

Autumn Conference

Conference Daily

Monday 16th September 2013



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Conference representatives wishing to speak in any of the debates are requested to fill in and submit a speaker's card as soon as possible.

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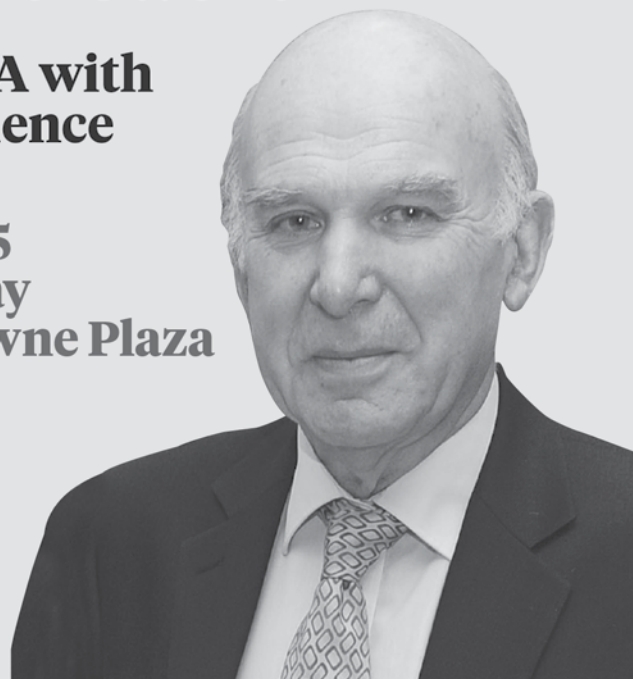
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18.15
Today
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Report back for Sunday 15th September

F7	Report	Federal Finance and Administration Committee	Approved
F8	Party business	Membership Subscription and Federal Levy	Passed (Amendment One passed)
F9	Reports	Parliamentary Parties of the Liberal Democrats	Received
F10	Policy motion	<i>Green Growth and Green Jobs</i> (Transition to a Zero Carbon Britain Policy Paper)	Passed (Option B passed, Amendment One passed, separate vote to delete 4. m) and n) as amended was defeated)
F11	Policy motion	Cycling Reform	Passed
F13	Report	Federal Executive	Approved
F14	Constitutional amendment	Responsibilities of Members	Passed
F16	Policy motion	<i>Learning for Life</i> (Education and Skills from Upper Secondary to Lifelong Learning Policy Paper)	Passed (Amendments One, Two and Three passed)
F17	Policy motion	Protecting Children from Online Pornography	Referred back to the FPC

Emergency motions ballot result

The emergency motions selected by the ballot are: Schedule 7 of Terrorism Act 2000, to be debated as F38(a); and Legal Aid, to be debated as F38(b).

Conference Calling

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- 3:30pm - 5pm - Monday, Tuesday
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Monday 16th September

Additions and updates to the Agenda and Conference Extra for Monday 16th September.

F18 Policy motion: A New Liberal Democrat Approach to Race Equality

Mover: Janice Turner

Background briefing

This motion develops policy on race equality, in particular with regard to implementation of the Equality Act 2010 and improving educational outcomes for BAME pupils.

Existing policy on the Equality Act 2010 is set out in policy paper 107, *Tackling Inequality at its Roots* (2012), conference motion *Human Rights* (2003) and policy paper 44, *Protecting Civil Liberties* (2001).

Note: the proposals in the motion are developed in more detail in the report *Towards Race Equality: A Liberal Democrat Approach*, produced by the Liberal Democrat Race Equality Task Force.

F19 Policy motion: Strengthening the UK Economy

Mover: Steve Webb MP

See Conference Extra for drafting amendments and Amendments One and Two.

Amendment One

Summation: David Howarth

Amendment Two

Mover: Lord Shipley

Summation: Paul Holmes

Background briefing

This motion updates and develops policy on tackling youth unemployment, pooling council borrowing limits to increase housebuilding, expanding the Business Bank, increasing lending to businesses and prioritising investment in UK infrastructure including science, public transport and renewable energy.

Existing policy is set out in conference motions *Generating Jobs and Growth in a Time of Austerity* (September 2012) and *Creating a Strong Manufacturing Sector in a Stronger Economy* (September 2012), policy paper 105, *Sustainable Prosperity and Jobs* (September 2012), and policy paper 103, *Giving Young People a Future* (March 2012).

Ministerial Q&A sessions

Schools and Education
with David Laws MP

Monday 11.30–12.30

SECC, Alsh 1

Health

with Norman Lamb MP

Monday 16.30–17.30

SECC, Alsh 1

FRINGE UPDATE

Monday early evening 18.15–19.30

Note event cancelled:

**acevo (Association of Chief Executives of
Voluntary Organisations)**

The acevo voluntary sector fringe event

Crowne Plaza, Staffa

Monday 16th September continued

F20 Policy motion: Cohabitation Rights

Background briefing

This motion creates new policy.

F23 Report: Campaign for Gender Balance

Mover: Ros Gordon

F26 Policy motion: *Fairer Taxes* (Tax Policy Paper)

See *Conference Extra* for drafting amendments and Amendments One and Two.

Amendment One

Summation: Cllr Graham Neale

Background briefing

This motion and accompanying policy paper 111, *Fairer Taxes*, builds on existing tax policy by calling for a simpler tax system that focuses on wealth rather than income, promotes environmental sustainability and further measures to help small businesses. Proposals include raising the personal allowance further to the level equivalent to a full-time job on National Minimum Wage, continued efforts to crack down on tax avoidance by wealthy individuals and companies through the introduction of a stronger General Anti-Avoidance Rule and the implementation of the Mansion Tax.

Existing party policy on the tax system is set out in conference motions *Corporate Tax Avoidance* (2013) and *Making Tax Fairer* (2012), policy paper 94, *A Fresh Start for Britain* (2009), the General Election Manifesto *Change that Works for You* (2010), policy paper 81, *Reducing the Burden* (2007), and policy paper 76, *Fairer, Simpler, Greener* (2006).

F27 Policy motion: Making Housing Benefit Work for Tenants in Social Housing

Summation: Clare Mills

See *Conference Extra* for drafting amendment and Amendment One.

Background briefing

This motion creates new policy on entitlement to housing benefit.

Existing policy on housing benefit is set out in policy paper 104, *Decent Homes for All* (2012).



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