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Branch Circular No 19/26

To: Members of the NEC
All Branch Secretaries
All Branch Chairs and Membership Secretaries

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Dear All

Spouse Members

Following agreement by the NEC please see below minor changes to the membership application for spouse members.

Spouse Member Pre-01/07/2024

Prior to incorporation spouses were 'deemed' to be members, in this situation they will continue to be members as before

Spouse Member post-01/07/2024

Post incorporation spouse members are no longer deemed under the Articles to be members. Therefore, a spouse needs to complete a membership application should they wish to be afforded membership status.

Although there is no requirement to complete retrospective applications for spouse members branches should be aware that should a spouse (post 01/07/2024) wish to be classed as a member and receive NARPO services in their own right then they should complete an application form and submit in the usual way*.

***There is NO cost for spouse members, and they do not attract additional precept payment from branches.**

This will only apply whilst married to or in a civil partnership with a full member. Upon the cessation of any full membership the entitlement to being a spouse member will be nulled.

Please note, where a member's spouse undertakes roles within a branch, e.g. welfare officer, social secretary, there is a requirement for the spouse to complete and sign an application form, to become a member, in their own right, and for them continue in this role.

If you have any questions in relation to this process, please do drop me a line.

Regards,

Yours sincerely

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Deputy CEO & DPO Spoc

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