

**Improving the accountability of Officer Trustees' through scrutiny of their manifesto promises**

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**Union notes:**

1. In their manifestos, individuals running for Officer Trustee (OT) positions may make promises of actions they will take if elected.
2. Within the Standing Orders of Union Council, there is no requirement for OTs to share their progress on these promises in their Council reports.

**Union believes:**

1. One of the primary functions of Council is to scrutinize the OTs' performance and to hold them to account.
2. Manifesto promises that are unfulfilled without justification or omitted from reports may erode confidence in the OTs, and our student democracy.

**Union resolves:**

1. Amend Appendix A of the Council Standing Orders to require that all OTs include a section regarding manifesto promises in their **first Council report**. This should include **all** main manifesto points, why there are/are not being pursued, and how they can be achieved (Appendix A).
2. OT manifestos will be shared with Council prior to the first Council meeting, to ensure that the reports can be cross-examined against the manifestos.
3. Council may at any point in the year request an update on the status of manifesto promises, to be featured within next OT report.

**Appendix A: Proposed wording of amendment**

*"The first report of each year must contain a section regarding manifesto promises. This should include all main points featured in the manifesto, why there are/are not being pursued, and how they can be achieved."*