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**The Certification Officer's Decision under Section 108A of the Trade Union
and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992**

Crowther

Applicant

and

Unite the Union

Respondent

Date of Decision

24 July 2026

Decision

Upon application by Mr Crowther (“the Applicant”) under section 108A of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (“the 1992 Act”), for a declaration that Unite the Union (“the Respondent”) had breached its rules.

I make the following declaration:

I find that the Union breached rule 6.8 of the Unite National Rulebook when at the Unite LE127 Branch AGM held on 13 March 2025 the Branch Chair and Committee permitted the appointment of Marianne Quick to the position of Co-Vice Chair of Unite LE127 even though at this meeting it was pointed out that Marianne Quick was an Executive Officer of the Union Workers Union and was therefore disqualified from standing as an accountable representative of workers within Unite the Union under this rule.

I do not consider it appropriate to make an enforcement order as the Respondent union has accepted that Marianne Quick had been elected to office when she was not eligible under their rules. However, Marianne Quick is now no longer a member of the union and as such no longer holds any position within the Respondent union. Consequently, this automatically rectified the breach. Subsequently, the Branch has also been informed of their breach and advised that any further queries on eligibility should be raised centrally within the Respondent union.

For these reasons, the application is upheld. However, it was inappropriate in all the circumstances of this application, to issue any enforcement order, as the matter was resolved.

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STEPHEN HARDY
The Certification Officer