

Leslie Baptist Church

Procedures for the election of Deacons/Elders

1. Members unable to attend a church meeting may, at the discretion of the Elders, be granted a postal vote.
2. Nominations for election of Deacons and Elders shall be made in writing to the Church Secretary by three church members.
3. Nominations for Elders shall require a two-thirds majority of votes cast to be passed, abstentions shall be ignored in this calculation.
4. Nominations for Deacons shall require a majority of votes cast to be passed, abstentions shall be ignored in this calculation.
5. Deacons and Elders shall serve for three years before standing down but may be re-elected.
6. There should not normally be less than six Deacons or more than twelve. When there are more nominations than vacancies those candidates attaining the highest vote, subject to the constitution, shall be elected.
7. A Secretary and Treasurer shall normally be appointed at the Annual General Meeting from within the Deaconate. Those appointed may serve for no more than six years before standing down, and may not then hold either office for at least one year.