# **VOTING IN CO-OP'S 2025 AGM & ELECTIONS**

Our Annual General Meeting, or AGM, is your chance to play a part in our Co-op Democracy as a member-owner and shape the Co-op you own.



If you have a Co-op Membership card, that means you're a member-owner of Co-op and you own an equal part of the business along with millions of other member-owners, and with this, you can have a say and vote in our AGM & Elections every year.

To vote in the Co-op AGM & Elections, you need to be eligible. This means you have spent £100 or more in Co-op stores throughout 2024, or have policies or products with our Legal, Funeralcare or Insurance businesses.

If you have had an email or letter inviting you to vote, then you're eligible. Take a look on your Co-op App 'Discover' tab for your exclusive invite too. You can check your eligibility yourself by logging into the Co-op Membership website at **membership.coop.co.uk**.

Voting is open from **Monday 14th April to Monday 12th May**, and for every member-owner who votes, Co-op will donate £1 to our charity partner, Barnardo's and you can also enter a prize draw to win 1 of 5 pairs of tickets for an all-expenses paid Co-op Live experience – more information on this is on the voting website.

## **HOW TO VOTE IN THE AGM & ELECTIONS**

This guide will be covering how to vote online. If you've requested a paper copy, all the instructions will be in the pack you receive through the post.

There are two main routes to voting online. Via an email sent by Co-op or through the Co-op App. Both of these routes take you to the same website to cast your vote.

The email will contain a two-part security code that's unique to you, and when you click through to vote, it should autofill for you - if it doesn't, just check the email for these codes and enter them to log in. The Co-op App has the same unique codes prepopulated.

Once you're in, you'll land on the homepage with all the information you will need to cast your votes.

There are 3 main sections for you to vote on - Electing Member Nominated Directors, electing members to the National Members' Council and motions.

#### **ELECTING MEMBER-NOMINATED DIRECTORS ONTO THE CO-OP BOARD**

Member Nominated Directors, or MNDs, are the people who will be championing member-owners like you in the boardroom.

As you click on the candidates, you'll see a summary statement and a video from each of them. Have a look at each one and vote for the ones that represent your values most. There are two open spots for MNDs this year. You can vote for these in order of preference, so make sure your preferred one comes at the top.

#### **ELECTING YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL MEMBERS' COUNCIL**

These are Co-op Members in your area who are seeking election to the National Members' Council, which is made up of 100 member-owners from across the UK who come together to work closely with Co-op to uphold our values and principles, and hold our Board to account on your behalf to make sure we're tackling what matters most to you.

You will see how many places are available, and how many candidates there are standing in your constituency, and similarly to the MND Elections, you'll have summary statements. From this page, there's also a link to view longer statements for each of the candidates too. Again, have a look at these and vote for the members who you feel would represent your views the most. And the same as the MND Elections, you can vote for these in order of preference, so make sure your preferred one comes at the top.

### **VOTING ON AGM MOTIONS**

If you'd prefer to vote on the motions in person at the AGM in Manchester on 17 May, you can register your attendance at this point.

The motions for the AGM are the proposals that are being covered in the meeting. They are about who we are, how we're run and the big issues we take action on. There are motions to approve reports, appoint directors, approve political donations, motions from members themselves and even motions put forward by the National Members' Council. This year, member-owners helped Council Members shape their motions based on what they want us to tackle next together.

If you won't be there on the day yourself, you will need to appoint someone who will be in attendance to cast your vote on your behalf. This tends to be the Chair, but if you'd prefer someone else who's attending to do this for you, you can nominate them here.

You can vote for, against, or abstain on each itemised motion. There are supporting documents for each to help you make an informed decision.

Once you've covered off all 3 sections, that's it! You're done. You will have voted alongside thousands of other member-owners in our 2025 AGM. Before you close your voting journey, don't forget to tell us more about what's important to you in the Big Coop Survey.

We do hope to see you there in **Manchester on Saturday 17 May**, but if you can't make it, you can always tune in live and get involved online from home. For the first time, we'll also be bringing the AGM to you as part of our local events with Member Activators. Visit **coop.co.uk/agm** for more information. Please make sure you vote online in advance if you're planning to join us online or at a local event.

You have until **Monday 12 May at midday** to cast your votes. If you have any questions about voting in our AGM, you can email **agm@coop.co.uk**