

Labour Party Annual Conference 2017
24-27 September, Brighton Centre

Addendum to the

Delegates' Report

Annual Conference 2017

From the Conference Arrangements Committee

NEC Constitutional Amendments

These rule changes have been tabled by the National Executive Committee and will be debated on Tuesday morning.

Chapter & Clause	Current wording	Amendment
<p>Chapter 1 Clause VIII, Section 1.A <i>Composition of the NEC</i> Page 5</p>	<p>1. The NEC shall comprise: A. 24 members elected in such proportion and under such conditions as may be set out in rules Chapter 3.III below and Chapter 4.III below.</p>	<p>Delete and replace with: 1. The NEC shall comprise: A. 28 members elected in such proportion and under such conditions as may be set out in rules Chapter 3.III below and Chapter 4.III below.</p>
<p>Chapter 4 Clause III, Section A.i.a <i>Procedural rules for elections for national committees</i> Page 20</p>	<p>a. Division I (trade unions) shall consist of 12 members, at least six of whom shall be women, to be nominated by trade unions and elected by their delegations at Party conference.</p>	<p>Delete and replace with: a. Division I (trade unions) shall consist of 13 members, at least six of whom shall be women, to be nominated by trade unions and elected by their delegations at Party conference</p>
<p>Chapter 4 Clause III, Section A.i.c <i>Procedural rules for elections for national committees</i> Page 20</p>	<p>c. Division III (CLPs) shall consist of six members, at least three of whom shall be women, to be nominated by their own CLP and at least two other CLPs. The ballot for these places shall be conducted among all eligible individual members of the Party by means of a national one-member-one-vote postal ballot conducted to guidelines laid down by the NEC.</p>	<p>Delete and replace with: c. Division III (CLPs) shall consist of nine members, at least four of whom shall be women, to be nominated by at least five CLPs. The ballot for these places shall be conducted among all eligible individual members of the Party by means of a national one-member-one-vote postal ballot conducted to guidelines laid down by the NEC.</p>
<p>Chapter 4 Clause III, Section A.vii <i>Procedural rules for elections for national committees</i> Page 22</p>	<p>vii. The term of office in each of the five NEC divisions shall be two years starting immediately after the close of the Party conference to which the election result is reported.</p>	<p>Delete and replace with: vii. The term of office in each of the five NEC divisions shall be two years starting immediately after the close of Party conference to which the election result is reported except where the NEC issues procedural guidance otherwise on an emergency temporary basis. This rule amendment shall be valid only until the election of NEC positions in Division III in 2018, at which point it shall lapse.</p>

<p>Chapter 4 Clause II, Section 2.B.i <i>Procedural rules for elections for national officers of the Party</i> Page 18</p>	<p>B. Nomination</p> <p>i. In the case of a vacancy for leader or deputy leader, each nomination must be supported by 15 per cent of the combined Commons members of the PLP and members of the EPLP. Nominations not attaining this threshold shall be null and void.</p>	<p>Delete and replace with:</p> <p>B. Nomination</p> <p>i. In the case of a vacancy for leader or deputy leader, each nomination must be supported by 10 per cent of the combined Commons members of the PLP and members of the EPLP. Nominations not attaining this threshold shall be null and void.</p>
<p>Chapter 2 Clause 1, Section 8 <i>Conditions of membership</i> Page 11</p>	<p>8. 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. 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.</p>	<p>Delete all and replace with:</p> <p>8. 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 might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on age; disability; gender reassignment or identity; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; or sexual orientation as conduct prejudicial to the Party: these 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</p>

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