

**HULL UNIVERSITY  
UNION**

M.1617-20 Motion to change the Bye-Laws to enable zone committees to approve Standing Order changes that only affect that zone

HUU Notes:

1. According to the Bye-Laws Union Council must approve all changes to Standing Orders.
2. Constitutions of new societies are approved by the Societies Executive Committee and come before Union Council for ratification only.

HUU Believes:

1. The majority of business currently conducted at Union Council relates to Standing Order changes and takes up a lot of meeting time whilst also preventing Union Council from being more accessible to the wider student body.
2. Changes only affecting one particular group or zone are being brought before Union Council and can be blocked by other members of Union Council. This was the case in 2015/16 when the first attempt of changing the name from Hullfire TV to Torch TV failed at a Union Council meeting.
3. Zones do currently not take an active role in discussing and voting on procedural changes at their meetings.

HUU Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve the changes to the appended section of the Bye-Laws as suggested.

Proposer: Amy Jackson (VP Activities)

Seconder: Max Cummins (Societies Presidents Rep)

## Appendix: Bye – Laws

**UNION COUNCIL**

58. Role In addition to authority set out in the Articles, the role of Council will be to:
- (a) Scrutinise the performance and conduct of Sabbatical Trustees, the Union Executive Committee, Zone committees and their individual chairs and all student positions elected to Council.
  - (b) Approve Policy or review and recommend policy for referral to a referendum that have been proposed at a Council meeting or by the Zone Committees.
  - (c) **Ratify new and updated Standing Orders if they relate to a specific zone/committee and have been approved by the respective zone/committee. All other Standing Order changes require a vote at Union Council.**
  - (d) Hear complaints about a member of the Union or the Union itself.
  - (e) Hear complaints of a disciplinary nature against a Sabbatical Trustee or serious cases referred to them by the Disciplinary Panel.
  - (f) Issue motions of caution, censure and no confidence against individual members of the Council.