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The Labour Party

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

REPORT 1 to Conference 2019

Saturday 21 September



Appendix 2 - NEC Constitutional Amendments

The NEC proposes rule changes on the following seven subjects:

1. Multiple Constituency CLPs
2. BAME Representation in Selections
3. CLP Officers
4. Local Government Committees
5. Labour Groups
6. Disciplinary Power
7. Democracy Review Implementation

Each subject will be voted on as a single card vote. The proposed rule changes are detailed on the following pages.

Local Government Committees

Card Vote 4

Chapter & Clause	<i>Current Wording</i>	Amendment
Title of the Chapter and all other references to	n/a	Delete “Local Campaign Forums” and insert – “Local Government Committees” Delete “LCF” and replace with “LGC”
<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause II. Objects</p> <p>1.</p>	<p>2. To work with the Labour Group to organise opportunities for individual members, branches, trade unions, affiliated organisations and community organisations to enter into dialogue with the Labour Group on current local government policy issues and ideas for the Party’s future programme and manifesto.</p>	<p><i>Delete “To work with the Labour Group”</i></p> <p><i>Delete “enter into dialogue” and insert “engage”</i></p> <p><i>Delete “government”</i></p> <p><i>Delete “and ideas for the Party’s future programme and manifesto”</i></p> <p>2. To organise opportunities for individual members, branches, trade unions, affiliated organisations and community organisations to engage with the Labour Group on current local policy issues.</p>

<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause II. Objects</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p><i>Insert new 3. and consequential renumbering.</i></p> <p>3. To formulate an electoral programme in partnership with the Labour Group</p>
<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause III. General Principles</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>2. The NEC shall provide guidance on model LCF structures. The local Party/ies shall determine the structure and membership of the LCF with approval from the appropriate RD(GS) on behalf of the NEC, following the principles laid out in this chapter. These may include existing structures where these are working effectively to meet the objectives of the NEC.</p>	<p><i>Delete paragraph and insert</i></p> <p>2. The local Party/ies shall determine the size and structure of the LGC with approval from the appropriate RD(GS), on behalf on the NEC (or on behalf of SEC or WEC) following the principles laid out in this chapter. These may include existing structures where these are working effectively to meet the objectives of the NEC.</p>

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<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause IV. Membership</p>	<p>2. The NEC model will recommend that the membership of the LCF should include the leader and deputy leader of the Labour group or other group officer as determined by the Labour group (where such Labour Groups exists), any local and regional organisers, and appropriate representatives from the relevant CLPs, including CLP campaign coordinators, representatives from trade unions and, where appropriate, other organisations affiliated to that constituency. 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 LCF. Additional, any sitting MP, AM, MSP, MEP, PCC and / or PPC may attend their LCF.</p> <p>3. The local Party should work to ensure that the membership of the LCF is representative of the communities in which it will work.</p>	<p><i>Delete entire sub-clause and insert;</i></p> <p>2. The membership of the LGC will be in three sections:</p> <p>a) Delegates from the Labour Group, including the Leader and the Deputy Leader, and other members of the Labour Group to be elected by the Group. The Executive Committee of the Labour Group may attend the LGC ex-officio as non-voting members. At least 50% of the voting delegates from the Labour Group must be women.</p> <p>b) Delegates from the CLPs falling within or partially within the council area, elected by the CLPs. At least 50% of the CLP delegates must be women.</p> <p>c) Delegates chosen by the trade unions affiliated to the CLPs falling within or partially within the council area. At least 50% of the Trade Union delegates must be women.</p> <p>3. a) There should be equal number of delegates from the Labour Group, CLP(s) and Trade Union sections.</p> <p>b) Votes at meetings of the LGC will be cast in three sections – the Labour Group, CLPs and Trade Unions.</p>

		<p>i) The votes for each section will be totalled.</p> <p>ii) Each section's votes will be apportioned so that each of the three sections has a voting weight of one third.</p> <p>c) Labour Group members may only act as representatives on behalf of the Labour Group and may not act as delegates representing CLPs, affiliates, or the Co-Operative Party.</p> <p>d) Each CLP falling fully within the council area shall appoint the same number of delegates to the LGC.</p> <p>e) CLPs which are only partially within the council area shall appoint a reduced number of delegates approximately in line with the proportion of CLP wards within the council area. Those delegates must reside within the council area.</p> <p>f) Trade Union delegates must be members of the Labour Party.</p> <p>g) Local and regional organisers and any campaign co-ordinators for the area covered by the LGC shall be invited to attend LGC meetings as non-voting delegates.</p> <p>h) Any sitting MP, AM, MSP, MEP, PCC and / or PPC and Labour Group members who is not a voting LGC delegate may attend LGC meetings as non-voting delegates.</p> <p>4. The local Party should work to ensure that the membership of the LGC is representative of the communities in which it will work.</p>
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g) Local and regional organisers and any campaign co-ordinators for the area covered by the LGC shall be invited to attend LGC meetings as non-voting delegates.

h) Any sitting MP, AM, MSP, MEP, PCC and / or PPC and Labour Group members who is not a voting LGC delegate may attend LGC meetings as non-voting delegates.

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<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause V Officers and Executive Committee</p> <p>1.</p>	<p>1. The officers and the Executive Committee shall be elected at the first meeting of the LCF and annually thereafter.</p>	<p>Insert at end of paragraph</p> <p>“The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Labour Group shall be voting members of its Executive Committee ex-officio.”</p> <p>1. The officers and Executive Committee shall be elected at the first meeting of the LGC and annually thereafter. The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Labour Group shall be voting members of its Executive Committee ex-officio.</p>
<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause V Officers and Executive Committee</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>3. The officers shall consist of a Chair, vice-chair, and secretary. At least one of the officers shall be a woman.</p>	<p><i>Delete “one” and insert “50%”</i></p> <p>3. The officers shall consist of a chair, vice-chair, and secretary. At least 50% of the officers shall be a women.</p>
<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause V Officers and Executive Committee</p> <p>5.</p>	<p>5. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, the leader and deputy leader of the Labour Group and { } members elected on a basis to be approved by the NEC. Accredited Party organisers within the area may attend Executive Committee meetings without voting power.</p>	<p><i>After “NEC” insert “(or by the SEC OR WEC in Scotland and Wales).”.</i></p> <p>5. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, the leader and deputy leader of the Labour Group and { } members elected on a basis to be approved by the NEC (or by the SEC or WEC in Scotland and Wales). Accredited Party organisers within the area may attend Executive Committee meetings without voting power.</p>

CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums Clause VI Meetings	n/a	Insert new 1. and consequential renumbering.
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<p>1.</p>		<p>1. Where there is no overall majority following council elections in May, a special meeting of the LGC shall be held in the week following council elections in order to consider any proposals from the Labour Group Leader on the formation of a coalition with other parties. The date, time and location of this meeting must be made known to LGC delegates at least 4 weeks before the council election. The meeting may be cancelled after the local election if one party has an overall majority or if a coalition is formed without support from the Labour Group.</p>
<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause VI Meetings</p> <p>1.</p>	<p>1. The annual meeting shall be held in May each year, or if such meeting is not held, as soon as is possible afterwards.</p>	<p><i>Consequential renumbering to 2.</i></p> <p><i>After “meeting” insert “of the LGC”</i></p> <p>2. The annual meeting of the LGC shall be held in May each year, or if such meeting is not held, as soon as possible afterwards.</p>
<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause VI Meetings</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>2. The LCF shall meet whenever necessary to deliver the best organisation and campaigns to secure the best possible representation for Labour in the authority. As a minimum, the LCF shall have at least one meeting a year for each of: the creation of a campaign strategy, the creation of a recruitment strategy, the creation of a selection strategy and to convene a selection panel.</p>	<p><i>Consequential renumbering to 3.</i></p> <p><i>After “for each of:” insert “the creation of a manifesto for the next local election,”.</i></p> <p><i>At end of paragraph insert “In addition to this, the Labour Group leader shall report annually to the LGC on progress which the Group has made towards delivering pledges in the latest manifesto and recent manifestos.”.</i></p>

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<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause VIII General 1.</p>	<p>1. The electoral policy and programme for the appropriate elections shall be decided by the council Labour group or by this LCF where no Labour Group exists. In each case this LCF shall work to organise opportunities for wider consultation to assist the development of policy.</p>	<p><i>Delete “council Labour group or by this LCF where no Labour Group exists.” and insert</i></p> <p><i>“the LGC in consultation with representatives of the council Labour Group.”.</i></p> <p>1. The electoral policy and programme for the appropriate elections shall be decided by the LGC in consultation with representatives of the council Labour Group. In each case the LGC shall work to organise opportunities for wider consultation to assist the development of policy.</p>

<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause IX Candidates 1.</p>	<p>1. The LCF shall select and convene an interview panel for the selection of candidates. This shall include a member of the LCF, and respective CLPs and Labour groups may nominate a member to sit on this panel. The LCF may co-opt additional members, including members from other Labour parties, when it is deemed necessary, in line with selection guidelines approved by the NEC.</p>	<p><i>At the end of sentence "sit on this panel." Insert new sentence</i></p> <p><i>"If a member of the Labour Group is also seeking selection as a candidate they shall declare the wards they wish to stand in and shall be excluded from any discussion about selections in those wards until they have been selected as a candidate"</i></p> <p>1. The LGC shall select and convene an interview panel for the selection of candidates. This shall include a member of the LGC, and respective CLPs and Labour groups may nominate a member to sit on this panel. If a member of the Labour Group is also seeking selection as a candidate they shall declare the wards they wish to stand in and shall be excluded from any discussion about selections in those wards until they have been selected as a candidate. The LGC may co-opt additional members, including members from other Labour parties, when it is deemed necessary, in line with the selection guidelines approved by the NEC.</p>
<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause IX Candidates 2.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Insert new 2. and consequential renumbering.</p> <p>2. Labour Group members and all members who have expressed an interest in standing as candidates in the next local election must declare an interest and not participate in any meeting about candidate selection, for that election until they have been selected.</p>

<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause XI Miscellaneous 3.</p>	<p>3. Where the LCF is not an accounting unit of the Party with regard to the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000, it shall liaise with and cooperate with the Regional Office to ensure that CLPs which have a geographical interest in the LCF are able to meet their legal and financial obligations.</p>	<p><i>Delete "Regional Office" and insert "Regional Director (or General Secretary in Scotland or Wales).</i></p> <p>3. Where the LGC is not an accounting unit of the Party with regard to the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000, it shall liaise with and cooperate with the Regional Director (or General Secretary in Scotland or Wales) to ensure that the CLPs which have a geographical interest in the LGC are able to meet their legal and financial obligations.</p>
<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause XI Miscellaneous 5.</p>	<p>5. Any insertions or proposed changes to these rules for Local Campaign Forums are subject to the approval of the NEC.</p>	<p><i>"After "NEC" insert "(or SEC/WEC in Scotland or Wales).</i></p> <p>5. Any insertions or proposed changes to these rules for Local Government Committees are subject to the approval of the NEC (or SEC/WEC in Scotland or Wales).</p>
<p>CHAPTER 12 Rules for Labour Party Local Campaign Forums</p> <p>Clause XI Miscellaneous 3.</p>	<p>6. The NEC shall have the authority to determine how these rules shall be applied in particular circumstances and make any adaptations necessary to suit different or new levels of local government as they arise.</p>	<p>After "NEC" insert "(or SEC/WEC in Scotland or Wales).</p> <p>6. The NEC (or SEC/WEC in Scotland or Wales) shall have the authority to determine how these rules shall be applied in particular circumstances and make any adaptations necessary to suit different or new levels of local government as they arise.</p>