not yet tech savvy.</p> <p>A policy will be developed setting out the conditions of the acceptance of the electronic signature.</p>
Follow up actions owned by	Executive Director: Membership – Nina Villa / Head of Membership Policy and Compliance - Alison Bunn
Action Update	<p>This action is being scoped to ensure that the appropriate method of capturing e-signatures is adopted and the relevant guidelines, training and best practice materials are developed.</p> <p>Further updates will be available through the Central News publication and policy information within the Membership Handbook released in 2026.</p>
<b>Motion 6</b>	
Proposer	Worksop Branch
Seconder	Keyworth & District
Motion	This Conference requests that Gift Membership be included as part of the membership strategy.
Vote Result	For - 260 (84.14%) Against - 49 (15.86%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<p><b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>Whilst this has been carried, further exploration of the adoption of an approach to gift membership will be undertaken.</p>
Follow up actions owned by	Executive Director: Membership – Nina Villa
Action Update	This action is being taken forward and an update will follow.
<b>Motion 7</b>	
Proposer	Frecheville Branch
Seconder	Dinnington & District

Motion	This conference requests that consideration is given for a static disabled area to be provided at all future Annual National Conferences during the Parade on Sunday and all and any future RBL ceremonial engagements in line with the RBL's Diversity and Inclusion Policy.
Vote Result	For - 284 (91.03%) Against - 28 (8.97%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b>  The Remembrance Events Team ensures that all reasonable measures are taken, within the parameters of the event venue, to prioritise accessibility for commemorative events including the Veterans' March Past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. As 2025 marks a number of landmark anniversaries commemorating the end of the Second World War, the Remembrance Events Team will conduct a pragmatic review of all accessible spaces and facilities on Horse Guards Parade to accommodate for a predicted increase requirement in accessible spaces and will continue to review accessibility at commemorative events, in line with the RBL's Diversity and Inclusion Policy.
Follow up actions owned by	Director: Remembrance - Philippa Rawlinson / Chair of the Ceremonial Working Group - Robert Millar
Action Update	This action is being taken forward and an update will follow.
<b>Motion 8</b>	
Proposer	Guiseley Branch
Seconder	Horsforth Branch
Motion	This conference requests that the Ceremonial Working Group considers adding the Parade Marshal to the MSIB, or a MSIC, in line with Standard Bearers and Judges.
Vote Result	For - 285 (92.23%) Against - 24 (7.77%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b>  This will be incorporated into the Membership Handbook review for the September 2025 release along with the amendment to the MSIB form to reduce the complexity of the current form.
Follow up actions owned by	Head of Membership Policy and Compliance - Alison Bunn
Action Update	This action has been completed as per the September 2025 Membership Handbook release.

## Resolutions 2024 Update

Motion I	
Proposer	Lancaster Branch
Secunder	Backbarrow with Crake Valley Branch
Motion	This Conference requests that the Board of Trustees works with Novacraft to improve the level of its performance with regards to the collection of membership fees and the handling of new membership applications. If this does not occur Conference requests that the contract with Novacraft be renegotiated at the next renewal in order that improvement is forthcoming.
Vote Result	For - 297 (98.34%) Against - 5 (1.66%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<p><b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>The Board of Trustees and Executive Board recognise that the Novacraft service for both new and renewing members is not to the standard we expect and agree that the level of performance needs to improve.</p> <p>The National Chair and Director General described the RBL's six key priorities in their addresses at AC, one of which is to 'Improve the Membership Experience'. This includes activities already underway with Novacraft with an agreed schedule of improvement work, which is regularly monitored. This is now led by the Director of Customer</p> <p>Operations with the appropriate senior expertise to ensure performance improves.</p> <p>In order to help us work together and drive these improvements, members are encouraged to report any issues experienced with Novacraft promptly so that they can be investigated and resolved at the earliest opportunity</p> <p>As part of updating members on improving the membership experience, progress will be reported through the Membership Council, County Chairs, and out to the wider membership.</p>
Follow up actions owned by	Executive Director: Membership - Nina Villa

2025 Update

Whilst the service provided to our members by Novacroft fell below expectations up to the period of early 2023, which we acknowledge negatively affected member satisfaction, RBL reputation and overall business performance, a strong focus on the finer details of service provision and the reformation of our mutual relationship and working practices has since shown an improvement in the performance of Novacroft’s portal, the annual renewal process and has led to a subsequent reduction in complaints and overall issues.

The main areas of focus have included:

- Regular face-to-face meetings with the owners and leaders of Novacroft, to ensure our SLA’s and targets are met, and a higher level of service is delivered and maintained.
- The introduction of a daily Quality and Assurance process to ensure that regular checks are made across all technology
- platforms, financial transaction, join and renewal processes, and postal delivery, daily, for optimum performance.
- An independent audit of Novacroft and their activities relating to the RBL contract, via Auditors Crowe, which provided useful insights and advice on improvements required by Novacroft.
- MC rep attendance at weekly RBL/NC meetings.

Further improvements in the service we receive from Novacroft is required in order to reach the expected level of performance that we demand, however the developments and enhancements made so far are both encouraging and effective.

Month	Total calls per month	Average call answering SLA's	Satisfied with the call	Likely to recommend the RBL
Oct	4,625	94.13%	91.39%	87.41%
Nov	6,219	95.57%	94.71%	88.77%
Dec	2,270	90.28%	90.45%	86.55%
Jan	1,888	94.80%	92.33%	88.21%
Feb	2,910	90.45%	92.31%	88.47%

**Motion 2**

Proposer	Newton Abbot Branch
Seconder	Plympton
Motion	This Conference requests that the Board of Trustees review the way that the tickets for the Festival of Remembrance (FoR) are allocated.
Vote Result	For - 266 (86.93%) Against - 40 (13.07%)
Vote Outcome	Carried

<p>Recommendation to the Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>The Board recommend that further consideration is given to this Motion:</b></p> <p>Member feedback will be sought following the 2024 Festival of Remembrance (FoR). Their input will be used to develop a range of ticketing options that will be presented to the Membership Council for consideration before 2025 FoR. The options will aim to ensure the fairest solution to enable wide representation of members who wish to attend to secure tickets.</p>
<p>Follow up actions owned by</p>	<p>Director: Remembrance - Philippa Rawlinson / Remembrance Directorate</p>
<p>2025 Update</p>	<p>The Remembrance Events Team have fully responded to the motion which set out to review the allocation process for membership ticket sales for Festival of Remembrance.</p> <p>Following a holistic and comprehensive review, and obtaining unanimous approval from the Membership Council, the Remembrance Events Team have successfully implemented a new Ballot process for members to apply for tickets.</p> <p>The project involved exploring internal processes, as well as those of external suppliers currently involved in ticket allocation, with the view of making the process inclusive, straightforward and accessible to as many members as possible.</p> <p>The ballot launched as planned and ran from 4 – 24 June 2025, with just over 8,000 members applying.</p>

### Motion 3

<p>Proposer</p>	<p>Chingford Branch and Plympton &amp; District Branches</p>
<p>Secunder</p>	<p>Plympton Crownhill</p>
<p>Motion</p>	<p>Chingford Branch and Plympton &amp; District Branches request that national conferences have a County Youth Officers forum included as part of the national conference membership forum.</p>
<p>Vote Result</p>	<p>For - 284 (92.21%) Against - 24 (7.79%)</p>
<p>Vote Outcome</p>	<p>Carried</p>

<p>Recommendation to the Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>This Motion is <u>not</u> upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>RBL are committed to supporting the work of the County Officers including County Youth Officers and we currently do that through the yearly County Officers event organised by the Membership Directorate.</p> <p>We are currently developing a RBL Youth Strategy and to align with it, the Youth Membership Working group which reports through Membership Council is reviewing the youth membership offer alongside family membership. This needs to be an attractive offer for young people that also keeps themselves and the RBL safeguarded. We are also mindful that costs in delivering Annual Conference (AC) are exponentially increasing, and therefore we are also conducting a full review to ensure RBL, and its members are getting best value from this event.</p> <p>Until we have agreed our future approach to AC and until the membership youth offer is further developed, and we are clearer on the support and processes that will need to be in place, we do not think this is the right time to introduce a County Youth Officers Forum at AC.</p>
<p>2025 Update</p>	<p>Closed: Not required</p>
<p><b>Motion 4</b></p>	
<p>Proposer</p>	<p>York Branch</p>
<p>Seconder</p>	<p>Goole &amp; Howden</p>
<p>Motion</p>	<p>This Conference requests that the Board of Trustees consider supporting the creation of a National Veteran's Week for the UK. This would enable the profile of all veterans and their dependents to be highlighted and in line with the Armed Forces Covenant, would ensure that veterans and their families are not disadvantaged in the provision of services.</p>
<p>Vote Result</p>	<p>For - 232 (76.57%) Against - 71 (23.43%)</p>
<p>Vote Outcome</p>	<p>Carried</p>
<p>Recommendation to the Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>This Motion is <u>not</u> upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>The core of RBL's campaigning activity is to uphold the Armed Forces Covenant – ensuring that veterans, current serving personnel and their families are not disadvantaged in the provision of public and commercial services. This is at the heart of every engagement we have with national and local government.</p> <p>We believe that Armed Forces Week and our ongoing work with national parliaments, local Covenant Boards, Veterans, Commissioners and VAPCs already gives us a strong platform with a regular drum beat of engagement to ensure veteran and family voices are heard. Adding a National Veteran's Week could dilute this work as well as all our activities that take place during remembrance tide.</p> <p>The CPR team would be happy to work directly with any branches who want to campaign for better adherence to the Covenant locally.</p>
<p>Follow up actions owned by</p>	<p>Directors: Campaigns Policy &amp; Research – Angela Kitching and Hannah Pearce</p>

2025 Update	<p>CPR team continue to engage across the UK with the work of Covenant Boards in order to challenge and reduce disadvantage experienced by the Armed Forces Community. A key call in RBL's General Election manifesto was to campaign for the legal extension of the Covenant Duty – this proposal was adopted by the incoming Government. In 2024, we also attended and delivered a workshop at the national Covenant conference on experiences of disadvantage.</p> <p>Recently, we have hosted joint engagement groups with the Ministry of Defence to invite local authorities and devolved government representatives to consider the impact of the Armed Forces Covenant Duty on their work and to consider what an extension of the Covenant Duty might mean to them in the future.</p> <p>RBL's Director General has given evidence to the House of Commons Defence Select Committee on their inquiry into the Armed Forces Covenant, making the case for its extension in law and practice. We continue to support the national Armed Forces Day event and Armed Forces Day in Wales in order to celebrate the contribution of veterans, their families and the wider armed forces community.</p> <p><b>No further update – item closed.</b></p>
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<b>Motion 5</b>
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Proposer	RBL Cheltenham Branch
Seconder	Gloucester City Branch
Motion	This branch calls on delegates to express their dissatisfaction with the current Board of Trustees continued lack of transparency and attention to the views of the wider membership by approving a Vote of Censure on the Board for its handling of their proposed Governance changes.
Vote Result	For - 240 (78.69%) Against - 65 (21.32%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<p><b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>The Board have acknowledged the vote of Censure that the Membership attending Conference have expressed. The voices of the Membership have been heard, not only at Conference, but within the various engagement opportunities that have taken place since Annual Conference 2023. The Board has committed to working more collaboratively with the Membership Council, County Chairs and wider membership through these key leadership groups, to ensure that the membership voice is not lost. We are also improving transparency including the sharing of a summary version of the Board minutes with the wider membership. The Board has always acted and conducted business in accordance with RBL charitable aims and objectives and will continue to do what is in the best interests of our beneficiaries.</p>
Follow up actions owned by	National Chair – Lynda Atkins
2025 Update	As National Chair, I am committed to ensuring that the Board of Trustees continues to collaborate effectively with the Membership Council and the wider membership, thereby enabling their voices to be heard. Briefings from each Board meeting are now routinely distributed to County Chairs and the Membership Council as standard practice.

<b>Motion 6</b>	
Proposer	RBL Gloucester City Branch
Seconder	Cheltenham Branch
Motion	<p>“Military Integrity” - Additional Declaration MSI / MSIA Self- Disclosure Part I Reputational or Financial Roles.</p> <p>This branch requests that the MSI / MSIA Self-Disclosure Part I Reputational or Financial Roles are amended to include the following Military Integrity statement within the declarations:</p> <p>"I have never worn medals I am not entitled to, nor falsely claimed to have been a member of Armed Forces nor lied about my Service."</p>
Vote Result	For - 262 (85.34%) Against - 45 (14.66%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<p><b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>The MSI form would only cover those in Branch Officer positions and therefore a more suitable approach would be to set these standards for all our members and therefore include appropriate wording in the Membership Handbook.</p> <p>This will be actioned by the Membership Finance and Compliance Working Group in collaboration with other teams as part of the September 2024 revisions to the Membership Handbook.</p>
Follow up actions owned by	Membership Finance and Compliance Working Group – Emma Cox / Head of Membership Compliance & Policy – Alison Bunn
2025 Update	This has been actioned as of September 2024 and now appears as part of the MSI in the Membership Handbook, as well as being referenced in more detail in the Ceremonial Handbook section on medals.
<b>Motion 7</b>	
Proposer	Membership Council
Seconder	Shoreham by Sea Branch
Motion	<p>Membership Council calls upon the members to support an increase in the annual membership fee. To apply an incremental increase of £2 each year for the next 5 years.</p> <p>This would mean members paying for the annual membership fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 1 Oct 2024 - £20 per year</li> <li>• From 1 Oct 2025 - £22 per year</li> <li>• From 1 Oct 2026 - £24 per year</li> <li>• From 1 Oct 2027 - £26 per year</li> <li>• From 1 Oct 2028 - £28 per year</li> </ul>
Vote Result	For - 172 (54.43%) Against - 144 (45.57%)

Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<p><b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>Trustees discussed the implementation timeline and risks, agreeing to change the implementation date and bring forward by one month to allow testing on small numbers before the bulk renewals start on the 1 October.</p> <p>This will mean from the 4 September 2024, new members and those renewing will pay the £20 fee.</p> <p>To summarise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 4 Sept 2024 - £20 per year</li> <li>• From 4 Sept 2025 - £22 per year</li> <li>• From 4 Sept 2026 - £24 per year</li> <li>• From 4 Sept 2027 - £26 per year</li> <li>• From 4 Sept 2028 - £28 per year</li> </ul>
Follow up actions owned by	We have established an RBL Programme Board to ensure good controls and management of this work, including the production of a detailed communications plan to ensure all members are well informed in advance of the changes. The sponsor is the Executive Director: Services – Nina Villa.
2025 Update	<p>The RBL Fee Increase Programme Board was initiated in May 2024 and worked consistently to deliver a smooth and effective fee increase programme. A variety of updates and notifications on the fee increase were distributed by email, added to our newsletters and Legion magazine, and was noted within the membership renewal materials, along with additional information on our website in the form of FAQs, and the notes pertinent to the Motion itself.</p> <p>The benefit of the groundwork came through in the lead up to renewal time, in ensuring that our members received the information they needed to make an informed decision on their renewal. It also helped in ensuring that the number of enquires and complaints on the subject remained manageable, with our response teams responding to enquires within their SLA's and agreed time frames.</p> <p>Overall, the work carried out by the Programme Board was proven to be very successful and has now become business as usual for 2025 and beyond.</p>

### Motion 9

Proposer	Bedford and District Branch
Secunder	TBC
Motion	This Branch calls upon the Board of Trustees to develop model multi-faith and ecumenical Services for events such as Remembrance Day, and that these be added to the existing model Christian Services published in the Annexes to Chapter 5 of the Ceremonial Handbook.
Vote Result	For - 259 (83.28%) Against - 52 (16.72%)
Vote Outcome	Carried

Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<p><b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>The Remembrance Directorate will work with the National Chaplain and Chair of the Ceremonial Working Group to ensure that Remembrance Services are accessible and inclusive to all in line with our Remembrance for All strategy. This will include revising existing position papers, the ceremonial handbook and other membership resources so that national, county and local Remembrance Services are all based on the same guidance.</p>
Follow up actions owned by	Director: Remembrance with support from the RBL National Chaplain and Chair of the Ceremonial Working Group – Philippa Rawlinson and Phil Davies
2025 Update	<p>A RBL Remembrance Position paper and condensed Remembrance Key Points documents were developed and circulated ahead of Remembrance 2024; these documents draw together all aspects of Remembrance with particular reference to Acts of Remembrance making it clear that the Act is non-religious but may be ‘bookended’ by whatever readings, music or other elements are relevant to the community attending.</p> <p>The Remembrance Directorate are working with the Chair of the Ceremonial Working Group to update the Ceremonial Handbook to ensure consistency of approach across all documents.</p>

### Motion 10

Proposer	Worksop Branch
Seconder	Keyworth Branch
Motion	This conference requires that the Royal British Legion embrace the concept of family membership as part of membership development strategy. As overwhelmingly agreed by Conference in 2019.
Vote Result	For - 273 (88.35%) Against - 36 (11.65%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<p><b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>There have been several long-standing Motions and questions surrounding family membership and youth membership. As a result, Membership Council (MC) reestablished the Youth Membership Working Group at the beginning of 2024, with representation from staff, MC, County Chairs and County Youth Officers. As a working group they have been tasked to develop a proposal as to how we move forward with family membership as well as deliver an attractive offer for young people that keeps themselves and the RBL safeguarded.</p> <p>This work is in progress and a proposal is in development which will also consider any financial implications. This will be shared with MC, County Chairs and with the principles agreed, the wider membership before AC25.</p>
Follow up actions owned by	Executive Director: Membership – Nina Villa

2025 Update

Following motions proposed at the Annual Conferences in 2019, 2021, and 2024 by the Morecambe and Worksop branches, a Task and Finish Group was established to explore introducing a family membership option and present recommendations to the Membership Council. This group, comprising both staff and members, ensured a wide range of perspectives. The proposing branches were directly consulted to better understand their suggestions.

Understanding that the original motions to explore family membership were about engaging families more deeply with RBL and its Branches and that Youth membership is already free for those aged 12–17, the Task and Finish group explored the concept of Household Membership instead—a discounted option for members living at the same address. After consulting branches, counties, and members, the idea was unanimously deemed impractical due to the complexity of implementation and its significant adverse financial impact on the charity.

In December 2024, the Membership Council accepted the Task and Finish group's recommendation not to proceed with this proposal. The branches that submitted the motions were consulted and agreed with the decision.

To enhance Membership engagement going forward, the Membership team has outlined an action plan focused on:

- Strengthening connections with the Armed Forces community through collaboration with the Network Engagement team
- Expanding membership by engaging with more diverse audiences
- Supporting Branches in hosting community events and improving member retention through training, best practices, and helpful toolkits.

We extend our gratitude to the Task and Finish Group for their dedication and thorough work on this important review.

**Motion 12**

Proposer	Gloucester Branch
Seconder	Cheltenham Branch
Motion	This Conference requests that The Royal British Legion (RBL) approach advises and recommends to His Majesty's Government that the retrospective award of a General Service Medal 1962-2007 (GSM), Clasp BELIZE to all who served in Belize from 1972 to 1994 to recognise the operational Service delivered in the Central American theatre.
Vote Result	For - 246 (80.13%) Against - 61 (19.87%)
Vote Outcome	Carried

<p>Recommendation to the Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>This Motion is <u>not</u> upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>RBL campaigns on a wide range of social policy issues affecting members of the armed forces community. We choose to focus our campaigns on these practical issues because we have the evidence from our welfare work to inform the change we ask Government to make.</p> <p>We do not campaign on any operational issues including medallic recognition because RBL doesn't have any evidence about the relative merits of different forms of service or operations. RBL receives a lot of requests to campaign on medallic recognition, and we believe that if we were to support each of these campaigns it would diminish our limited capacity to campaign on the range of social policy issues which we currently focus on.</p> <p>It is the Advisory Military Sub-Committee (AMSC) who considers claims for medallic recognition of past military service and the link to the website is: <a href="http://www.gov.uk">http://Advisory Military Sub-Committee - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p>
<p>Follow up actions owned by</p>	<p>Not Applicable - NO FURTHER ACTION</p>

### Motion 13

<p>Proposer</p>	<p>Rushden Branch</p>
<p>Secunder</p>	<p>St. Austell Branch</p>
<p>Motion</p>	<p>That the RBL looks to implement a modern theme into school assemblies that has relevance today to complement existing RBL school teaching material.</p>
<p>Vote Result</p>	<p>For - 289 (92.33%) Against - 24 (7.76%)</p>
<p>Vote Outcome</p>	<p>Carried</p>
<p>Recommendation to the Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>The Board recommend that further consideration is given to this Motion:</b></p> <p>While recognising that RBL is unable to dictate the content of school assemblies we will continue to develop our school resources to keep them relevant, easy to use by teachers and meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum, to increase take up. As noted by Conference many of our resources are designed to be used by teachers during lessons or on visits to the National Memorial Arboretum rather than during school assemblies.</p> <p>However, in recent years we have developed a Remembrance Assembly which is livestreamed into thousands of schools on Armistice Day. Like the Festival of Remembrance, the assembly draws on many of the key anniversaries and current themes we have been focusing on that year in an age/curriculum appropriate way. We would value membership's support in signing schools up to take part and introducing the Remembrance Assembly, and other online events, on the day and will work with membership to enable this.</p>
<p>Follow up actions owned by</p>	<p>Director: Remembrance – Philippa Rawlinson</p>

2025 Update	<p>We have continued to develop our resources and online events to keep them relevant, accessible and meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum across the devolved nations to increase nationwide participation and engagement.</p> <p>We are currently working on a project in partnership with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) so that educators nationwide can encourage students in primary, secondary and further education to learn about the service of, and the sacrifices made by, the Second World War generation to coincide with VE and VJ Day 80 celebrations this year.</p> <p>Through creative production and authentic, contemporary and dynamic storytelling, the project will make much needed connections in a student's mind between the past and its relevance to their lives and society today. Further resources and online events we are producing throughout the course of this year will echo this approach by having modern Remembrance themes sitting at their heart to maximise learning, participation and engagement. We are grateful for the continued support from our Membership in promoting the program as we continue to modernise and grow it to ensure the torch of Remembrance is passed on.</p>
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<b>Motion of Urgency</b>
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Proposer	Castledawson Branch RBL
Seconder	Coleraine Branch
Motion	This Conference requests that the Membership Council (MC) urgently review the policy and procedures that are used when MC consider taking a County/District into Membership Council Administration and ensure that counties/districts are made aware of the procedures.
Vote Result	For - 300 (98%) Against - 5 (1.64%)
Vote Outcome	Carried
Recommendation to the Board of Trustees	<p><b>This Motion is upheld by the Board of Trustees:</b></p> <p>Prior to this motion being presented at Conference, the Membership Council was already reviewing a revised process for placing Counties/Districts into administration, as well as the approach and support available to exit them out of administration once the formation is able to function independently of Membership Council intervention. The revised processes will be published in the next edition of the Membership Handbook.</p>
Follow up actions owned by	Membership Council – Phil Davies (Chair)
2025 Update	The review of the Membership Council Administration process has been completed, and the updated process was published across pages 26-29 in the September 2024 edition of the Membership Handbook.

**End.**