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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Police Federation (England and Wales) Regulations 2017**

**PART 3**

**Constitution and proceedings of the Federation  
branches, Federation bodies and annual conference**

**Branch councils**

**8.**—(1) A branch council constituted in respect of a Federation branch other than the metropolitan police force branch is to comprise the following members—

- (a) the number of members determined under paragraph (2) elected by the members of the relevant Federation branch from among their number in accordance with Federation rules;
- (b) the following officers—
  - (i) the branch chair of the relevant Federation branch, who is to chair the branch council;
  - (ii) the branch secretary of the relevant Federation branch, who is to be the secretary of the branch council;
  - (iii) the branch treasurer of the relevant Federation branch, who is to be the treasurer of the branch council;
- (c) any additional officers provided for by Federation rules.

(2) Unless Federation rules provide otherwise, the number of members mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) to be elected by the members of the relevant Federation branch from among their number is 1 member for every 65 police officers in the relevant police force, subject to a minimum of 20.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), the number of police officers in a force is the total number of police officers in that force on 31st March in the year that was two years before that in which the election is held.

(4) Elections for the purposes of this regulation are to be held before the end of the relevant period and in every third year after that.

(5) A branch council may hold up to three meetings per year, each lasting no more than one day (unless the relevant chief officer agrees otherwise) and, with the consent of the relevant chief officer, additional meetings of the branch council may be held.

(6) Subject to these Regulations and Federation rules, a branch council may regulate its own proceedings.