

Additional SOC Guidelines for Virtual Retired members Conference 2021

Additional SOC guidance is required for a virtual conference to facilitate the smooth running of a virtual, motions based, conference.

This will follow the guidelines and practices applied to the recent Special Delegate Conference, Local Government Conference and other virtual conferences held in June 2021.

Composite agreement deadline

The deadline for agreeing proposed composites will be **2pm on Monday 21st September 2021** (to coincide with the prioritisation process deadline) – Any resulting Composite booklet will be published with the Standing Orders report No 1.

Standing orders Report no 1 - publication

Standing Orders Report No 1, which includes the order of business following the completion of the Prioritisation Process, is usually agreed by the SOC the day before conference and published / printed overnight to be available the morning before the first conference session commences. However, for 2021, to facilitate the smooth running of a virtual conference, the SOC will commit to publishing the Standing Orders report No 1 ahead of conference and by no later than **Friday 8th October 2021**.

Challenges to SOC rulings

As usual, if the SOC rules your motion or amendment out of order, a letter will be sent by the SOC with the reasons why, via the Online Conference System (OCS).

If you are not happy with the decision and want the SOC to reconsider, **you must contact us in writing via the OCS**.

For the purpose of this Virtual Retired Members Conference a

written appeal must be made in advance of the Conference by the following deadlines:

To appeal against motions ruled out of order the deadline is: **12.00 noon Wednesday, 25th August 2021.**

To appeal against amendments ruled out of order the deadline is: **12.00 noon Friday, 10th September 2021.**

Please note, for this Virtual Retired Members Conference, the decision of the Standing Orders Committee will be final on any appeal received.

No further appeals will be possible.

This guidance is written for the 2021 Virtual Retired Members conference and does not set any precedents for future conferences
