Constitution of GMB's Regional Local Government Committee

For Southern Region

1. **Title**

The Committee shall be known as the:

The Southern Region GMB Local Government Committee (NJC)

2. **SCOPE**

The functions of the Committee shall relate to GMB NJC members working within Local Government in Southern Region

3. **MEMBERSHIP**

a) The Regional Local Government Committee will be elected for a period of office of four years; which runs in parallel with GMB's National Local Government Committee.
b) The Committee will be chaired by an elected member of the Committee.
c) A Vice Chair will be elected at the start of the four year term to assist the Chair and may chair in the Chair's absence.
d) The Committee will be made up of Regional NJC Local Government lay representatives from Southern Region.
e) It is recognised that efforts should be made to encourage people of Black, Asian and minority ethnic and disabled backgrounds to be elected to the Committee.
f) Members shall cease to hold office on leaving or retiring from their NJC role.
g) All GMB activity is underpinned by GMB policy as determined by the CEC and GMB Congress.

4. **FUNCTIONS**

a) To work with and ensure the implementation of the GMB@Work programme in the Local Government sector.
b) Grow and organise GMB Local Government membership within the Region and help recruitment and retention projects where required.
c) To develop regional recruitment activities, in line with national recruitment strategies.
d) Represent and promote the interest and aspirations of members working Local Government through its Primary role of strengthening and growing membership.
e) Consider and advise on regional approaches to any Local Government National Consultation and/or campaigns which can be membership led.

f) To liaise with the Regional Organising Team and regional officers on organising projects that the Local Government Committee will run from time to time and assist with the design of recruitment material and plans for them.
g) Delegates to the Committee will represent the whole of the regions local government membership and should ensure a regional collective voice on matters of importance.
h) To elect and mandate Southern regions delegates to GMB's national local Government Committee.
i) Organise a Local Government reps forum, which must meet at least once annually.

5. TERMS OF OFFICE

a) The Chair/ Vice Chair of the Committee will be required to represent and report the Committee's activities to the Regional Council annually.

6. OTHER MEMBERS

a) The Local Government Committee may invite the attendance of any persons whose special knowledge would be of assistance, such person not having the power to vote.

7. MEETINGS

a) Local Government Committee meetings shall be held quarterly. Dates will be set for the year ahead in December by the Regional Public Sector Officer.
b) Additional meetings will be scheduled as and when required.
c) Meetings will normally be held via Teams but if deemed necessary in person meetings can be scheduled at Regional Office, 205 Hook Road, Chessington KT9 1EA with the facility to join via Teams.