

BRITISH REGIONAL TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION 2025

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BRTA formerly known as English Regional Transport Association.

- 1. Name:** British Regional Transport Association (BRTA)
- 2. Objects.** To seek to foster and nurture the retention and improvement in better public transport across the regions including campaigning for an improved and expanded local and regional rail network and an environmentally friendly, integrated, comprehensive, inclusive and affordable (public) transport system.
- 3. Membership:** Membership is open to all those who support the objective of the BRTA.
- 4. Organisation:** The affairs and running of the BRTA is vested in the committee. The Executive Committee (EC) will consist of a Chief Executive Officer, Secretary/Administrator, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Ordinary Committee member(s). The committee will have the power to co-opt not more than 2 members.
- 5.** The committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 6.** The committee shall meet at regular intervals to progress business either by face-to-face meetings or by electronic communication.
- 7.** The Executive Committee have powers to appoint **area representatives** for an agreed trial or prolonged period.
- 8. General Meetings:** An Annual General Meeting shall be held in accordance with the notice of the AGM sent by the Secretary giving at least 14 days' notice of the annual general meeting to all those members of the BRTA. The EC shall present to each annual general meeting the report and accounts of the BRTA for the preceding year.
- 9. Nominations** for election to the EC must be made by members of the BRTA in writing or electronically and must be in the hands of the Secretary of the EC at least 14 days before the annual general meeting. Should nominations exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot. Voting shall be restricted to those members present, and in full membership at the time of the ballot.
- 10. Special General Meetings (EGM):** The EC may call a special meeting of the BRTA at any time. If at least ten members request such a meeting in writing or electronically stating the business to be considered the Secretary shall call such a meeting. At least 14 days' notice must be given. The notice must state the business to be discussed. It is incumbent upon those summoning such a meeting to take responsibility to cover all costs involved, not the EC. The Secretary or another person specifically appointed by the EC shall keep a full record of proceedings.
- 11. Finance:** The Treasurer shall keep account of all receipts, payments, assets and liabilities. The annual accounts shall be made available to each member at the AGM and presented for approval.
- 12. Subscriptions:** Subscriptions shall be determined at the AGM.

- 13. General:** The EC Committee shall be the sole authority for the day-to-day interpretation of the terms of this Constitution and shall be empowered to decide upon any matters not provided for herein.
- 14. Proposals for amendments to the Constitution** must be submitted to the Secretary in writing or electronically either for consideration at the next AGM or if necessary, at an EGM. Such proposals must have a proposer and seconder and be submitted at least one calendar month before such meeting.
- 15.** At least 14 days' notice must be given in writing or electronically to all paid up members in respect of any proposed changes to the Constitution.
- 16. Dissolution:** In the event of the dissolution of the BRTA the EC shall call an EGM and ask the paid-up members of the BRTA to resolve the matter of the disposal of such net assets that remain after dissolution.

