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# **DELEGATES' REPORT**

Annual Conference 2017

From the Conference Arrangements Committee

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE



On behalf of the Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC), I am delighted to welcome you as a delegate to the 2017 Annual Conference at the Brighton Centre.

It will be an important week as we consider the impact of the snap General Election.

In addition to the main Conference, Women's Conference will take place on the Saturday and for the first time will have a formal voice in Labour's policy making process. CLPs and affiliated organisations have been invited to send delegates who will be able to vote on the policy areas that should be debated at Conference. The Youth Annual Gathering will also be taking place on Sunday as well as The Fringe - hundreds of organisations hosting a range of events including seminars, debates, workshops and receptions in the Brighton Centre and at other venues across the city.

This Delegates' Report outlines the business to be discussed and voted on at Conference together with a provisional timetable and details of the ballots taking place at Conference.

The CAC will issue a daily report at Conference with a detailed agenda of the day's debates, ballot arrangements and results, the text of composite motions and other information to supplement the reports of the National Executive Committee and National Policy Forum which will be sent to you before Conference. The CAC reports will be handed to you as you enter the Conference Hall and are also available from the Party Stand and the CAC Office. Members may also view and download all reports from Membersnet at:

**<http://members.labour.org.uk/conference-documents>**

The CAC is always keen to hear your views about Conference and the information provided to delegates so please take time to fill in the Delegates' Survey at: **[www.labevents.org/ac2017delegatesurvey](http://www.labevents.org/ac2017delegatesurvey)**.

Whether you are a first-time delegate or have attended before, I hope that you enjoy Conference 2017 and look forward to meeting you around the Brighton Centre during the week.

*Harry Donaldson*

Harry Donaldson  
Chair of the Conference Arrangements Committee

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## CONFERENCE SESSIONS

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<b>Sunday 24 September</b>	10:30 – 12.45	10.00 – doors open to Conference Hall
	14.15 – 17.30	
	<i>From 6.30pm</i>	<i>Compositing meetings For delegates of CLPs and affiliates successful in the Contemporary Motions Priorities Ballot. Meeting times and venues will be announced at the end of the Conference session. Start times will be staggered from 6.30 to 8pm. See page 10 for more information.</i>
<b>Monday 25 September</b>	09.30 – 12.45	
	14.15 – 16.00	
	16.00 - 17.30	<i>Policy Seminars</i>
<b>Tuesday 26 September</b>	09.30 – 12.45	
	14.15 – 17.30	
<b>Wednesday 27 September</b>	09:00 – 11.15	<i>Policy Seminars</i>
	12:15 – 14:00	Leader's Speech

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## CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

The Conference timetable, which is subject to change, is printed near the back of this report. A detailed final timetable will be included in the Conference Arrangements Committee Report 1 on the first day of Conference.

## CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Full details about the services and facilities for delegates and visitors can be found in the Conference Magazine which will be sent to all delegates. It is also available to members as a pdf on Membersnet: <http://members.labour.org.uk/conference-documents>

The Conference app for iPhone, Blackberry and Android is available from [www.labour.org.uk/conferenceapp](http://www.labour.org.uk/conferenceapp) or from your app store and has useful information about the Conference timetable, Fringe events, maps, exhibitors etc.

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## CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

### Members:

Harry Donaldson (Chair), Michael Cashman, Gloria De Piero, Mick Murphy, Jayne Taylor, Bronwyn McKenna, Fiona Wilson.

### Secretary:

Anna Hutchinson

### Assistant Secretary:

Sophie Goodyear

**Location:** the CAC Office is situated on Level One of the Brighton Centre.

**Contact:** [CAC@labour.org.uk](mailto:CAC@labour.org.uk) or **020 7783 1498** before and during Conference

**Roger Hutchinson**, the CAC Steward, will be available in the Waiting Area next to the CAC Office to answer delegates' queries.

### Role of the Conference Arrangements Committee

The CAC oversees all the arrangements for Conference including the agenda and ballots. It acts as the Standing Orders Committee during Conference.

There are seven members of the CAC who each serve a term of two years. The CLP Section has two members elected by a ballot of all members. The General Section has five members who are elected by both CLP and affiliated organisation delegates at Conference.

Elections for each section are held in alternate years. This year the two CLP places were up for election by a ballot of all members. The successful candidates will start their terms immediately after Conference 2017.

## CAC DAILY REPORTS

The CAC Chair, Harry Donaldson, will make a verbal report to Conference each morning setting out the day's agenda and dealing with other issues relevant to the business and organisation of Conference.

In addition, the CAC produces a daily written report with a detailed agenda. These reports will be handed to delegates as they enter the Conference Hall and can also be obtained from the Party Stand in the Atrium of the Exhibition Centre and the CAC Office.

They can be downloaded from 8am each day from Membersnet at:

**<http://members.labour.org.uk/conference-documents>** and will be emailed to delegates each morning as a pdf.

The CAC reports are a useful aide memoire after Conference for delegates preparing a Conference report for their CLP or affiliated organisation.

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## CONFERENCE BUSINESS

### Reports from the National Executive Committee (NEC)

- Annual Report, including the annual accounts
- Constitutional Amendments (rule changes)

### The Annual Report of the National Policy Forum (NPF) and the Policy Commissions

The eight policy commissions are: Economy, Business and Trade; International; Health and Social Care; Early Years, Education and Skills; Justice and Home Affairs; Housing, Local Government and Transport; Work, Pensions and Equality; Environment, Energy and Culture.

### Other business

- Parliamentary Report from the Leader of the Labour Party – Leader’s Speech
- Deputy Leader’s Speech
- Reports from Labour in Scotland, Wales, the European Parliament and Local Government and the Northern Ireland Report
- Speakers from the Co-operative Party and the TUC
- Contemporary and Composite Motions
- Emergency Motions
- Constitutional Amendments from CLPs and affiliates
- Ballots

## BALLOTS

Elections for the following national officers and national committees will take place at Conference:

- **National Executive Committee** – Division I – elected by Trade Union delegates
- **National Executive Committee** – Division II – elected by Socialist Society delegates
- **National Constitutional Committee** – Division III – elected by CLP delegates

Candidates’ statements can be found on pages 37 – 48. See page 8 for the Ballot Timetable.

In addition all delegates may participate in the Priorities Ballot on Sunday.

## PRIORITIES BALLOT

Contemporary motions which meet the CAC’s criteria will go forward to the Contemporary Motions Priorities Ballot on **Sunday 24 September between 10.30am and 3pm.**

The CAC will group contemporary motions by subject. The list of subject groupings will be published in CAC Report 1. This will be available on the Sunday morning of Conference at the delegates’ briefings and from the Party Stand in the Exhibition Centre. It can also be viewed and downloaded from: <http://members.labour.org.uk/conference-documents> and will also be emailed to all delegates as a pdf on Sunday morning at 8am.

CLP and affiliated organisation delegates can vote in the Priorities Ballot. Each delegate may vote for up to four subjects.

The four subjects that receive the most votes in the CLP section will be timetabled for debate and decision, as will the four subjects that receive the most votes in the affiliates section (eight in total).

The results will be announced at the end of the Sunday afternoon session of Conference together with details of the compositing meetings. See page 10 for more information about Compositing Meetings.

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## BALLOT TIMETABLE

Voting will take place in the Ballot Area in the Brighton Centre. Delegates' passes will be scanned at the entrance to the Ballot Area.

Date	Ballot
<b>Sunday 24 September</b> <i>10.30am – 3.00pm</i>	<b>Priorities Ballot - Contemporary Motions</b> <i>All delegates</i>
<b>Monday 25 September</b> <i>9.00am – 4.00pm</i>	<b>National Executive Committee – Division I</b> <i>Trade Union delegates</i> <b>National Executive Committee – Division II</b> <i>Socialist Society delegates</i>
<b>Tuesday 26 September</b> <i>9.00am – 5.30pm</i>	<b>National Constitutional Committee – Division III</b> <i>CLP delegates</i>

## VOTING AT CONFERENCE

Votes at Conference are taken as a show of hands unless a card vote is requested by a delegate or by the decision of the Chair.

A card vote is intended to resolve a position where a show of hands is not decisive, to establish the exact breakdown of votes when the majority is of procedural significance (eg two-thirds required) or on a challenge to the Chair. Voting takes place at the end of the session by a show of hands. Where a show of hands is unclear a card vote can be taken having been either requested by delegates or by the decision of the Chair. The decision of the Chair is final.

Constitutional amendments (rule changes) are always decided by a card vote.

If a card vote is called the vote is taken immediately so delegates must carry their card vote booklet with them while Conference is in session.

Tellers will pass ballot boxes along each row. Delegates should cast their vote using their card vote booklets by selecting either a YES or NO card for each vote.

Each card vote in the booklet is numbered. The Chair will announce the number of the card vote being taken.

## CARD VOTE BOOKLETS

- **Constituency delegates** should collect their card vote booklets at the delegates' briefings to be hosted by each English region and the Welsh Labour Party in Brighton on Sunday morning before Conference starts. The Scottish Labour Party's delegates' briefing is on Saturday evening. Alternatively, card vote booklets may be collected from the Ballot Area from 12 noon on Sunday.
- **Socialist Society delegates** may collect their card vote booklets from the Ballot Area from 10.30am on Sunday.
- **Trade Unions:** political officers can collect the card votes for their delegation from the Ballot Area from 2pm on Saturday or call Jane Shaw on 07703 716827 to arrange.

Please speak to the staff in the Ballot Area if you lose your card vote booklet or if you have any queries about ballots or voting.



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## DEBATES, SPEAKING AND VOTING

The annual reports of the National Executive Committee (NEC) and the National Policy Forum (NPF), composite motions drawn up from the contemporary motions agreed through the Priorities Ballot and relevant emergency motions will be debated and voted on by Conference.

Debates will be structured around the annual reports of the eight policy commissions (which are included in the NPF Annual Report) as follows:

- the relevant sections of the NPF and policy commission reports will be moved by a member of NPF and the policy commission
- any relevant composite motion(s) will be moved and seconded by the delegates agreed at the compositing meeting
- if there is a related emergency motion then it will be moved and seconded
- there will then be a debate with delegates invited to speak
- the debate will be replied to by a member of the policy commission
- at the end of the session a vote will be taken on the documents, composite motions and any emergency motion.

Voting takes place at the end of the session by a show of hands unless a card vote is requested by a delegate or by the decision of the Chair. Rule changes are always decided by a card vote.

If a card vote is called, the vote is taken immediately. Tellers will pass ballot boxes around the Hall. The Chair will announce the number of the card vote.

During the debate and at the end of each Conference session, the Chair will indicate whether or not the NEC is recommending that the relevant document or motion be accepted by Conference. If Conference votes not to accept a report, or part of a report, then it will be referred back to the relevant committee for further development or action.

### Time Limits for Speakers

Movers of reports, motions and rule changes will be allowed **five** minutes, with other speakers from the floor allowed **three** minutes. The Conference Arrangements Committee will determine appropriate time limits for other speakers and will allow as many delegates to speak as possible.

### Qualifications for moving motions

Only fully accredited delegates appointed in accordance with the party rules are entitled to move motions on behalf of their organisations.

## CONTEMPORARY MOTIONS

The deadline for receipt of contemporary motions is **Thursday 14 September 2017**.

The Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC) will consider all contemporary motions submitted by CLPs and affiliated organisations against its published criteria on **Monday 18 September** which are printed on page 49.

CLPs and affiliates whose contemporary motions do not meet the CAC's criteria will be informed by email on the evening of **18 September**.

Appeals will be heard by the CAC in London on the afternoon of **Wednesday 20 September**. Appeals may be made in person, by conference call or in writing.

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## COMPOSITING MEETINGS

Delegates from organisations with a contemporary motion subject successful in the Priorities Ballot should attend these meetings on:

- **The evening of Sunday 24 September in the Hilton Hotel on Brighton Seafront.**
- **Start times will be staggered** as up to 8 composting meetings may be required. Most meetings will begin at 6.30pm but some will be later at 7.30pm or 8.00pm.

*The Chair of Conference will give further details about the composting meetings at the end of the Sunday afternoon session immediately after the announcement of the Priorities Ballot result.*

**The purpose of the composting meetings is to:**

- agree a composite motion for each of the topics successful in the Priorities Ballot
- choose two delegates to move and second the composite motion when it comes up for debate at Conference.

**The text of a composite motion must be drawn from the words used in the various motions submitted on the same topic.** No new words may be added. A detailed note on the composting process will be issued to delegates at the composting meetings. It can be collected in advance from the CAC Office on Sunday 24 September and is available to view or downloaded from: <http://members.labour.org.uk/conference-documents>.

## EMERGENCY MOTIONS

The deadline for emergency motions is **Friday 22 September at 12 noon.**

The CAC will only consider Emergency motions for debate if they meet the following criteria:

- deal with an issue which could not reasonably have been the subject of a contemporary motion, or
- has arisen after the closing date for contemporary motions - Thursday 14 September, or
- be a matter of urgent and immediate importance to the discussion by the whole Labour Party at Annual Conference.

The text must be emailed (no form required) to [CAC@labour.org.uk](mailto:CAC@labour.org.uk) and a copy, signed by the CLP secretary/affiliate authorised officer, sent or delivered to the Conference Arrangements Committee, The Labour Party, Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QT or emailed to: [CAC@labour.org.uk](mailto:CAC@labour.org.uk)

## POLICY SEMINARS

**Seminars will be held on Monday afternoon from 4.15pm to 5.30pm and on Wednesday morning from 9am to 11:15am. Only accredited delegates may attend the seminars.**

The seminars, organised by the Policy Commissions, offer delegates opportunities for policy discussion with the Shadow Cabinet and the frontbench teams. Full details of the seminars will be published in the CAC's first report to Conference on Sunday 24 September.

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## CONFERENCE PASSES AND SECURITY

Conference passes must be worn and be visible at all times when in the Conference Zone. There will be pass checks at all entrances to the Conference Zone, including the Hilton Hotel and Brighton Centre. A random search procedure will also be in operation at all times.

Lost or stolen passes should be notified *immediately* to Conference Services or to a police officer so they can be deactivated. There will be a charge of £15 for replacement passes.

Here's how you can help:

- do not leave bags unattended
- do not attempt to bring luggage into the Conference Zone
- do bring some photo ID with you to Brighton

Additional security checks or security measures may be put in place if Sussex Police advises the Party these are necessary. Your co-operation with all security measures is greatly appreciated.

## CONFERENCE SERVICES

The Conference Services Office provides information to delegates and visitors and deals with security passes and late applications at:

St Margaret's Place, Brighton, BN1 2FD

Contact: **0345 092 3311** or [conferenceservices@labour.org.uk](mailto:conferenceservices@labour.org.uk)

The opening hours are:

- Friday 22 September - 9am to 6pm
- Saturday 23 September - 9am to 7pm
- Sunday 24 September - 9am to 8pm
- Monday 25 to Tuesday 26 September - 8am to 8pm
- Wednesday 27 September - 8am to 3pm

## TICKETS FOR THE LEADER'S SPEECH

The Leader's Speech is on Wednesday at 12.15pm. Tickets will be included in the Delegates' Packs and are strictly non-transferable.

Delegates are allocated a seat for every Conference session including the Leader's speech. However, delegates are advised to take their seats promptly as empty seats may be allocated to visitors shortly before the speech begins. If you find someone sitting in your allocated seat please speak to a steward or member of staff.

The Deputy Leader will speak on Tuesday afternoon and the Shadow Chancellor will speak on Monday morning.

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## DELEGATES WITH DISABILITIES

The Brighton Centre is fully accessible. If you would like assistance at Conference please contact the Conference Services Team in advance on **0345 092 3311** or at **[conferenceservices@labour.org.uk](mailto:conferenceservices@labour.org.uk)** to discuss your requirements, including mobility aids. Our Disability Co-ordinator, will be available throughout Conference and can be contacted on **07545 421 411** from Saturday 23 September. Full details about the facilities and services to assist delegates and visitors with disabilities can be found in the Conference Magazine.

## LEFT LUGGAGE

A left luggage facility will be available on Wednesday 27 September between 8am and 5pm for delegates who need to check out of their accommodation on Wednesday morning.

This will be located in the Hilton Brighton Metropole Viscount Suite which is accessible from Cannon Place.

Luggage **cannot** be taken into the Brighton Centre.

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## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (RULE CHANGES)

### NEC Constitutional Amendment

This rule change has been tabled by the National Executive Committee and will be debated on Tuesday morning.

	Chapter & Clause	Amendment
NEC	Chapter 2 Clause 1, Section 8 Conditions of membership Page 11	<b>Delete all and replace with:</b> No member of the Party shall engage in conduct which in the opinion of the NEC is prejudicial, or in any act which in the opinion of the NEC is grossly detrimental to the Party. The NEC shall take account of any codes of conduct currently in force and shall regard any incident which in their view was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; or sexual orientation as conduct prejudicial to the Party: these incidents shall include but not be limited to incidents involving racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia or otherwise racist language, sentiments, stereotypes or actions, sexual harassment, bullying or any form of intimidation towards another person on the basis of a protected characteristic as determined by the NEC, wherever it occurs, as conduct prejudicial to the Party. Any dispute as to whether a member is in breach of the provisions of this sub-clause shall be determined by the NCC in accordance with Chapter 1 Clause IX above and the disciplinary rules and guidelines in Chapter 6 below. Where appropriate the NCC shall have regard to involvement in financial support for the organisation and/or the activities of any organisation declared ineligible for affiliation to the Party under Chapter 1.II.5 or 3.C above; or to the candidature of the members in opposition to an officially endorsed Labour Party candidate or the support for such candidature. The NCC shall not have regard to the mere holding or expression of beliefs and opinions.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS FROM CLPS

These are the constitutional amendments (rule changes) submitted by CLPs and affiliates last year which satisfy the rules of the Party and will be debated at Conference 2017. The rule change debate is scheduled for Tuesday morning. These rule changes will be printed again in Tuesday's CAC Report.

CLP	Chapter and clause	Amendment
Kingswood	All	<b>Remove</b> the term and entitlement of Registered Supporters from the Rule Book
Socialist Health Association	<b>CHAPTER 1</b> Clause IV <i>Constitutional Rules</i> Page 3	<b>Delete all and replace with:</b> Labour is a democratic socialist party working for a fairer, healthier and more equal society
Hastings & Rye	<b>CHAPTER 2</b> Clause I, Section 8 <i>Conditions of membership</i> Page 11	<b>At the end of Section 8 add:</b> "A member of the Party who in the opinion of the NEC engages in intentional anti-Jewish or racist abuse in public or in writing shall be deemed to have engaged in conduct prejudicial to the Party. Where there is a case to answer within objective criteria and the party's values, a clear dividing line shall be maintained between  a) investigation to establish the full facts; and i. informed judgment on their political implications Hatred of Jews shall not be evidenced by non-abusive words or actions regarding Israel or Zionism that are part of legitimate political discourse. If the Party seeks Jewish or other community views or advice on definitions, these shall be sought from all sections of that community as deemed appropriate, and any alternative views that are offered from that community shall be heard."

<p>Bury South Chipping Barnet Hertsmere Jewish Labour Movement Manchester Withington Streatham Warrington South</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 2</b> Clause I, Section 8 <i>Conditions of membership</i> Page 11</p>	<p><b>After the first sentence add a new sentence:</b> A member of the Party who uses anti-semitic, Islamophobic, racist language, sentiments, stereotypes or actions in public, private, online or offline, as determined by the NEC, shall be deemed to have engaged in conduct prejudicial to the Party.</p> <p><b>Add at the end of the final sentence after “opinions”.</b> except in instances involving antisemitism, Islamophobia or racism</p> <p><b>Insert new paragraph E:</b> Where a member is responsible for a hate incident, being defined as something where the victim or anyone else think it was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on disability, race, religion, transgender identity, or sexual orientation, the NEC may have the right to impose the appropriate disciplinary options from the following options: [same as D]</p>
<p>York Outer</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 2</b> Clause III, Section 6 <i>Membership subscriptions</i> Page 13</p>	<p>b) <b>Replace existing Section 6 with:</b> An NEC approved statement shall be produced setting out the basis on which membership fees shall be allocated, including from January 2017 a minimum cash allocation of 10% of each paid up member’s subscription and a guaranteed minimum package of support for all CLPs.</p>
<p>Cheltenham</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 3</b> Clause I, Section 4F <i>Party Conference – delegations</i> Page 15</p>	<p><b>Add at new sentence at the end of Section 4F as follows:</b> Any exceptions to this rule can only be made with the approval of the NEC or an officer exercising the powers given to them by the NEC.</p>
<p>Brighton Pavilion</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 3</b> Clause III, Section 2C <i>Conference Motions</i> Page 16</p>	<p><b>Amend the first sentence as follows:</b> delete “contemporary” and delete “which is not substantially addressed by reports of the NEC or NPF or Conference.” and replace the latter with “on a matter of policy, campaigning or Party organisation and finance”.</p> <p><b>Amend the second sentence: delete</b> “determine whether the motions meet these criteria and”</p> <p><b>Amend the last sentence: delete</b> “contemporary”.</p>
<p>Filton &amp; Bradley Stoke Newport West</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 3</b> Clause III, Section 2H <i>Constitutional Amendments - debated in year of submission</i> Page 17</p>	<p><b>Add a new sub-clause 2I at end:</b> All constitutional amendments submitted by affiliated organisations and CLPs that are accepted as in order shall be timetabled for debate at the first party conference following their submission.</p>

Birmingham Hall Green Cardiff North Crewe & Nantwich Devizes South West Devon	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> Clause II, Section 2b (i) - <i>Election of Leader - nominations required - Page 18</i>	<b>Replace</b> "15 per cent" with "5 per cent"
Caerphilly	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> Clause II, Section 2C (vi) <i>Election to national committees and officers - entitlement to vote Page 19</i>	Delete the words "affiliated supporters and registered supporters" and insert the words "Voting shall be cast in a single section of fully paid Labour members"
Huddersfield	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> Clause II, Section 2C (vi) <i>Election to national committees and officers - entitlement to vote Page 19</i>	<b>Replace</b> existing sub-clause with: Only paid up members of the Labour Party are entitled to vote in elections for the Leader and Deputy Leader of the party.
Blackpool North & Cleveleys	<b>CHAPTER 12</b> Clause V <i>Young Labour Rules Page 47</i>	Add at the end after Sub-clause 3, a new Sub-clause 4 as follows:  Young Labour shall have its own constitution and standing orders, to be determined by the Young Labour AGM.



<p>Enfield North Leyton &amp; Wansted</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 12</b> Clause IV <i>Local Campaign Forums</i> Page 52</p>	<p><b>Delete all and insert new sub-clauses as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The membership of the LGC shall consist 75% of delegates from the local CLP(s) and 25% from affiliates. At least 50% of delegates from each group shall be women.</li> <li>2. Additionally, CLP campaign co-ordinators shall be ex officio members of the LGC. Any sitting MP, AM, MSP, MEP, PCC and/or PPC may attend their LGC. Where a Co-operative Party council exists for the area concerned and they sponsor candidates in local elections they shall be entitled to appoint a member to the LGC.</li> <li>3. The LGC shall meet at least four times per year with representatives of the Labour group where one exists.</li> </ol> <p>Consequential amendments - elsewhere replace LCF by LGC</p>
<p>Leicester South</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 13</b> Clauses XIV and XVII <i>Reporting to and consulting with the Party</i> Page 60</p>	<p><b>Replace existing Clause XIV, Section 1 with the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of the Labour group are entitled and encouraged to attend meetings of their constituency party and appropriate local party units. The group standing orders shall specify how the group and council leadership including the City Mayor and Deputy City mayor shall report to and consult with the appropriate local party on a regular basis; the leader and deputy leader of the Labour Group, or other Group officer as determined by the Group shall be members of the LCF and its Executive Committee. The party expects the group leadership including the City Mayor and Deputy City mayor to give a minimum of reports and hold a number of policy consultations within the year, to keep the party informed of budgetary and service delivery issues, and other policy areas.</li> </ol> <p><b>Replace existing Clause XVII, Section 1 and 2 with the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Labour groups on joint boards, committees, on regional bodies and on local government associations shall adopt appropriate rules and standing orders in consultation with the party's Local Government Unit and with the prior approval of the NEC.</li> <li>2. The rules contained in Chapter 13 are minimum requirements for the operation of Labour groups and the conduct of Labour councillors including the City Mayor and Deputy City Mayor. Due account must be taken of the resources for member development and the guidance approved by the NEC and of such advice as may be issued from time to time by the NEC.</li> </ol>

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 2017

These are the constitutional amendments submitted by CLPs and affiliates in 2017 which will be noted by Conference 2017 and timetabled for debate and decision at the 2018 Conference provided they are in compliance with party rules.

CLP/affiliate	Chapter and Clause	Amendment
Battersea Labour Party	<p><b>CHAPTER 1</b> <i>Clause VIII, Section 1.G</i></p> <p><i>The National Executive Committee – BAME rep</i></p> <p><i>Page 5</i></p>	<p><b>Remove all of sub clause 1.G and replace with:</b> One member who self-defines as Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic (BAME) who shall be elected in a national one member one vote (OMOV) ballot of all BAME members. No elected member of the House of Commons, European Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly or a member of the House of Lords shall be eligible to stand for this position.</p>
Tower Hamlets North Warwickshire & Bedworth	<p><b>CHAPTER 1</b> <i>Clause VIII, Section 1.G</i></p> <p><i>The National Executive Committee – BAME Rep</i></p> <p><i>Page 5</i></p>	<p><b>Remove all of sub clause 1.G and replace with:</b> One member who self-defines as Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic (BAME) who shall be elected in a national one member one vote (OMOV) ballot of all BAME members, plus one BAME member elected by trade union delegates to the BAME Labour Conference. No elected member of the House of Commons, European Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly or a member of the House of Lords shall be eligible to stand for this position.</p>
Aylesbury Walton	<p><b>CHAPTER 1</b> Clause VIII, section 1 F <i>The National Executive Committee – Youth Rep</i></p> <p><i>Page 5</i></p>	<p><b>Remove all of sub clause 1.F and replace with:</b> One young member of the party who is at the close of nominations under 25years old and who shall be elected in a national one member one vote (OMOV) ballot of all members of Young Labour as defined by Chapter 1.II.2.F, plus one young member who is at the close of nominations under 25 years old elected by trade union delegates to the Young Labour Conference.</p>

Garston and Halewood	<b>CHAPTER 1</b> Clause VIII, section 1 F <i>The National Executive Committee – Youth Rep</i> Page 5	<b>Remove all of sub clause 1 F and replace with:</b> One young member of the Labour Party who is at the close of nominations under 27 years old will be elected in a national one member one vote (OMOV) ballot of all members of Young Labour as defined by Chapter 1.II.2.F, plus one young member who is at the close of nominations under 27 years old elected by trades union delegates to the Young Labour Conference.
Carmarthen East & Dinefwr Ceredigion Swansea East	<b>CHAPTER 1</b> <i>Clause VIII, Section 1 H and I</i> <i>Scottish and Welsh Leaders</i> Page 5	<b>Remove all of sub clauses 1.H and I and replace with:</b> H. One member of the Scottish Labour Party elected by the Scottish Labour Conference I. One member of the Welsh Labour Party, elected by the Welsh Labour Conference.
Mid Worcestershire Rugby Truro and Falmouth Bexhill and Battle Broxtowe	<b>CHAPTER 2</b> <i>Clause I, Section 4.B</i> <i>Conditions of Membership</i> Page 10	<b>Remove:</b> ‘joins and/or supports a political organisation other than an official Labour group or other unit of the Party, or’
Tewkesbury	<b>CHAPTER 2</b> <i>Clause III, section 6</i> <i>Membership Subscription fees</i> Page 13	<b>Replace existing section 6 with:</b> An NEC approved statement shall be produced setting out the basis on which membership fees shall be allocated, including from January 2017 a minimum cash allocation of 50% of each paid up member’s subscription and a guaranteed minimum package of support for all CLPs
Copeland	<b>CHAPTER 3</b> <i>Clause I, Section B and C</i> <i>Conference Delegates</i> Page 14	<b>At the end of section B add:</b> Where there are an odd number of delegates appointed, or delegation sizes vary year on year, a CLP will be required to make 50% of their delegates female over a four year period. A CLP may only send a delegation which is composed of more than 50% males, if doing so would not take them outside this rule. If a CLP is unable to find sufficient female delegates to comply with this rule, they will not be allowed to make up their delegation with males but will forfeit places. In exceptional circumstances, where the CLP can demonstrate they have made every effort to seek sufficient female delegates, conference arrangements committee may agree to allow a single male delegate to attend in year five; in all other cases the period will be extended to future conferences until such time as the average is 50% female.  <b>At the end of section C add:</b> CLPs will be expected to alternate between male and female youth delegates.

<p>Islington North South Derbyshire</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 3</b> <i>Clause III, Section 1</i> <i>Procedural Rules</i> <i>for Conference</i> Page 15</p>	<p><b>Add additional Sub clause at the end of Section 1:</b> G. The NEC draw up Standing Orders for Party Conference that will outline procedures for: the conference timetable, procedure in debate, motions, composite motions, emergency motions, withdrawal and remittance of motions, reference back, point of order, chair's ruling, suspension of Standing Orders, voting, including full procedures for card votes, ending debate and the role of the CAC. These Standing Orders will be presented to the first session of each Party Conference in a CAC report for agreement by the conference.</p>
<p>Blackley and Broughton Burnley Filton and Bradley Stoke Newport West</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 3</b> <i>Clause III, Section 2</i> <i>Constitutional Amendments</i> Page 13</p>	<p><b>Add Additional Sub clause at the end of Section 2:</b> I. All constitutional amendments submitted by affiliated organisations and CLPs that are accepted as in order shall be timetabled for debate at the first annual party conference following their submission</p>
<p>Beckenham Brighton Pavilion Hereford Leyton &amp; Wanstead Solihull</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 3</b> <i>Clause III, Section 2. C</i> <i>Contemporary Motions</i> Page 16</p>	<p><b>Delete</b> the word 'contemporary' in the first sentence <b>Delete</b> 'determine whether the motions meet these criteria and' from the second sentence. <b>Delete</b> 'which is not substantially addressed by reports of the NEC or NPF to conference', <b>replace with</b> 'on a matter of policy, campaigning or party organization and finance' Second sentence: delete 'determine whether the motions meet the criteria and' <b>Delete</b> the word 'contemporary' in the last sentence</p>

<p>Washington &amp; Sunderland West Beverley &amp; Holderness Blackpool North &amp; Cleveleys Bognor Regis &amp; Littlehampton Brent Central Brent North Calder Valley Chingford and Woodford Green Devizes Dwyfor Meirionnydd Enfield Southgate Harwich and North Essex Mid-Bedfordshire Shipley South East Cornwall South Northamptonshire Stevenage Stoke-on-Trent Central West Dorset Wolverhampton South West</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 4</b> <i>Clause II, Section 2. B.i</i> <i>Election of Leader and Deputy Leader – Nominations</i> Page 18</p>	<p><b>Delete</b> part of first sentence: 'by 15 per cent of the combined Commons members of the PLP and members of the EPLP'.</p> <p><b>Replace with</b> 'by nominations from: a) 15 per cent of the combined Commons members of the PLP and members of the EPLP; or b) 15 per cent of the affiliated national trade unions; or c) 15 per cent of Constituency Labour Parties'</p>
<p>Cynon Valley Portsmouth South South West Hertfordshire</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 4</b> <i>Clause II, Section 2. B.i</i> <i>Election of Leader and Deputy Leader – Nominations</i> Page 18</p>	<p><b>Delete</b> '15 per cent' and <b>replace with</b> '5 per cent'.</p>
<p>Edmonton</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 4</b> <i>Clause II, Section 2. B.i</i> <i>Election of Leader and Deputy Leader – Nominations</i> Page 18</p>	<p><b>At the end of the sentence</b> '15 per cent of the combined Commons members of the PLP and members of the EPLP'.</p> <p><b>Add</b> 'and Constituency Labour Parties'</p>

Transport and Salaried Staffs Association	<p><b>CHAPTER 4</b>  <i>Clause II, Section 2. B</i>  <i>Election of Leader and Deputy Leader – Nominations</i>  Page 18</p>	<p>In sub clause B.1:  <b>Replace</b> “15 per cent” with “10 per cent”</p> <p>In sub clause B.ii:  <b>Replace</b> “20 per cent” with “40 per cent”</p>
Wirral West	<p><b>CHAPTER 4</b>  <i>Clause II, Section 2. A</i>  <i>Election of Deputy Leader</i>  Page 18</p>	<p><b>Remove</b> ‘Deputy Leader’ and replace with ‘2 Deputy Leaders’.</p> <p>At the end of the sub clause <b>add the sentence</b> ‘At least one Deputy Leader must be a woman’</p>
Hornsey & Wood Green	<p><b>CHAPTER 4</b>  <i>Clause II, Section 2. A</i>  <i>Election of Deputy Leader</i>  Page 18</p>	<p><b>After sub clause 2. A add:</b>  At all times subsequent to the 2020 General Election, or earlier if a vacancy for Deputy Leader arises, at least one of the two positions of leader and deputy leader will be occupied by a woman. If the position of Deputy Leader is held by a man, and a leadership election is required for any reason, Leader and Deputy leader nominations and elections will be held simultaneously. The existing male deputy leader will only be eligible for re-election if the elected leader is a woman. He will be deemed to have resigned at the point of the declaration of the Leader election, unless the elected leader is a woman.</p> <p><b>At the end of 2.B I add:</b>  In the event of an election for deputy leader consequent on the requirement for at least one woman in the leadership, if at the close of the nomination period all candidates for Deputy Leader are male, nominations will be reopened with a threshold of 5% of the Commons members of the PLP. If after the close of such nomination period, there are no women nominations, nominations will reopen with self-nomination from members of the PLP.</p> <p><b>At the beginning of 2 C iii add:</b>  Votes will be counted first for Leader. If a man is declared elected, the first preference votes for any man in the Deputy Leadership election will be disregarded. The second preference votes of those male candidates will be redistributed immediately and considered in the first round of counting. If a woman is elected leader, all votes and candidates will be counted in the Deputy Leader election.</p>
Kingswood	<p><b>CHAPTER 4</b>  <i>Clause II, Section C. vi</i>  <i>Voting- Registered Supporters</i>  Page 19</p>	<p><b>Remove the phrase</b> ‘registered supporters’</p> <p><b>Remove all other</b> references to registered supporters in rule book.</p>

<p>Canterbury Leeds North West New Forest East Newark Southampton Test Stockton South</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 4</b> <i>Clause 11, Section 4</i> <i>Election of General Secretary</i> <i>Page 20</i></p>	<p>Delete section 4.A. and replace with:</p> <p>A. The General Secretary of the Party shall be elected in accordance with the provisions set out below for a term of up to 3 years, at the discretion of the NEC. The General Secretary shall be accountable to the NEC for the implementation of its decisions and the management of all Labour Party staff. The NEC shall have the power to terminate the employment of the General Secretary, provided that its decision is supported by an absolute majority of its members.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>B. The first election under these rules shall be initiated no more than one year and eight months after this rule is introduced when the General Secretary at that time shall be entitled to apply and, if s/he does so, shall be entitled to be included as a candidate in the ballot. Thereafter, no later than 2 years and eight months after the previous election of the general secretary, and in the event of a casual vacancy or a decision to give notice of the termination of the appointment of the current general secretary, the NEC shall initiate the process for electing a general secretary.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>C. In order to ensure a wide choice of applicants, all NEC members may choose up to 4 applicants for interview, at least two of whom shall be women, and the eight candidates with the most support shall be interviewed. Following the interviews, all NEC members may support two candidates, one of whom must be a woman, of whom the top four shall go forward to a national one member one vote (OMOV) ballot of all members of the party to be conducted in line with guidelines issued by the NEC.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>D. The candidate with the most votes in that ballot shall be declared elected General Secretary at the subsequent Party conference and shall be an ex- officio member of Party conference. S/he shall devote her or his whole time to the work of the Party and shall not be eligible to act as a parliamentary candidate. Should a vacancy in the office occur, for whatever reason, between Party conferences, the NEC shall have full power to fill the vacancy on a temporary basis pending the outcome of a new election. And the NEC shall make necessary consequential amendments.</p>
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Swansea West	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> <i>Clause II, Section 8 Election of Leader and Deputy Leader of Welsh Labour Party Page 20</i>	<b>Remove sub clause 8.A and replace with</b> The Leader and Deputy Leader of Welsh Labour shall be elected by a one member one vote (OMOV) ballot of members in Wales conducted to procedures laid down by the Welsh Executive Committee.
Gloucester Ashton-under- Lyne Derbyshire Dales East Devon Halifax North Somerset Romsey & Southampton North Sevenoaks Thurrock Wyre and Preston North	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> <i>Clause III, Section A.i.c Election of the NEC Page 20</i>	<b>Remove first sentence and replace with</b> 'Division III (CLPs) shall consist of ten members, at least five of whom shall be women'.
Monmouth Nottingham East	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> <i>Clause III, Section A.i.c Election of the NEC Page 20</i>	<b>Remove first sentence and replace with</b> 'Division III (CLPs) shall consist of twelve members, at least six of whom shall be women'.
Wakefield	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> <i>Clause III, Section A.i.c Election of the NEC Page 20</i>	<b>Remove first sentence and replace with</b> 'Division III (CLPs) shall consist of 30 members, at least 15 of whom shall be women'.
Dartford	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> Clause III, Section A.i.d Election of NEC – Local Governance Page 21	<b>Replace first sentence with:</b> Division IV (local governance) shall consist of four members from either the Association of Labour Councillors ('ALC'), directly elected mayors, or elected Police Commissioners, at least two of whom shall be women.
Sefton Central	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> Clause III, Section C.i. a,b and c Election of the NCC Page 22	In sub clauses C(i) a, b and c <b>delete</b> 'their delegations at Party conference on a card vote basis'  <b>Replace with:</b> 'means of a one-member-one-vote postal ballot among all eligible individual members of the Party, conducted to guidelines laid down by the NEC'



Manchester Gorton	<p><b>CHAPTER 5</b> <i>Clause IV</i> <i>Selection of</i> <i>Westminster</i> <i>Parliamentary</i> <i>Candidates</i> <i>Page 27</i></p>	<p><b>Insert New Sub clause after sub clause 1, to read:</b> The NEC’s procedural rules and guidelines for the selection of candidates for Westminster parliament elections shall include provision for party branches and branches of affiliated organisations to both interview prospective candidates and make nominations to the long list. The drawing up of the final shortlist will give due cognisance to the weight of nominations each candidate receives.</p>
Portsmouth North Rochester & Strood	<p><b>CHAPTER 5</b> Clause IV, Section 5 Selection of Westminster Parliamentary Candidates Page 28</p>	<p><b>Remove sub clause A and B and replace with</b> A. If the sitting MP wishes to stand for re-election the standard procedures for the selection of a Prospective Parliamentary Candidate shall be set in motion not later than 42 months after the last time the said Member of Parliament was elected to Parliament at a general election and before any scheduled or “snap” general election. The said Member of Parliament shall have equal selection rights to other potential candidates save for those outlined in paragraph.  B. The said Member of Parliament shall have the right to be included (irrespective of whether he/she has been nominated) on the shortlist of candidates from whom the selection of the Prospective Parliamentary Candidate shall be made.</p>
West Lancashire	<p><b>CHAPTER 5</b> <i>Clause IV, Section 5</i> <i>Selection of</i> <i>Westminster</i> <i>Parliamentary</i> <i>Candidates</i> <i>Page 28</i></p>	<p>In Section 5 <b>remove all references</b> to ‘trigger ballot’ and replace with the phrase ‘CLP re-selection ballot’  <b>Remove text from Section B and replace with:</b> If the MP fails to win the trigger ballot, he/ she shall not be eligible for nomination for selection as the prospective parliamentary candidate, and s/he shall not be included in the shortlist of candidates from whom the selection shall be made.</p>

<p>Labour International</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 5</b> Clause IV, Section 5 <i>Selection of Westminster Parliamentary Candidates</i> Page 28</p>	<p><b>Remove sub clauses 5 and 6 and replace with:</b></p> <p>5. Following an election for a Parliamentary constituency the procedure for selection of Westminster Parliamentary Candidates shall be as follows:</p> <p>A. If the CLP is not represented in Parliament by a member of the PLP, a timetable for selecting the next Westminster Parliamentary Candidate shall commence no sooner than six weeks after the election and complete no later than 12 months after the election.</p> <p>B. If a CLP is represented in Parliament by a member of the PLP, then a timetable for selecting the next Westminster Parliamentary Candidate shall commence no sooner than 36 months and complete no later than 48 months after the election. The sitting Member of Parliament shall be automatically included on the shortlist of candidates, unless they request to retire or resign from the PLP.</p> <p>6. The CLP Shortlisting Committee shall draw up a shortlist of interested candidates to present to all members of the CLP who are eligible to vote in accordance with Clause I.1.A above.</p>
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**CHAPTER 5**  
*Clause IV, Section 5*  
*Selection of*  
*Westminster*  
*Parliamentary*  
*Candidates*  
*Page 28*

**Remove Section 5 and 6 and replace with:**

5. If a CLP is represented in Parliament by a member of the PLP, that MP shall indicate, no later than 30 months after the last general election, or by an earlier specified date if the NEC believes that there is a significant prospect of an early general election, whether or not s/he wishes to stand for re-election.

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A. If a sitting MP has not indicated by that date that s/he wishes to stand for re-election, if s/he has indicated s/he wishes to retire, or if there is no sitting Labour MP, the NEC shall agree a timetable for a selection process for that constituency, candidates shall be invited to express interest in the selection and a Shortlisting Committee shall be appointed in line with procedural guidance to be issued by the NEC.

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B. In line with that timetable, party units and affiliates may make nominations in accordance with NEC guidance, and in doing so may interview interested candidates or not as they see fit. Any decision to invite some of the interested candidates to interview by party units must be made at a meeting to which all members of that unit have been invited, in accordance with party rules and with an explanation of the decisions that will be made at it.

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C. After the closing date for nominations, the Shortlisting Committee shall present to all members of the CLP who are eligible to vote (in accordance with Clause I.1.A above) a shortlist of nominated candidates. That shortlist must reflect the requirements of the NEC to ensure that candidates are representative of our society in accordance with Clause I.E.i above, and be subject to the requirement that any candidate who has received nominations from party branches representing over half of the CLP membership, or from more than half the affiliates and party units other than branches shall be included, subject to meeting eligibility criteria.

		<p>7.</p> <p>A. If a sitting MP has indicated by that date that s/ he wishes to stand for re-election, the NEC shall agree a timetable for a selection process for that constituency, candidates shall be invited to express interest in the selection and a Shortlisting Committee shall be appointed in line with procedural guidance to be issued by the NEC.</p> <p>7.</p> <p>B. In line with that timetable, party units and affiliates may make a single nomination each in accordance with NEC guidance, and in doing so may interview interested candidates or not as they see fit. Any decision to shortlist some of the interested candidates for consideration by party units for nomination must be made at a meeting to which all members of that unit have been invited, in accordance with party rules and with an explanation of the decisions that will be made at it. Whether party units make nominations following interviews or based on candidates' applications, the sitting MP must be considered alongside and on equal terms to other candidates. If party units choose not to invite other candidates, then the sitting MP shall not attend the nomination meeting.</p> <p>8.</p> <p>C. If the sitting MP receives both</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. nominations from party branches with a combined membership of more than two thirds of the CLP membership, and</li> <li>ii. nominations submitted by more than two thirds of the affiliates and party units other than branches submitting nominations,</li> </ul> <p>9.</p> <p>10. then the sitting MP shall be automatically reselected.</p>
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		<p>11.</p> <p>E. Where the sitting MP is not automatically reselected, the Shortlisting Committee shall present to all members of the CLP who are eligible to vote in accordance with Clause I.1.A above a shortlist of nominated candidates. That shortlist must reflect the requirements of the NEC to ensure that candidates are representative of our society in accordance with Clause I.E.i above, it must include the sitting MP and it must be subject to the requirement that any candidate who has received nominations either from party branches with a combined membership of more than one half of the CLP membership or from more than half of the affiliates and party units other than branches making nominations shall be included, subject to meeting eligibility criteria.</p> <p>F. If the said MP is not selected as the prospective parliamentary candidate s/he shall have the right of appeal to the NEC. The appeal can only be made on the grounds that the procedures laid down in the rules and the general provisions of the constitution, rules and standing orders have not been properly carried out. The NEC must receive the appeal by the date on which they consider endorsement of the parliamentary candidate for the constituency.</p>
<p>Hastings &amp; Rye Kensington Rayleigh &amp; Wickford</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 5</b> <i>Clause IV, Section 5</i> <i>Selection of</i> <i>Westminster</i> <i>Parliamentary</i> <i>Candidates</i> <i>Page 28</i></p>	<p><b>Remove Section 5 A and B and replace with:</b></p> <p>A. If the sitting MP wishes to stand for re-election the standard procedures for the selection of a Prospective Parliamentary Candidate shall be set in motion not later than 42 months after the last time the said Member of Parliament was elected to Parliament at a general election. If the nominations, by both party units and affiliates, are over 66% in favour of the sitting MP then the NEC has the authority to endorse the sitting MPs as the CLP's prospective parliamentary candidate [in those cases where a CLP does not have a branch structure (in other words, does not have the usual structure of party units), the NEC will provide appropriate guidance].</p> <p>B. The said Member of Parliament shall have the right to be included (irrespective of whether he/she has been nominated) on the shortlist of candidates from whom the selection of the Prospective Parliamentary Candidate shall be made.</p>

Richmond Park	<b>CHAPTER 5</b> <i>Clause IV, Section 7</i> <i>Selection of Westminster Parliamentary Candidates</i> <i>Page 28</i>	<b>At the start of Section 7 add:</b> CLPs have the right to decide whether or not to field a candidate to contest a Westminster parliamentary seat. Such a vote, if moved from the floor and seconded, is to be taken at the beginning of a selection meeting. Should the vote be passed, the selection meeting is concluded. This decision would be endorsed by the NEC, such endorsements would not be reasonably with-held. Should the vote fall, the meeting proceeds to the selection of candidates.
Cheltenham	<b>CHAPTER 5</b> Clause IV, Section 1 Selection of Westminster Parliamentary Candidates Page 28	<b>Remove Section 1 and replace with:</b> Following a parliamentary election in constituencies that do not elect Labour MPs, all the relevant CLPs will choose and appoint a candidate for any future parliamentary election within six months of the date of the aforesaid parliamentary election. If the chosen candidate later withdraws for any reason, the CLP will choose and appoint another candidate within three months. These selections will be made according to the procedure described in paragraphs 5.IV.6-7 and clause 5.I.
Bracknell	<b>CHAPTER 6</b> <i>Clause 1, Section 2</i> <i>Readmission to the party following Auto-Exclusion</i> <i>Page 31</i>	<b>Remove section 2 and replace with:</b> When there has either been a decision to expel a member, or an automatic exclusion has been agreed, the body making that decision (NEC or NCC) will at the time of the decision also specify a period of between one and five years which has to elapse before readmission will be considered. The member will be informed of the exclusion period and the reason for their exclusion. The CLP will also be similarly informed. An application for re-admission shall not normally be considered by the NEC until the specified minimum period has elapsed. When a person applies for re-admission to the Party following an expulsion by the NCC on whatever basis or by automatic exclusion under Chapter 2 4A above of the membership rules, the application shall be submitted to the NEC for consideration and decision. The decision of the NEC shall be binding on the individual concerned and on the CLP relevant to the application.
Stockport	<b>CHAPTER 11</b> <i>Clause V</i> <i>Rules for Young Labour</i> <i>Page 47</i>	<b>Add an additional sub clause 4, as follows:</b> Young Labour shall have its own constitution and standing orders, to be determined by the Young Labour AGM.

City of Durham	<p><b>CHAPTER 12</b>  <i>Clause I and IV</i>  <i>Rules for Local Campaign Forums</i>  Page 52</p>	<p><b>In Chapter 12 remove all reference</b> to ‘Local Campaign Forum’ and replace with ‘Local Government Committee’.</p> <p><b>Remove sub clauses 1-4 in Clause IV and replace with:</b></p> <p>1. The membership of the Local Government Committee shall consist 75% of delegates from the local CLP(s) and 25% from affiliates. At least 50% of delegates from each group shall be women.</p> <p>2. Additionally, CLP campaign co-ordinators shall be ex officio members of the LGC. Any sitting MP, AM, MSP, MEP, PCC and / or PPC may attend their LGC. Where a Co-operative Party council exists for the area concerned and they sponsor candidates in local elections they shall be entitled to appoint a member to the LGC.</p> <p>3. The LGC shall meet at least four times per year with representatives of the Labour group where one exists.</p>
Chorley	<p><i>Organisational – Refer to the NEC</i></p>	<p>Chorley CLP believe that only full members and affiliates should be able to vote in any selection process, including the leadership of the Party.</p> <p>Further we support the requirement for 6 months membership for all selections. We also express concern about the seemingly random suspension of members without clear reasons being provided. We call up on the Party to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity about breaches of party rules that might lead to suspension</li> <li>• Members who are suspended are provided with reasons for the suspension promptly</li> <li>• There are fair and transparent procedures in place to enable hearings and appeals to be held without delays.</li> </ul> <p>12</p>
East Yorkshire	<p><i>Organisational – Refer to the NEC</i></p>	<p>This Constituency / Conference applauds the election campaign run by the Party leadership; approves of the manifesto; expects the PLP, National Executive Committee and Labour Party administrative staff to cease disengagement from and opposition to the democratic process within the Party; supports a reduction in the number of nominations required to stand for Party Leader to 5% of the PLP and requires urgent proposals for the reform of MP selection procedures for all Parliamentary seats that abolish the ‘Trigger Ballot’ and incorporate mandatory reselection based on one member one vote without tenure for sitting MPs.</p>

Worsley and Eccles South	<i>Organisational matter - Refer to the NEC</i>	The Worsley and Eccles South CLP calls on Conference to institute Local Government Committees/ District Parties/City Parties and City Regional Parties as appropriate to each geographical local authority area of England to ensure appropriate democratic policy development and accountability structures are available to all members.
Rushcliffe	<i>Organisational Matter – refer to the NEC</i>	A proper complaints procedure for members and to build Natural Justice into all disciplinary procedures in the National Rule Book as recommended in parts of the Report of the Shami Chakrabarti Inquiry in June 2016. Therefore this CLP agrees to submit a motion to the Annual Conference of the Labour Party which instructs the NEC and the NCC to make the necessary changes in Labour Party procedures and National Rulebook to implement the following recommendations in the Chakrabarti report
Bristol North West	<i>Organisational Matter – refer to the NEC</i>	<i>A clear complaints and grievance procedure shall be distributed to all members for cases against Regional Directors and paid officers of the party. This shall include time scales and the revocation of delegated powers in serious cases.</i>



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## ELECTIONS TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES

The following elections will take place at Conference 2017.

- National Executive Committee – Trade Union Section
- National Executive Committee – Socialist Societies Section
- National Constitutional Committee - CLP Section

The results of these elections will be reported to Conference by the Chief Scrutineer and printed in the CAC reports.

Candidates in the following election, which was due to take place at Conference, were elected **unopposed**:

- National Constitutional Committee – Trade Union Section

See pages 33-36 for candidates and nominating organisations. The results of other elections that took place over the summer will be posted on Membersnet as they become available at: <https://members.labour.org.uk/ballots2017>

### National Executive Committee – Division I – Trade Union Section

Twelve to be elected

Candidate	Nominated by
Keith Birch	UNISON
Joanne Cairns	Usdaw
Jennie Formby	Unite
Andi Fox	TSSA
Jim Kennedy	Unite
Andy Kerr	CWU
Paddy Lillis	Usdaw
Pauline McCarthy	BFAWU
Ian Murray	FBU
Wendy Nichols	UNISON
Sarah Owen	GMB
Catherine Speight	GMB
Mick Whelan	ASLEF

*Mary Turner (GMB) also received sufficient nominations to be validly nominated but since close of nominations she has sadly passed away.*

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## National Executive Committee – Division II – Socialist Societies Section

One to be elected

Candidate	Nominated by
David Allan	Disability Labour
James Asser	Chinese for Labour, Christians on the Left, Fabian Society, Jewish Labour Movement, Labour Animal Welfare Society, Labour Campaign for International Development, Labour Movement for Europe, Labour Party Irish Society, Labour Students, LGBT Labour, National Union of Labour & Socialist Clubs, Scientists for Labour, Socialist Educational Association, Socialist Environment and Resources Association, Socialist Health Association, Society of Labour Lawyers

## National Constitutional Committee - Division I – Trade Union Section

Two to be elected. **Candidates elected unopposed.**

Candidate	Nominated by
David Clements	GMB
Kate Osborne	Unite

## National Constitutional Committee – Division III – CLP Section

Two to be elected

Candidate	Nominated by
Sulayman Adama Bah	Greenwich and Woolwich
Rose Burley	Beaconsfield, Bermondsey and Old Southwark, Bromsgrove, Cities of London and Westminster, Clwyd West, Croydon South, Derby South, Don Valley, Ealing Central and Acton, Eastwood, Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Hertsmere, Hornsey and Wood Green, Ilford North, Liverpool Riverside, Liverpool West Derby, Manchester Central, New Forest East, Nottingham South, Nuneaton, Richmond Park, Rochford & Southend East, Runnymede & Weybridge, Strathkelvin and Bearsden, Vale of Glamorgan, Vauxhall, Walsall South, Walthamstow, Wythenshawe & Sale East
Anna Dyer	Aberconwy, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barking, Battersea, Beverley and Holderness, Birmingham Hall Green, Birmingham Ladywood, Blackley and Broughton, Blackpool North & Cleveleys, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton, Bolsover, Bournemouth East, Bournemouth West, Bracknell, Brent Central, Brentford and Isleworth, Brigg & Goole, Brighton Pavilion, Bristol East, Bristol North West, Bristol South, Bristol West, Broxtowe, Calder Valley, Cambridge, Cardiff West, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr, Carshalton and Wallington, Central Devon, Ceredigion, Cheltenham, Chingford and Woodford Green, Christchurch, Clwyd West, Colchester, Crawley, Croydon Central, Cynon Valley, Dulwich & West Norwood, Easington, East Devon, Edinburgh North and Leith, Enfield Southgate, Exeter, Filton and Bradley Stoke, Folkestone and Hythe, Fylde, Garston & Halewood, Gateshead, Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn, Gloucester, Hampstead and Kilburn, Harwich and North Essex, Hastings & Rye, Hemel Hempstead, Hendon, Hereford, Holborn & St Pancras, Hove, Hull West & Hessle, Hyndburn, Islington North, Islington South & Finsbury, Keighley & Ilkley, Kenilworth & Southam, Kensington, Kingswood, Labour International, Lancaster and Fleetwood, Leeds West, Lewes, Lewisham Deptford, Leyton & Wanstead, Liverpool Walton, Ludlow, Luton North, Luton South, Manchester Gorton, Meriden, Mid Norfolk, Mid Sussex, Mid-Bedfordshire, Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland, New Forest East, Newark, North Cornwall, North Shropshire, North Somerset, North Warwickshire & Bedworth, North West Cambridgeshire, North West Durham, Northampton North, Northampton South, Norwich South, Oxford East, Oxford West & Abingdon, Pendle, Preseli Pembrokeshire, Pudsey, Ribble Valley, Rochester & Strood, Rochford & Southend East, Rotherham, Rugby, Rushcliffe, Salford and Eccles, Scunthorpe, Sefton Central, Sheffield Heeley, Sherwood, Shipley, Solihull, South Derbyshire, South Dorset, South East Cambridgeshire, South East Cornwall, South Northamptonshire, South Thanet, South West Norfolk, South West Wiltshire, Southampton Itchen, Southampton Test, St Helens South and Whiston, Stockport, Strathkelvin and Bearsden, Swansea East, Swansea West, Tewkesbury, Tottenham, Tower Hamlets, Twickenham, Uxbridge & South Ruislip, Wallasey, Wansbeck, Wantage, West Dorset, West Ham, West Lancashire, Westminster North, Witney, Worthing West, Wyre and Preston North, Yeovil
David Gardner	Greenwich and Woolwich

Kevin Hepworth	Beaconsfield, Bermondsey and Old Southwark, Cities of London and Westminster, Crewe & Nantwich, Croydon South, Derby South, Don Valley, Eastwood, Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Hertsmere, Ilford North, Liverpool Riverside, Liverpool West Derby, Manchester Central, Mid Derbyshire, Nottingham South, Nuneaton, Reigate, Richmond Park, Runnymede & Weybridge, Vale of Glamorgan, Vauxhall, Walthamstow, Wythenshawe & Sale East
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Susan Milestone	Bristol North West

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## CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

### National Executive Committee – Division I – Trade Union Section

#### Keith BIRCH – UNISON

I have been a Labour Party member for over thirty years and have served on the NEC for the past eight, currently chairing the Equalities Committee. My work within UNISON is to strengthen the links between union affiliated members and the Party. With the Tory Government destroying much of our public services it is vital for the Labour Party to be out there campaigning to defend our local communities and services. Party affiliates and members want to work with our leader to rebuild the Party based on trust and respect.

In building our campaigns and developing our policies for Labour to be elected again, the trade unions and the three million affiliated members have a key role to play. Labour needs to listen to the views of working people, learn from their experiences and represent their aspirations as part of rebuilding the Party for Government.

Working together in the Party we must be robust in our opposition to Tory policies and provide our supporters and wider public with clear alternatives based on our values for a more fair and equal society.

#### Joanne CAIRNS – USDAW

I am delighted to be nominated by my Union Usdaw for election to the National Executive Committee. I have been campaigning on behalf of working people throughout my 12 year career with Usdaw, and currently hold responsibility for Usdaw's policy work on low pay, including the National Minimum Wage and Living Wage.

As an active member of the Labour Party I have supported both local and national campaigns. I am proud of Usdaw's long history of close involvement with the Labour Party and our joint approach to improving workers' lives.

I have seen first-hand the impact of insecure work and low pay, and I feel very strongly that the NEC needs to continue the good work that has already been done towards delivering a

Labour Government, to redress the growing inequality that working people face.

As a working mother myself, I am particularly keen to ensure that equality, education and childcare policy issues continue to feature strongly in Party Policy and to support wider participation from women members. I would be honoured to have the opportunity to give a strong voice to trade union members within the Party.

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**Jennie FORMBY – UNITE**

I am seeking re-election to the NEC as I believe the role of trade unions in the Labour Party is vitally important to enable us to present a strong and credible alternative to the current undemocratic, unaccountable and discredited Tory Government. It is also crucial to continue to support the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn and our programme For The Many, as we go forward to build on our recent success on June 8th.

I have been a member of Southampton Test CLP for 39 years, an NEC member for 6 years, and am NEC co-Convenor of Labour's Economy, Business & Trade Policy Commission.

I have been a full time official for Unite for 29 years, having served as Political Director and more recently appointed as Regional Secretary.

I have been active in the labour and trade union movement for my whole life, and have led and participated in many campaigns both in my union and in the wider movement on many issues. I have in particular fought consistently to organise working people into trade unions, encouraging them to fight for and win better conditions, and to raise their political awareness and participation to drive change.

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**Andi FOX – TSSA**

It's important that Labours NEC represents people from a diverse range of backgrounds – as a frontline rail worker, and a woman in a male dominated industry, every day serving people in the ticket office in Doncaster, I hear the concerns that people have about their lives and future.

I have been active in the Trade Union movement for more than 25 years, and my work as a TSSA Rep means I also understand the difference that Trade Unions make to working people's lives.

I bring an authentic voice to the NEC; I am standing so that I can continue to represent not just transport workers but ordinary people who need a Labour government to give them and their families hope.

I am proud of the support my union has given to the leadership and the bold, popular direction our party is taking.

I have used my time on the NEC wisely - listening and learning. I sat on the selection panel for by elections and the London Parliamentary selections ensuring we had a diverse and capable set of candidates. I want to use my time on the NEC to ensure we are ready to win the next General Election.

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**Jim KENNEDY – UNITE**

Over the last two years Jeremy Corbyn has changed the political landscape of Britain.

Following the general election of June 8th and the resounding endorsement for Jeremy's leadership and the policies contained within our manifesto, the Tories are on the run, clinging onto power, brokering a shameful deal with the DUP, this is not sustainable and an early election is likely.

Too often we have seen the negative impact of orchestrated attempts to undermine the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn. The NEC has a crucial role in building sustained unity, I hope to continue to play my part as one of Unite's affiliated section representatives.

The public are sick of the Conservative Party's raw austerity that punishes the most vulnerable and are moving to the labour party recognising that we will deliver a fairer society.

So as Theresa May waits for her colleagues to consign her to history we move forward under the honest principled leadership of Jeremy Corbyn delivering policies that will make a fundamental difference to the lives of the many and not just a few.

I am a member of Unite the union and serve on the NEC and as Chair of the Organisation Committee.

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**Andy KERR – CWU**

I have been an active member of the Labour Party for over 38 years and throughout that time I have always been politically active within my Union and I genuinely view the Labour Party as being the political wing of the Trade Union Movement.

I passionately believe that Trade Unions and their collective membership must have a strong voice and presence not only in forming policies but in the administration and organisation of the Labour Party.

We have recently fought an election on the most radical manifesto for many years and with a leadership which undoubtedly connected with the electorate, especially younger voters. We now need to build on that and prove to them, that we are the only political party that has the policies and social values to enhance their everyday lives especially at work and the Trade Unions have a vital role to play in this by getting that message across to their members.

I believe it is crucial that we enhance the Party's democratic processes and we maintain a strong link with Trade Unions and you can be assured of my continued commitment to these aims, the NEC and the Party.

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**Paddy LILLIS – USDAW**

I am delighted to be nominated by my Union Usdaw for re-election to the National Executive Committee. I have been a member of the NEC for the last twelve years and believe that I have the necessary experience and knowledge as an organiser and campaigner to continue as a member of the NEC.

I am the Deputy General Secretary of Usdaw, a post I have held since 2004. I have been an active trade unionist for over 30 years and have experience at every level of the Trade Union Movement, both as an official and as a lay member. Usdaw has a long tradition of working with Labour to deliver real and significant gains for working people.

I have been a member of the Labour Party for 41 years and have been active at all levels of the Labour Party including as a councillor.

I believe that the NEC must work to ensure that the concerns of members are given a strong and influential voice at the head of the Party. We need to continue the campaign to deliver the Labour Government that working people and trade union members need.

**Pauline Mary MCCARTHY – BFAWU**

I have been a member of the National Executive Council for the last two years and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I was involved in a sub-committee that discussed policy ideas around mental health issues and awareness and actively participated in the Parliamentary selection process for the June election.

I am an active member in my own local Labour Party: Barnsley Central and spent time out campaigning in May for a Labour win in June

I have sat on my Trade Union The BFAWU's National Executive council for 18 years and have been heavily involved in leading the union in the call for £10 per hour for all workers, the abolition of exploitative zero hour contracts and, for a maximum temperature in the workplace what with coming from a factory background. I would love the opportunity to continue working within the Labour Party to give a voice, not only to my union's members, but to workers throughout the country.

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**Ian MURRAY – FBU**

I have been a firefighter with Humberside fire & rescue service for 23 years and a member of the Fire Brigades Union throughout. I am the currently the Executive Council member for Yorkshire and Humberside and also vice president of the FBU nationally. I played a leading role in the decision of the FBU to re-affiliate to the Labour Party and am working to build affiliations at regional and local level. I am centrally involved in the FBU campaign at national and local level against the cuts agenda which is destroying our fire and rescue service. Labour must be at the forefront of defending public services.

I have been working hard to re-engage firefighters and other trade unionist with the Labour Party and in support of the policies of our recent manifesto. I support the building of a mass membership and believe we can now aim for one million Labour Party members, with ordinary trade unionists at the heart of this revival. Such a campaign needs to be supported by a welcoming approach to new members who need to be fully engaged and familiarised with party structures. I support a programme of political education to build this level of engagement.

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**Wendy NICHOLS – UNISON**

I have been a member of UNISON and the Labour Party since 1984. I am an active member of Selby & Ainsty CLP and I am a past President of UNISON.

I have a strong Trade Union and Labour Party background and have worked within the movement to help and support people both in my local community and at work.

I am a Local Government worker. I started work in 1984 in the Social Care field and I now have fulltime release to support UNISON members within the Local Authority and believe in the need for strong public services to serve our communities, services provided by democratically elected people.

I live and work in the Yorkshire and Humber Region and I am a member of the Regional Labour Party Board. I am currently a District and Town Councillor and strongly believe that the link between the Party and Trade Unions should not be broken. The link is not about favours it's about fairness.

We need to build on the strengths of our movement and not be distracted by the right wing media into thinking we cannot work together to better the lives of people in our communities.

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### **Sarah OWEN – GMB**

I have been an active Labour member and trade unionist for fourteen years. From door-knocking to bringing changes in legislation, working hard to put our shared values into practice is part of my everyday life. I am a product of my working class background, growing up in one of the most deprived parts of the country as the daughter of a firefighter and a nurse who came to this country to work in our NHS.

As a GMB rep in Brighton I fought for our refuse workers & against health care cuts, recently working at a national level to weaken some of the most damaging aspects of the Tory's vindictive Trade Union Bill. In my current position as GMB Political Officer, I fight to protect members' jobs and improve workers' rights, as well as campaigning to end the public sector pay cap. As a former care worker and London Fire Brigade support officer, I truly understand the pressures on our public sector workers.

Being a NEC member would be a great privilege and, if elected, I'd carry out my duties with a commitment to strengthening our trade union voice within Labour.

### **Catherine SPEIGHT – GMB**

I am proud and honoured to be nominated by my Trade Union GMB to be re-elected to the NEC. I have been a member of the NEC for over 15 years and I understand what an important position and privilege it is.

As a party, we had an excellent General Election campaign.

Jeremy Corbyn and our policies appealed to young and old alike and our Trade Union campaigns against public sector cuts resonated with our members and the public. We must remain in campaign readiness and carry on the fight for a Labour Government. We are the voice for working people and for the most vulnerable in society.

We stand up for our families, colleagues and communities.

I have been a member of a Trade Union since starting work at 16 and a Labour Party member for over 35 years. The party was created by Trade Unions to be the political voice of working people and I will work tirelessly in my role as a Trade Union member on the NEC to ensure that continues.

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**Mick WHELAN – ASLEF**

Mick Whelan is an experienced trade union negotiator who has led the UK's train drivers as General Secretary of ASLEF for more than 5 years. He is a longstanding Labour activist and campaigner who has worked for the Party at a number of levels over many decades.

Mick is also the Chair of TULO and Vice-Chair of the National Policy Forum. He believes the deliberations of the NEC will benefit from the views of an industrial, craft union.

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## National Executive Committee – Division II – Socialist Societies

### Dave ALLAN

I am currently Chair of Disability Labour, and I am standing to represent the Socialist Societies on Labour's NEC, to ensure all of our voices are heard at the heart of the Party's decision making structures.

As well as serving as an officer in the Labour Party for many years, I am an active member of my trade union, Unite. I am currently Vice Chair of Unite's National Disabled Members committee and sit on the TUC Disabled Workers' Committee. I am also a Labour Councillor on Sunderland City Council – having served my community since 1983.

If you elect me as your NEC representative, I will:

- Provide regular report backs from meetings, ensuring all Societies are kept up-to-date.
- Meet with committees of all Socialist Societies throughout the year to hear your suggestions and priorities.
- Work to ensure all NEC members are aware of our work and the important contributions Socialist Societies make to the Labour movement.
- Continue to provide a strong voice for disabled people in the Party. If elected I would be the only declared disabled person on the NEC.

In solidarity,

Dave Allan

### James ASSER

Re-elect James Asser as Socialist Societies NEC representative

Two years ago you elected me as your voice on the NEC and I'm asking for your support for a second term.

I promised I'd ensure you had a clear voice at Labour's top table and that's what I've achieved. During this time, with your support, we've had access to senior party figures, improved our visibility and accessibility at conference and developed proper structured support from the Party.

I've made sure we have a seat at the table by attending every NEC and sub-committee meeting; attended the Party reform group, was elected vice-chair of the equalities sub-committee, participated in policy commissions, served on the Northern Ireland review group and launched reviews on LGBT and disability issues.

I also promised that I would provide clear communications ensuring you had the best understanding of what decisions were being made and were in a position to give the views of your society. To meet that commitment I have reported back to every Socialist Societies meeting, provided a detailed written report after every NEC meeting outlining discussions and decisions and been available for discussion and questions.

I will continue that level of communication and attendance. I'll be available to all societies for questions and advice and will continue to attend as many of your events as possible. I commit to work with the SocSoc exec to ensure we continue to get direct access to senior staff and shadow ministers plus greater access to all sections of the Party so the voice of affiliates continues to be heard.

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## **National Constitutional Committee – Division II**

### **Sulayman Adama BAH**

My name is Sulayman Adama Bah, candidate for the National Constitutional Committee (NCC) of the Labour Party. I joined the Party based on our shared values of achieving more when we are united than as individuals. To this end, Party colleagues and I canvass support for our great Party to win elections and govern our country sooner rather than later through leafletting and knocking on doors. It is only our great Party that ensures the UK live in a tolerant; mutual respect and solidarity with those less able in society.

I am aware that the NCC hears disciplinary matters require appropriate sanctions taken in line with Party rules. Over the years, I have participated in similar roles where complex matters are decided. I have shown high degree of independent-mindedness and willingness to work with colleagues to make decisions in the best interest of our institution. For example, as a school governor, I participate in hearings permanently excluding students from the school in line with stated rules and Department for Education guidelines.

Therefore, I kindly ask your support so that together, we ensure Party Unity in our fight to switch off the life support machine keeping the Conservatives in Downing Street.

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### **Rose BURLEY**

My experience as a Party member and activist for 52 years enables me to contribute positively, fairly and effectively when dealing with the varied cases that the National Constitutional Committee has to determine. I always ensure that cases are dealt with in a non-confrontational manner allowing everyone involved to have their say.

Currently, I am Chair of the National Constitutional Committee, Constituency Chair, GMB Branch Secretary, member of Labour Animal Welfare Society and the Co-op Party.

Prior to the establishment of the NCC, any breaches of Labour Party Rules by members were dealt with by the National Executive Committee. This was deemed as the Party being Judge and Jury. I believe having a separate body to deal with breaches of Party Rules is fairer and more transparent.

Party discipline is crucial throughout. However, when Rules are breached and members appear before an NCC Panel, they must be treated fairly, respectfully and in a comradely manner. My aim is to continue working to ensure that this is the basis on which outcomes are determined.

I hope I can count on your continued support.

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**Anna DYER**

After one term serving on the NCC I am seeking re-election at a crucial time when a revitalised Party fighting for a more democratic, socially just and equal society must demonstrate in its own internal governance and conduct transparency, fairness and equality. Recommendations for improving disciplinary procedures were made by the Chakrabarti Inquiry but the views of ordinary Party members must also be heard. At present delegates only elect NCC members at Conference thus denying a voice to CLPs too short of funds or distant to afford a delegate. As a member of such a CLP & Party member for more than 30 years, I wish to see a more inclusive and representative Conference.

I can bring considerable experience to NCC work: a wide range of party responsibilities and posts, including Holyrood List Candidate, founding Chair of Glasgow Labour Women's Forum, presently CLP Women's Officer. Extensive experience of policy-making & governance, Chair of Scotland's second largest Community -owned social enterprise (registered Charity) and elected Voluntary Sector Representative for Glasgow City Council Community Planning Partnership. From a working class family I went on to become Project Director of civil society & economic regeneration projects for the EU in Eastern Europe.

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**David GARDNER**

Passionately committed to Labour's values of social justice and fairness, ensuring all procedures and judgements are based on the principles of natural justice is vital for confidence in Labour's constitution. A member since my 15th birthday holding offices at Branch, CLP, regional and national level I have a reputation for integrity, rigour, objectivity, independence, transparency and accountability. Having been Secretary of the NCC in the early 1990s, I have the experience, patience and personality to make a strong contribution to this vital body and the panels it constitutes for case hearings. Am currently a Greenwich councillor and Cabinet member for Health and Social Care as well as being election agent in Greenwich & Woolwich in the last five general elections. Whatever the merits of particular cases brought to the NCC, it has a duty to those involved to ensure cases are expedited in a timely fashion while providing reasonable notice. I would hope that I can add to the stature and reputation of the Committee.

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**Kevin HEPWORTH**

I believe the NCC has to be truly independent and objective, able to withstand pressure to prejudge cases from sources of power within the party including factions and the NEC.

Members need to have faith that a case considered by the NCC will be judged on the facts, the rule book and agreed policies of the party, and never because the member/s is alleged to belong to one group or another.

My record when on the NCC previously, as a member of the final appeal panel in print union SoGAT, and as a member of the East Midlands Regional Board sitting on numerous appeal panels shows I cannot be pressured to come to a decision based on anything other than the facts before us.

I am happy to be supported by as broad a range of members as possible – but they need to understand that as I am standing for a quasi-judicial committee I will not be beholden to anyone, I will always make decision fairly and objectively and uphold the party rules.

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**Emina IBRAHIM**

I am asking for your support for election to the National Constitutional Committee. The election takes place in September at Party conference and will be elected by CLP delegates.

I am an experienced party member and currently represent CLP's in North/East London on London Regional Board. I was previously Vice Chair of Hornsey and Wood Green CLP and I have been a Councillor in Haringey since 2014, defeating Liberal Democrat Cllrs in a tightly fought marginal ward. I was selected as the PPC for Carshalton and Wallington in the recent snap general election where we achieved our best result since 1997. I am Branch Secretary of Redbridge Unison in East London and am also a Co-operative Party member.

I strongly believe in the importance of the party rule book and ensuring it is applied in a fair and just manner. I am experienced in dealing with internal disciplinary matters, whether it's supporting a member or sitting on regional membership appeals and panel appeals for Local Government selections. We need to ensure the integrity of the process in order to achieve fairness for all. If the rules are applied fairly then we will achieve unity and an effective Party.

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## **Susan MILESTONE**

A disabled trade unionist, feminist, environmentalist, former Labour/Co-op Party Councillor (2013-2015) recently elected to the NEC of the Co-op Party, with my late husband I raised three daughters. A Governor of my local NHS Trust since 2013, representing Carers, I relish scrutinising the Board and Directors. I work as a Carer. I believe in co-operation not competition. With 30+ years membership, I'm a member of Momentum, LRC, CLPD and other Socialist societies within the party. I believe a Labour government led by Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell will place co-operative principles at the heart of policies to empower communities and address inequality.

I'd like to see an end to secrecy in the NCC, perceived by many as a shadowy organisation tasked with implementing the party's Kafkaesque disciplinary procedures. It has proven difficult to ascertain the names of the secretary and members.

The NCC deals with suspensions. The Chakrabati Inquiry found 'the party needs clear and transparent procedures for dealing with allegations prior to suspensions'. I will strive to address these issues which suppress free speech. The Party must lead by example if it is to be perceived as a unified, open and transparent organisation.

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## APPENDIX - CONTEMPORARY MOTION CRITERIA

### What are Contemporary Motions and what are they for?

Labour Party policy is made via the National Policy Forum. It represents all sections of the Party and is responsible for developing policy for the next manifesto.

Policy Commissions consider submissions from party members, CLPs and affiliated bodies and use them to inform policy papers. Following consultation with the wider Party, papers are agreed by the National Policy Forum (NPF) before going to Annual Conference for final agreement. Through this method the Party's Policy Programme is developed. Those wishing to participate in this process can do so by making submissions via our dedicated website <https://www.policyforum.labour.org.uk/>

Contemporary motions allow constituencies and affiliated organisations to address issues which could not otherwise have been raised through this year's process. Contemporary Motions must not be used to bypass the Party's agreed policy making process.

### How do I know if my organisation's motion is "contemporary"?

Only issues of substance which can be shown to have newly arisen since the publication of the National Policy Forum's Annual Report on 3 August 2017 will be considered as valid Contemporary Motions. This process is followed in order to ensure the integrity of the policy making process and the NPF Annual Report which will go forward to Annual Conference for decision.

The NPF Annual Report 2017 can be viewed and downloaded here: <https://members.labour.org.uk/national-policy-forum>

The Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC) therefore encourages all bodies considering submitting a Contemporary Motion to familiarise themselves with the issues contained in the NPF Annual Report.

### Criteria for determining if a motion is contemporary

The decision on whether a motion is contemporary is taken by the Conference

Arrangements Committee. In reaching a decision, it will consider the following points:

1. Has the issue been dealt with by the NPF and Policy Commissions in their work during the year? This work is set out in their reports to Conference.
2. Could the issue have been sent to the NPF, Policy Commissions or the NEC for consideration before they published their annual reports? Is the issue already addressed in the Conference agenda?

### A motion will be deemed to be contemporary if:

- It is no more than 250 words, addresses one issue and does not propose a rule change.
- It deals with a topic which arose after the publication of the reports and Policy Papers of the National Policy Forum (NPF), Policy Commissions or National Executive Committee on the 3 August 2017 or has not been substantively addressed in those reports.
- The issue could not otherwise have been raised through the NPF policy making process.
- It does not seek to by-pass either the National Policy Forum policy-making or National Executive Committee decision-making processes or to overturn or revisit the Party Policy Programme, including issues defeated at the NPF which failed to achieve the status of an alternative position.

The National Policy Forum's Annual Report is available on Membersnet at: <https://members.labour.org.uk/national-policy-forum>

Paper copies of the annual reports of the National Executive Committee and the National Policy Forum will be sent to delegates in early September.

Further detail on the policy making process is available at 003A <https://www.policyforum.labour.org.uk/>

# PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE - ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		Party, Environment, Culture, Local Government, Devolution	International, Brexit, Economy, Equalities	Public Services	Leader's Speech
		Contemporary Issues Priorities Ballot	National Executive Committee Ballot	National Constitutional Committee Ballot	
Plenary	<b>Women's Conference</b> <b>12pm - 5pm</b>	Opening Formalities	Conference Arrangements Committee Report	Conference Arrangements Committee Report	Policy Seminars
<b>SUN</b> 10.30 - 12.45	Regional Receptions	Conference Arrangements Committee Report	<b>BREXIT AND INTERNATIONAL</b> <b>Shadow Chancellor</b>	<b>NEC Report</b> Financial Reports NEC and CLP Constitutional Amendments	Policy Seminars
<b>MON</b> 09.30 - 12.45	Fringe opens	Merit Awards & Long Service awards	<i>Votes</i>	<b>INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE</b> <i>Debate</i> <i>Votes</i>	<b>Leader's speech</b>
<b>TUES</b> 09.30 - 12.45		Obituaries			
<b>WED</b> 12.15 - 14.00		Trades Union Congress speaker Co-operative Party speaker			
		<b>PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES</b> <i>Debate</i>			
		<b>12.45-14.15</b>	<b>12.45-14.15</b>	<b>12.45-14.15</b>	
<b>SUN, TUES</b> 14.15 - 17.30		<b>PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES (cont'd)</b> <i>Debate</i>	<b>LIVING STANDARDS AND STRONG ECONOMY</b> <i>Debate</i>	<b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE</b> <i>Debate</i> <i>Votes</i>	
<b>MON</b> 14.15 - 16.00		Local Government Report	<b>Scottish Report</b> <i>Votes</i>	<b>Deputy Leader's speech</b>	
		Welsh Report			
		Northern Ireland Report	<i>Policy Seminars</i>		
<b>Policy Seminars</b> <b>MON</b> 16.15 - 17.30		<b>General Election Report</b> General Secretary's Report Best Practice Awards <i>Votes</i>			
<b>WED</b> 09.00 - 11.15		<i>Contemporary Issues Priorities Result</i>			





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