

Principles for the construction of Local Govt. Committees.

We call on the NEC to ensure that the new LGC rules conform to the following principles

1. That the size of the LGC shall be determined as follows, the number of CLP Reps shall be determined such that CLP reps for each constituency match the number of whole wards enclosed within the local authority. (There will need to be local variations approved where wards/branches/CLPS have significant voter numbers in more than one constituency or local authority.)
2. That the number of Councillors match the number of CLP Reps if the group is big enough, otherwise the whole group is to be represented and a card vote system implemented.
3. That the Trade Union reps are elected by the CLP GM/AMM with only Trade Union delegates eligible to stand and that the Trade Union reps are to be allocated to the CLPs in the same proportion as the CLP reps. (If insufficient TU delegates can be elected to match the CLP numbers, then a card vote system will need to be implemented.)
4. All colleges are to be at least 50% female.
5. All delegates are to be residents in the local authority.
6. At meetings, a delegate's absence is to be interpreted as an abstention.
7. That rigorous controls on conflict of interest are written and enforced to ensure that any Councillors involved in candidate assessment conform to the Nolan rules. This principle to ensure there is no conflict, nor perceived conflict of interest by assessment team or LGC members on the grounds of marriage, common law marriage, civil partnership, family relationship, commercial relationship or supervisory/supervised employment relationship.
8. That candidate assessments are to be a due diligence and may only withhold an endorsement on the grounds that a candidate is not eligible to stand, fails to meet the Labour Party's eligibility rules, states that they will not conform to the rules on Group conduct and/or other Labour Party rules or for other good reason; the holding of opinions on policy shall not be a reason for non-endorsement.
9. That there are guarantees that selection decisions include CLP & TU delegates who should be in the majority of any assessment panels.
10. That LGC assessment panels are to be appointed by the LGC and not subject to agreement of the RD/GS; that decisions to appoint people from outside the Local Authority area are optional and taken by the LGC.
11. That the procedures secretary is not a councillor or candidate for the Council.