

Autumn Conference



Conference Extra 2013

Glasgow 14th–18th September

Updates to the *Agenda* and *Directory*, information from the Conference Committee, amendments, emergency motions and questions to reports. Please read in conjunction with the *Agenda* and *Directory*.



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Please keep hold of your copy of *Conference Extra* throughout conference, and make sure you pick up a copy of *Conference Daily* from the Information Desk as you enter the SECC each morning – it will be vital to your understanding of the day's business.

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Ministerial Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Ministerial Q&A sessions during conference, where you can come along and ask questions of our Ministers on the issues relating to their responsibilities and their departments. A fantastic opportunity for members to find out more about what our Ministers are up to. All sessions take place in Aish 1 on the ground floor of the SECC (except Transport) and are scheduled as follows:

Saturday 14th September 16.30–17.30

Jobs and apprentices – with Vince Cable MP, Jo Swinson MP and Gordon Birtwistle MP

Sunday 15th September 09.15–10.15

Transport – with Norman Baker MP

Note: This session will be held in Dochart 2 on the upper level of the SECC

Sunday 15th September 11.30–12.30

International Affairs – with Lynne Featherstone MP, George Lyon MEP, Lord Wallace and Baroness Garden

Sunday 15th September 15.30–16.30

Crime and Justice – with Jeremy Browne MP and Lord McNally

Sunday 15th September 16.45–17.45

Economy – with Danny Alexander MP
(closed session – members only)

Monday 16th September 11.30–12.30

Schools and Education – with David Laws MP

Monday 16th September 16.30–17.30

Health – with Norman Lamb MP

Tuesday 17th September 14.30–15.30

Party Matters – with Tim Gordon and Tim Farron MP
(closed session – members only)

Tuesday 17th September 16.00–17.00

Devolution – with Don Foster MP, Michael Moore MP and Baroness Randerson

Wednesday 18 September 09.00–10.00

Pensions and Welfare – with Steve Webb MP

Wednesday 18 September 10.30–11.30

Environment – with Ed Davey MP, David Heath MP and Baroness Parminter

Sessions (except Party Matters and Economy) are open to all, but party members will be given priority.



All 11 regions will be at your disposal for any issues that you'd like to talk about over the Conference week (including the Candidates Office and English Party Administrator).

Visit us on stand E14 in the exhibition.

Saturday 14th September

10.00–12.30 – South Central
12.30–14.00 – Patrick Callaghan & Carl Quilliam
(Candidates Office)
14.00–18.00 – South East + Charlotte Harris
(English Party Administrator)

Sunday 15th September

09.00–12.30 – Devon & Cornwall
12.30–14.00 – TBC
14.00–18.00 – East of England

Monday 16th September

09.00–12.30 – East Midlands + West Midlands
12.30–14.00 – Charlotte Harris (English Party
Administrator)
14.00–18.00 – London + Patrick Callaghan & Carl
Quilliam (Candidates Office)

Tuesday 17th September

09.00–12.30 – Yorkshire & the Humber
12.30–14.00 – TBC
14.00–18.00 – North East + Patrick Callaghan & Carl
Quilliam

Wednesday 18th September

09.00–12.30 – Western Counties

Conference information

It is not too late to register

Register online now at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference

and then visit on-site registration at the Hilton Garden Inn just a few minutes walk from the SECC.

Registration is open at the following times:

Saturday	14th September	09.00–18.00
Sunday	15th September	08.30–17.30
Monday	16th September	08.30–17.30
Tuesday	17th September	08.30–17.30
Wednesday	18th September	08.30–12.30

Left luggage

Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the SECC.

A left luggage facility will be available at the Campanile Hotel (see map of Glasgow on the inside back cover of the *Directory*) between 08.00 and 18.00 on Wednesday 18th September.

Please note that capacity is limited and will be available on a first-come first-served basis. A charge of £1 per item will apply.

WiFi

Free Wifi is available for conference attendees throughout the SECC and in the Crowne Plaza hotel.

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Conference Calling

Join us in the **The Lomond Auditorium in the SECC** for free tea and biscuits, and to play your part in making a great Party news story.

- 10am - 11am - Monday, Tuesday
- 3:30pm - 5pm - Monday, Tuesday
- 11am - 12:30pm - Wednesday



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The exhibition

The exhibition is located on the ground level of the SECC. There is a plan of the SECC in the Directory. The plan of the exhibition is on page 5 and a key to stand numbers is below.

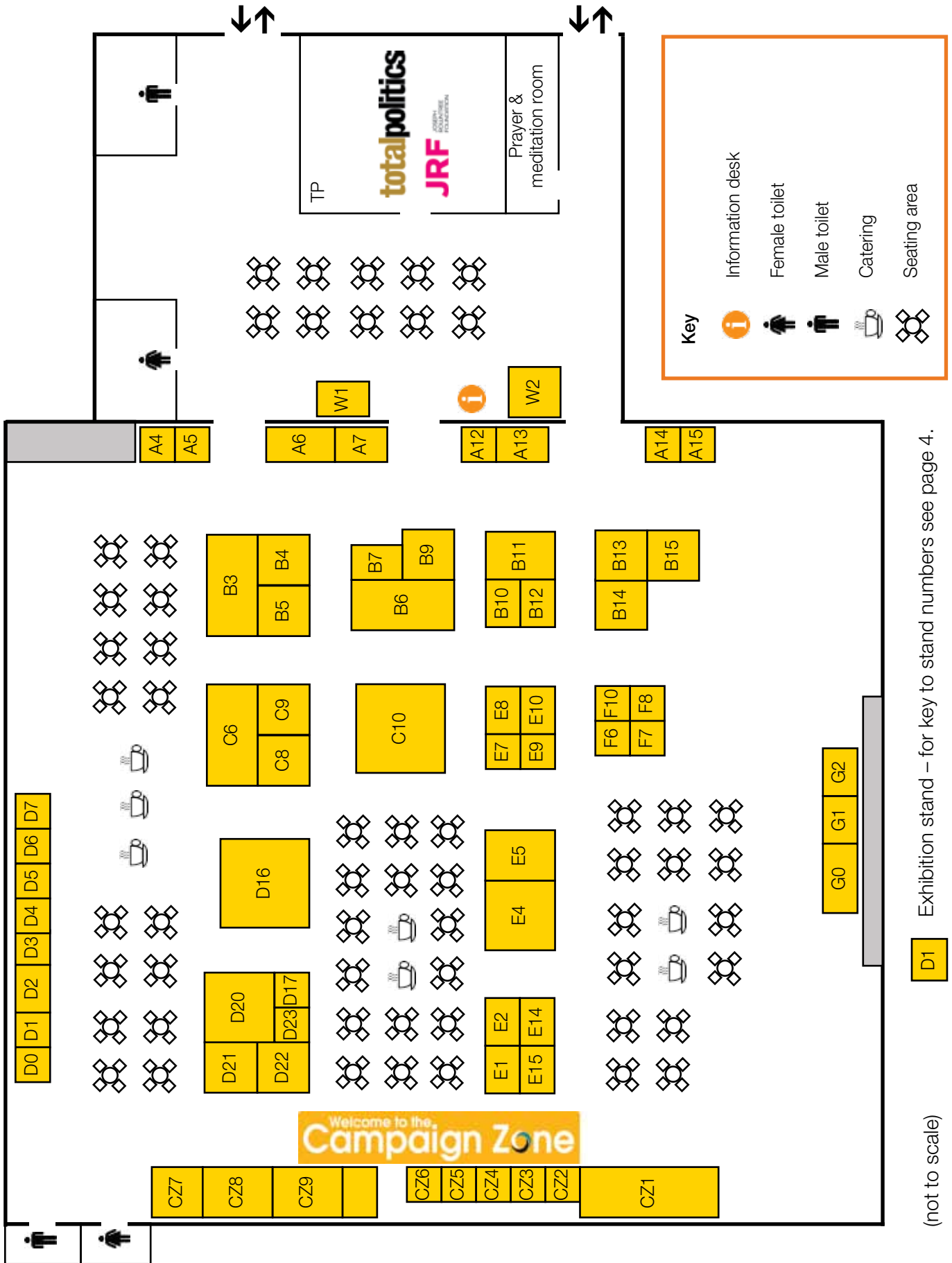
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Exhibitors listed by stand number

A4	Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers & Scientists	D1	Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats
A5	Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)	D2	ALTER
A6	CAMRA, Campaign for Real Ale	D3	Lib Dem Education Association (LDEA)
A7	Parkinson's UK	D4	Green Liberal Democrats
A12	Liberal Youth	D5	Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists
A13	World Vision UK	D6	Agents and Organisers Association
A14	Charities Aid Foundation	D7	at800
A15	Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform	D16	Sky News
B3	Microsoft UK	D17	Sustainable Aviation
B4	TSB	D20	Battersea Power Station Development Company
B5	Carillion	D21	Parliamentary Candidates Association
B6	Royal Mail Group	D22	National Union of Teachers
B7	Better Together	D23	VisitYork4Meetings
B9	Campaign for Fairer Gambling	E1	Scottish Liberal Democrats
B10	Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association	E2	IOSH
B11	pteg	E4	Prostate Cancer UK
B12	Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar	E5	BBC
B13	Guide Dogs	E7	John Muir Trust
B14	Falkland Islands Government	E8	CentreForum
B15	E.ON	E9	University of Salford
C6	Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors and LGA Liberal Democrat Group	E10	Liberal Democrat Women
C8	Tobacco Retailers' Alliance	E14	Liberal Democrats in England
C9	Countryside Alliance Foundation	E15	Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats
C10	EDF Energy	F6	Liberal Democrat Christian Forum
CZ1	Liberal Democrat Image	F7	Liberal Democrat History Group
CZ2	Prater Raines Foci2 Websites	F8	Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine
CZ3	Print & Digital Associates Ltd	F10	The Howard League for Penal Reform
CZ4	ONEPOST	G0	LDEG and LIBG Joint Stall
CZ5	Park Communications	G1	<i>Liberator</i>
CZ6	Bishops Printers	G2	LGBT+ Liberal Democrats
CZ7	Riso UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems	TP	Total Politics and Joseph Rowntree Foundation Coffee Club
CZ8	Internet Café	W1	<i>Which?</i>
CZ9	The NationBuilder and Connect Teams	W2	Glasgow City Marketing Bureau
D0	Liberal Democrat Disability Association		

Plan of exhibition



(not to scale)

D1 Exhibition stand – for key to stand numbers see page 4.

WOMEN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE?



SUPPORTING THE
"SANDWICH
GENERATION"

How services and
workplaces can
help families to
juggle childcare,
work and
ageing parents

Jo Swinson MP
Minister for Employment
Relations, Women & Equalities

Professor Stephen Lee
CentreForum

Ian Peters
British Gas & Employers for
Carers

Heléna Herklots
Carers UK

VENUE & TIME
Staffa Room, Crowne Plaza
13:00 - 14:00,
Tuesday 17th September

CARERS UK
the voice of carers

CENTRE:FORUM

#SaferNet Keep children safe online

Monday 16 September
Shuna Room, Crown Plaza Hotel
2:30-3:45pm

Please drop in to the NSPCC's fringe event to meet with and hear the views of our young ambassadors about the ever-changing digital world they live in and the many dangers it presents to the younger generation. You'll also be invited to take the #SaferNet challenge!

Invite only but all are welcome. If you would like to attend please email publicaffairs@nspcc.org.uk

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Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.™

Fringe update

Additions and amendments to listings in the fringe guide in the Directory.

Fringe Sunday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Note additional event:

Glasgow & West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations

Bin the Bedroom Tax

Delegates are invited to hear first-hand from voluntary committee members and members of the Bin the Bedroom Tax campaign about the devastating impacts the Bedroom Tax is having on their communities.

Campanile, Picasso 2

Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.30

Note change of speakers:

**Liberal Democrat Disability Association (LDDA)
Founded 1992 – Celebrating Disability for 21 Years**

*21st Anniversary Celebration Debate Next 21 Years:
Disability – Now or Nothing. How can we empower
people with disabilities to achieve more independence,
control and choice?*

New Ideas, New Policies, New Challenges. With:
Baroness Celia Thomas; Lord Mike German; David
Buxton, LDDA Founder Member; Kelly-Marie Blundell,
Vice-Chair LDDA. Chair: Phil Stevens, Chair LDDA.

SECC, Ness



Fringe Sunday mid evening 20.00–21.15

Note change of speakers:

The Guardian in partnership with Hitachi





Investment in infrastructure – powering the economy

Chair: Michael White, assistant editor, the *Guardian*.
Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under
Secretary for Transport; Gordon Birtwistle MP, Chair,
Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Party Committee on
Business, Innovation and Skills; Sir Stephen Gomersall,
Hitachi Europe Ltd; John Longworth, Director General,
British Chambers of Commerce.

SECC, Boisdale 1



Key to fringe listings

-  Refreshments provided
-  BSL signer provided
-  Hearing loop provided
-  By invitation only

**Scottish
Liberal
Democrats** 

**Scottish conference
Saturday 14th September
09.30 to 15.15, Lomond Auditorium**

***All conference attendees are welcome to
attend the Scottish conference.***

Members of other state parties may put in speaker's cards where they have a specific knowledge of the subject being debated, although Scottish delegates will be given priority. Please submit speaker's cards to the speaker's table well in advance to allow for consideration.

Fringe update continued

Fringe Monday morning 07.15–08.30

Note change of time:

Social Market Foundation and B&CE

Auto Enrolment: its talked the talk, but can it walk the walk?

Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Minister of State for Pensions; Dr Adam Marshall, Director of Policy and External Affairs, British Chambers of Commerce; James Kirkup, *The Telegraph*; Jamie Fiveash, Director of Customer Solutions, B&CE. Chair: Emran Mian, Director, SMF.

Note: this event starts at 07.45 and ends at 09.00

Crowne Plaza, Castle 3



Note change of venue:

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Morning Worship

Everyone is welcome to join us for prayer and worship to start the day. Led by Selwyn Runnett.

Note: this event starts at 08.15 and ends at 08.45 SECC, Ness

Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.30

Note change of speakers:

The Guardian in partnership with Bright Britain – Panel and drinks reception

Universities and growth: the debate. Post-debate drinks reception

Chair: Michael White, assistant editor, the *Guardian*.
Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills; Shami Chakrabarti, Director, Liberty and Chancellor, Oxford Brookes University; John Longworth, Director General, British Chambers of Commerce.

Please see advert in the Directory for details.

SECC, Boisdale 1



Fringe Monday late evening 22.00–23.30

Note additional event:

South West Liberal Democrats

South West Joint Regional Reception

Members of Devon & Cornwall and Western Counties Regions are warmly invited to a reception generously sponsored by Airbus / EADS. Come and join friends from across the two regions.

Crowne Plaza, Castle 1



Note change of speakers:

CentreForum, Airport Operators Association and Glasgow Airport

The Airports Reception

Speakers: Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland; Darren Caplan, Chief Executive, Airport Operators Association; Mike Crockart MP; and Amanda McMillan, Managing Director, Glasgow Airport.

Crowne Plaza, Castle 3



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Fringe update continued

Fringe Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Note change of speakers:

The Guardian in partnership with Moat

Housing Cliff 2015: what comes next for affordable housing?

Chair: David Brindle, Public Services Editor, the *Guardian*.

Speakers: Stephen Gilbert MP for St Austell & Newquay;

Elizabeth Austerberry, Chief Executive, Moat.

SECC, Boisdale 1



Note change of speakers:

Dods Innovation Panel

Innovation for the nation

Leading the world in R&D spend on advanced manufacturing. Speakers include: Professor Phil Bowen, Cardiff School of Engineering; Dr Adam Marshall, British Chambers of Commerce; Dr Marcello Grassi, Spirit AeroSystems.

SECC, Carron 2



UK Music

The economic value and growth potential of the creative industries

You are invited to a panel discussion with: BIS Secretary of State Vince Cable MP; UK Music CEO Jo Dipple; CBI Director for Competitive Markets Matthew Fell; and UKIE CEO Jo Twist. Chair: Jane Bonham Carter, DCMS PPC Co-Chair.

Crowne Plaza, Argyll 3



Note change of venue:

pteg

Liveable cities – can transport make the difference

Chair, Lord Shipley. Speakers: Norman Baker, Under Secretary of State for Transport; Philip Matthews, Transform Scotland; Philip Darnton, Bicycle Association; David Brown, Chair of pteg.

Crowne Plaza, Barra & Jura



Note change of venue:

Carers UK and CentreForum

Women's work is never done?: Supporting the 'sandwich generation'

How services and workplaces can help families to juggle childcare, work and ageing parents. Speakers: Jo Swinson MP, Minister for Employment Relations, Women and Equalities; Professor Stephen Lee, CentreForum; Ian Peters, British Gas; Heléna Herklots, Carers UK.

Crowne Plaza, Staffa



Conference Extra and Conference Daily

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A MILLION
JOBS
FOR A STRONGER ECONOMY.

CONFERENCE RALLY

Saturday 14 September ● 18.30–19.30

Main Auditorium

This year's Rally is all about Jobs. About the one million jobs that Liberal Democrats have helped business create since 2010 and about our campaign to help create a million more. About our work to promote apprentices and our ambition to double the number of businesses that employ them. And it will launch our new campaign for small business.

Jobs will be at the heart of our campaigning ahead of the Scottish referendum, in the local and Euro elections and as we work towards the next General Election. This Rally will show you why.

Featuring:

Nick Clegg ● Paddy Ashdown ● Alistair Carmichael ● Kirsty Williams ● Katy Gordon

Saturday 14th September

Additions and updates to the Agenda for Saturday 14th September.

F2 Report: Federal Conference Committee

Q1. Submitted by Andrew Hudson

Why was it difficult to find the standard form for motions on the party website up to the closing date for submissions?

Q2. Submitted by Mark Pack

Following Andrew Wiseman's 2012 commitment that FCC will publish reports after each of its full meetings, when and where have the 2013 ones been published?

Q3. Submitted by Callum Leslie

My local party recently collapsed due to infighting, and many other local parties in Scotland exist where there are less than 30 members under constitutional amendments passed in 2009. These members, and members like me who have no local party, are completely disenfranchised from being able to vote at conference. What will you do to address this?

Q4. Submitted by Alisdair Calder McGregor

Can the Federal Conference Committee explain how a number of newspapers and other media outlets were running stories on the contents of the agenda of this conference two weeks before conference representatives were provided with the agenda, and on the appropriateness of a member of FCC posting excerpts from the agenda to a blog site a similar length of time prior to conference?

F3 Report: Federal Policy Committee

Q1. Submitted by Callum Leslie

Given that we already have seven papers coming from the policy committee at this conference, does the committee not think that having six further papers at the shorter Spring conference is excessive and greatly reduces the opportunities for policy motions from outside the party committees?

Q2. Submitted by Alisdair Calder McGregor

The availability of previous policy papers and the organization thereof on the Federal Party website is extremely haphazard and disorganized. Many links are dead, and there is no clear indication of which papers and motions are still current, and which have been superseded. In addition the webpages for previous conferences follow no set structure, which makes locating items difficult.

Can the Federal Policy Committee undertake to review the availability, organization and clarity of the previous conference materials, including which motions were passed and how amended (where applicable), explicit notation of which Policy Papers are still current and which have been superseded, and the implications of this for the institutional memory of the party?

Q3. Submitted by Jonathan Walls

How will the FPC and Manifesto Working Group make use of the professional expertise in our SAOs to ensure policies are based on reliable evidence?

Saturday 14th September continued

F4 Policy motion: *A Balanced Working Life (Low and Middle Income Households Policy Paper)*

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendments to the motion:

- 1 *In 4. (line 33), after 'childcare' insert: 'and early years education'.*
- 2 *In e) (line 51), after 'fathers' insert: 'in addition to shared parental leave entitlements, enabling parents*
- 3 *to spend time together, and supporting each other, with their newborn infant'.*

Amendment One

10 conference representatives

Mover: Gareth Epps

Summation: Naomi Smith

- 1 *In 3. a) (line 21), after 'eligibility' insert: ', taking a view on which employment sectors are resilient*
- 2 *enough to sustain a living wage'.*

Amendment Two

Burnley

Mover: Gordon Lishman

Summation: Gordon Lishman

- 1 *After 4. (line 35), insert:*
- 2 5. Greater support should be provided for the over 200,000 kinship carers in the UK who are
- 3 bringing up children because their parents cannot look after them with particular reference to the
- 4 60,000 kinship carers who have fallen out of the labour market as a result of taking on the care of
- 5 a child and those kinship carers who take responsibility for a new-born baby by:
- 6 a) The introduction of unpaid adjustment leave for kinship carers for a period of 6 weeks when a
- 7 child first moves in.
- 8 b) The introduction of a period of paid leave for kinship carers when a child first moves in, similar
- 9 to adoption leave and maternity leave, to enable the child to settle and bond.
- 10 c) The equivalent of maternity leave rights to be available to another relative in exceptional
- 11 circumstances where the mother is unable to take care of the baby herself and the kinship
- 12 carer takes that responsibility.
- 13 d) Recognition of the special needs of many of the children who are being brought up by kinship
- 14 carers and access to support from statutory agencies on a basis comparable to that provided
- 15 to adopted and fostered children.

F6 Standing order amendment: **Emergency Motions**

There will be a separate vote on lines 2 and 3.

Sunday 15th September

Additions and updates to the Agenda for Sunday 15th September.

F7(a) Report: Federal Appeals Panel

Mover: Paul Roberts (Vice Chair, Federal Appeals Panel)

This report was omitted from the published agenda.

F7(b) Report: Federal Finance and Administration Committee

Q1. Submitted by Jeremy Sanders

What has been the total cost of the Connect election software to date, the projected cost over the life of the existing contract, and how much irrecoverable VAT has been incurred?

F8 Party business: Membership Subscription and Federal Levy

Amendment One

English Liberal Democrats

Mover: Peter Ellis

Summator: Sal Jarvis

1 *After c) (line 7), insert:*

2 d) The Federal Executive is working with the State Parties to provide local parties who succeed in
3 increasing their membership a larger proportion of membership income, and to simplify the way
4 in which membership income is managed by the Party as a whole.

5 *Delete lines 18–19 and insert:*

6 Conference further resolves that for the year 2014, the Federal Levy on membership subscriptions
7 shall be 44%.

F9 Report: Parliamentary Parties of the Liberal Democrats

Q1. Submitted by Linda Jack

Last year conference endorsed policy paper 103, *Giving Young People a Future*. What progress has been made in furthering the aims of that policy, in particular reviewing the effectiveness of JCP and improving access to careers advice?

Q2. Submitted by Callum Leslie

A number of MPs made deeply homophobic and prejudiced statements regarding the equal marriage bill. Will these individuals be allowed to continue as Liberal Democrats in the current parliament and beyond, given their clear material disagreement with the aim of equality for all that our party is founded on?

Q3. Submitted by Callum Leslie

Why is that David Ward was not suspended for his clumsy comments about “the Jews” when referring to Israel, but he was only suspended when he made statements specifically questioning the state of Israel with no racial intent?

Sunday 15th September continued

Q4 Submitted by Simon McGrath

What is the policy of the party in respect of secret votes in the European Parliament? On how many occasions have Lib Dem MEPs supported requests for a secret ballot in the last 12 months?

F10 Policy motion: *Green Growth and Green Jobs (Transition to a Zero Carbon Britain Policy Paper)*

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendments to the motion:

- 1 *In 4. i) Option A (line 46), before 'rejecting' insert: 'Allowing existing nuclear power stations to run to*
- 2 *the end of their operating lives but'.*
- 3 *In 4. i) Option B (line 48), delete: 'Accepting that in future', and insert: 'Allowing existing nuclear*
- 4 *power stations to run to the end of their operating lives and accepting that new'.*

Amendment One

Streatham

Mover: Chris Davies MEP

Summation: Layla Moran

- 1 *Delete 4. m) (lines 56–59), and insert:*
- 2 m) Limiting shale gas exploration until it has been shown that:
 - 3 i) Regulations controlling pollution of water, methane gas emissions, sustainable use of water,
 - 4 monitoring of seismic activity and protecting local environmental quality are adequate and are
 - 5 strictly enforced.
 - 6 ii) Methane emissions are properly monitored and accounted for in the UK's carbon register so
 - 7 that the legal limits on greenhouse gas emissions in the UK's carbon budgets are kept to.
- 8 n) Further conditions on shale gas exploration including:
 - 9 i) Planning decisions concerning shale gas extraction remaining with local authorities and local
 - 10 communities being fully consulted over extraction and compensated for any damage to the
 - 11 local landscape.
 - 12 ii) Establishing community benefit arrangements from both shale gas exploration and
 - 13 production, including a 'right to buy in' to shale gas projects in the local area.
 - 14 iii) A low carbon transition fund using at least half of the total tax take from shale gas exploration
 - 15 and production to fund strong regulation of shale gas exploration, low carbon innovation,
 - 16 initiatives to tackle fuel poverty and encourage the commercialisation of carbon capture and
 - 17 storage technology.

F11 Policy motion: *Cycling Reform*

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *In 1. (line 2), before 'safe' insert: 'relatively'.*

Sunday 15th September continued

F13 Report: Federal Executive

Q1. Submitted by Naomi Smith

- a) What is the total value of the expenditure incurred by the Party for the Leadership Programme since its inception?
- b) What is the total value of the projected costs to be incurred by the Party for the Leadership Programme up to and including 2015?
- c) How many Leadership Programme candidates have been formally selected for marginal/held Liberal Democrat seats?
- d) How many Leadership Programme candidates have been selected for non-target seats?
- e) How many Leadership Programme candidates have applied for selections that have now closed but have not yet been successfully selected?
- f) Of the Leadership Programme candidates that have been selected, how many represent each diversity strand?
- g) How many Leadership Programme candidates have withdrawn from the Programme since its inception?
- h) How many candidates have been added to the Leadership Programme since the initial 40 candidates were successfully selected in 2011?

Q2. Submitted by Mark Pack

Following Tim Farron's 2012 commitment that FE will publish reports after each of its full meetings, when and where have the 2013 ones been published?

Q3. Submitted by Callum Leslie

Does the executive think it is right for the party to have, in the main, ignored the existing interim peers panel with respect to appointments to the House of Lords, and instead appoint former party staffers and major donors?

Q4. Submitted by Paula Keaveney

There've been a few occasions recently when ministers or key people have been on holiday and a Lib Dem line has not been clear in the media (the illegal immigration ad vans are an example of this). While it's good that individuals make statements, we clearly need to have a party line on these issues. What arrangements have been made to make sure there is adequate 'senior spokesperson cover' when key people are likely to be not available?

Q5. Submitted by Simon McGrath

What discussions have taken place with SAOs over their employment of unpaid interns?

F16 Policy motion: *Learning for Life* (Education and Skills from Upper Secondary to Lifelong Learning Policy Paper)

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendments to the motion:

- 1 *In F. (line 18), after 'university' insert: 'and other institutions of higher education'.*
- 2 *In 2. a) (line 38), delete 'to study' and insert: 'studies', and after 'Level 2.' insert: ', subject to a*
- 3 *fundamental review of ICT level 2 course content to ensure students have access to a range of skills*
- 4 *and opportunities, such as programming knowledge'.*

Sunday 15th September continued

5 *After 2. f) (line 46), insert:*

6 g) Schools and students, including home (and distance) learners, have access to virtual classrooms,
7 virtual resources and interactive specialist teaching through the creation of virtual schools, which
8 provide support to existing schools.

9 *After line 108 add:*

10 Conference opposes any change to the terms of interest rates for graduates with existing student
11 loans prior to 2012.

Amendment One

Liberal Youth

Mover: Steven Haynes

Summation: To be announced

1 *Delete H. (lines 21–24), and insert:*

2 H. In the principle that education should be free at the point of use.

3 i. Access to education should always be based on academic ability and never on an individual's
4 ability to afford it.

5 j. That the method of repayment should find a balance between the sum that graduates contribute
6 and the burden under which they are placed in doing so

7 K. The current system of Higher Education funding is preferable to the funding system of the last
8 Labour government.

9 *Delete 6. d) (lines 89–92), and insert:*

10 d) A commitment to a review within the next Parliament on the current system of higher
11 education finance, which will examine its impact on access, participation and quality and
12 consider both the pressure on the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement from unpaid loans
13 and progress made on widening and increasing participation, with a view to reforming the
14 system to address these challenges if possible or if necessary for fees to be eliminated in a
15 feasible and cost-effective way.

Amendment Two

Bermondsey & Old Southwark

Mover: Anood Al-Samerai

Summation: James Robert Fearnley

1 *In i. a) (line 31), after 'careers provision' insert: 'and the quality of work experience provision'.*

2 *In 1. b) (line 33), after '14 and 16' insert: 'and of a minimum quality specified by the appropriate
3 national bodies'.*

4 *In 1. d) (line 35), after 'online' insert: 'for every school student at the best age for them after they
5 have become 13'.*

Sunday 15th September continued

Amendment Three

12 conference representatives

Mover: David Rendel

Summation: To be announced

- 1 In 6. d) (line 89), after 'finance' delete 'and committing to', and insert: 'without any increase in the fee
2 cap pending'.

F17 Policy motion: Protecting Children from Child Pornography

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 In i) (lines 9–10), after 'government to' delete 'protect those', and insert: 'support parents and
2 guardians in protecting'.

Amendment One

11 conference representatives

Mover: Julia Cambridge

Summation: Linda Jack

- 1 Delete 1., 2. and 3. (lines 26–31) and insert:
- 2 1. Require people to make an active choice as to whether to install and switch on an 'explicit
3 material filter' through all internet service providers. Such filters should be offered to all new
4 customers, all existing customers and when existing customers change contracts, and on an
5 annual basis to all customers.
- 6 2. Work with internet service providers to develop a system whereby when a customer who does
7 not have a filter installed or who has a filter switched off starts loading a website which would
8 have been filtered out that customer is made aware they have not got a filter installed/switched
9 on and is provided with the opportunity to install/switch on a filter. Such reminders should be able
10 to be switched off should the customer chose to do so.'
- 11 3. Any filter system must ensure that all data on whether customers have installed a filter, not
12 installed a filter and have the filter switched on or off is treated as confidential information and
13 only stored in so far as is needed to administer a filtering system. No data should be kept for
14 more than one year.
- 15 4. Continue to support the Internet Watch Foundation and Internet Service Providers to actively
16 police their platforms and remove websites or images depicting child abuse'
- 17 In 5. (line 35), after 'pornography' insert: 'along with the safe use of the internet to search for
18 information, including on issues such as sexuality, bullying or mental health problems'.

Monday 16th September

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

F19 Policy motion: Strengthening the UK Economy

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendments to the motion:

1 *In 4. (line 68), delete 'Use' and insert: 'Continue to implement the calls affirmed by conference in the*
2 *motion Tougher Action on Banks and Bonuses (Spring 2011) and support a more effective banking*
3 *system; and use'.*

4 *After line 76, add:*

5 8. Increase trading opportunities by working in the EU to ensure that the success of the
6 Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, doing everything possible to revive the World
7 Trade Organisation led Doha Development Round and further integrating the EU services market.

Amendment One

104 conference representatives

Mover: Naomi Smith

Summation: Gareth Epps

1 *Delete lines 53–55 and insert:*

2 Conference affirms its support for a fiscal mandate under the terms of the Coalition Agreement,
3 but believes it must be rebalanced to give greater support for measures that raise employment and
4 growth. Conference therefore calls on the Coalition Government to:

5 *After line 76, add:*

6 Conference recognises that the electorate will expect all major political parties to present their own
7 distinctive economic policies during the 2015 General Election campaign. Given the need for healthy
8 government finances in a balanced, sustainable economy, Conference therefore believes that the
9 principles behind the Liberal Democrats' economic policy beyond 2015 should be guided by:

10 I. Increased capital investment in people, business and infrastructure.

11 II. Rebalancing the economy away from dependence on unsustainable debt and house prices,
12 towards robust regional economies that raise living standards through sustainable growth.

13 III. Improving the provision for the most vulnerable in society.

14 IV. A recognition that beyond 2015, the burden of fiscal consolidation should be shifted further
15 towards fairer taxes, especially on wealth and land.

This amendment will be voted on in two parts, lines 1–4 and lines 5–15.

Amendment Two

100 conference representatives

Mover: Gareth Epps

Summation: Naomi Smith

Monday 16th September continued

1 *Delete lines 53–55 and insert:*

2 Conference affirms its support for a fiscal mandate under the terms of the Coalition Agreement,
3 but believes it must be rebalanced to give greater support for measures that raise employment and
4 growth. Conference therefore calls on the Coalition Government to:

5 *Delete 2. (lines 59–64), and insert:*

6 2. Dramatically increase the number of houses being built to at least 300,000 a year as agreed
7 to in Policy Paper 104, *Decent Homes for All*, at September 2012 Conference. Further, to use
8 untapped sources of finance and giving more freedom to social landlords, local authorities and
9 local communities, including by:

- 10 a) Removing council borrowing limits, thereby enabling councils with a sustainable business
11 model to borrow to invest in building at least 50,000 homes per year for social rent; and
12 further to examine urgently whether Public Sector Net Debt (PSND) could be brought into
13 line with definitions of other EU countries so that the liabilities of trading corporations (such as
14 council housing operations) are off balance-sheet.
- 15 b) Ensuring an environment supportive of approaches through which the long-term investment
16 needs of pension funds and insurers can be met through housing.
- 17 c) Taking radical steps to improve land supply, including through releasing public land with ‘build
18 now, pay later’ deals.’

19 *Delete 7. (lines 75–76), and insert:*

20 7. Monitor closely the progress of the Bank of England, ensuring it has a refocused mandate that
21 allows monetary policy to aid growth, reduce the unemployment rate to below 6% creating at
22 least a million jobs, and to address weak income growth, targeting a higher level of national/
23 median income.

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

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendment to the motion:

1 *In 5. (line 35), after ‘focus’ insert: ‘more’.*

Amendment One

Bermondsey & Old Southwark

Mover: Anood Al-Samerai

Summation: James Robert Fearnley

1 *After 2. c) (line18), insert:*

2 d) Higher rates of stamp duty on the purchase and sale of residential properties in the UK, other
3 than as the purchaser’s principal home, by or on behalf of individuals not UK domiciled or
4 resident, as well as by or on behalf of all companies which are not UK registered.

Amendment Two

16 conference representatives

Mover: Edward Lord

Summation: Gareth Epps

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1 *After 8. e) (line 67), add:*

2 Conference believes that the proposed marriage tax allowance, that would give certain types of
3 married couples a tax break, is discriminatory, unnecessary and expensive. Conference therefore
4 resolves to oppose the proposed marriage tax allowance, and if it is implemented to repeal it at the
5 earliest opportunity.

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

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendment to the motion:

1 *After v) (line 26), insert:*

2 vi) Welcomes the success of the Liberal Democrats in Government in securing an additional £35m
3 fund to help claimants affected by the removal of the spare room subsidy who need extra
4 support – this funding consists of £5m for rural areas with very isolated communities, £10m for
5 all local authorities and £20m as a bidding fund for local authorities who can demonstrate that
6 they have or are developing a robust policy to distribute discretionary housing payments and who
7 have an additional need for funding.

Amendment One

Cambridge

Mover: Catherine Smart

Summation: Dr Julie Smith

1 *Delete ii) (line 20), and insert:*

2 ii) Actions taken by councils to mitigate the harmful effects of this policy on the most vulnerable,
3 including reducing the dangers of eviction caused by arrears.

4 *After 2. (line 32), insert:*

5 3. Acceptance that some Councils and Housing Associations have calculated rent by reference to
6 bed spaces (not bedrooms) as some rooms can and should only house one person: this should
7 be reflected in the DWP calculation of housing benefit.

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Tuesday 17th September

Additions and updates to the Agenda for Tuesday 17th September.

F28 Emergency Motion or Topical Issue discussion

The Federal Conference Committee has decided to schedule a topical issue discussion on 'The Latest Developments In Syria' for this agenda item.

The topical issue was requested by Martin Horwood MP.

F29 Policy motion: Recognising a Legal Status for British Sign Language

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *In 4. (line 40), delete: 'interpreters'.*

F30 Policy motion: Preventing and Tackling Sexual and Domestic Violence

Amendment One

Merton Borough

Mover: Simon McGrath

Summation: Lynne Featherstone MP

- 1 *After ii) (line 21), insert:*
- 2 iii) The development of multi-agency guidelines for practitioners to assist in preventing further
- 3 incidents of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and ensure that victims and potential victims receive
- 4 appropriate support.
- 5 iv) The work by Lynne Featherstone in highlighting the issue of FGM in the UK and the £35mn the
- 6 Coalition Government has agreed to spend on helped communities to eliminate the practice.
- 7 v) UK government's signature in June 2012 to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and
- 8 Combating Violence against women and girls and domestic violence - Istanbul Convention 2011
- 9 (CETS No 210).
- 10 *After 1. d) (line 32), insert:*
- 11 e) Working with Communities in the UK where FGM is seen as an acceptable cultural practice
- 12 and prosecuting those responsible for cases where girls are sent abroad to have FGM carried
- 13 out or where it is carried out in the UK.

F32 Policy motion: *Defending the Future – UK Defence in the 21st Century* (Defence Policy Paper)

Amendment One

23 conference representatives

Mover: George Potter

Summation: To be announced

Tuesday 17th September continued

- 1 *Delete lines 53–72, and insert:*
- 2 Conference remains wholly unconvinced that Britain needs to renew its submarine-based nuclear
3 weapons system on the same Cold War scale as the system designed in 1980, nor do we believe
4 that the nation can afford to do so. The proposed full-scale replacement, Successor, might in time
5 account for as much as 10% of the UK's defence budget.
- 6 Conference is further unconvinced that the contemplated reduction in the capabilities of Successor
7 would deliver significant financial savings or provide a sufficiently continuous deterrence effect to
8 justify its adoption.
- 9 Conference therefore resolves that Britain should cancel the Successor programme and eliminate
10 entirely the UK's nuclear deterrent as soon as practicable, involving:
- 11 i) The de-commissioning or re-purposing of all nuclear weaponry facilities and capabilities,
12 including the existing Vanguard class submarines.
- 13 ii) A declaratory policy of voluntary nuclear disarmament which reserves the right to revive a nuclear
14 deterrent should national security require it in the event that international nuclear disarmament is
15 not be achieved.
- 16 iii) A renewed effort internationally to achieve nuclear disarmament, particularly within Europe,
17 including aiming to play a positive role at the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference 2015
18 and to work to agree, sign and ultimately ratify a Nuclear Weapons Convention.
- 19 iv) Consideration of long term re-direction of funds ear marked for Successor to conventional
20 military and conflict prevention capabilities.
- 21 v) In the long term, construction of a single class of multi-purpose submarines to succeed the
22 Astute and Successor classes, to perform all conventional submarine roles we may need.
- 23 Conference further urges the UK Government to play a positive role at the Non-Proliferation
24 Treaty Review Conference 2015 in working to agree, sign and ultimately ratify a Nuclear Weapons
25 Convention.
- 26 Conference believes that such a policy would represent the greatest single act of de-escalation
27 ever undertaken by one of the established nuclear powers, would send a powerful signal of Britain's
28 commitment to global nuclear disarmament and would be the most significant step to date towards
29 our ultimate goal of a world free of nuclear weapons.

F33 Policy motion: Dignity at Home: Transforming Home Care

Amendment One

Streatham

Mover: Roger Geiss

Summation: To be announced

- 1 *After 1. (line 12), insert:*
- 2 2. Empower the Care Quality Commission with stronger regulation of the care home sector, with
3 more effective sanctions for the CQC where standards are not met.

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F35 Policy motion: *Prosperous, Sustainable and Secure* (Europe Policy Paper)

Amendment One

Merton Borough

Mover: Richard Davis

Summation: Simon McGrath

- 1 *After 4. e) (line 85), insert:*
- 2 f) Opposing the use of secret ballots in the European Parliament on legislative and budgetary
- 3 matters, and calling on all Liberal Democrat MEPs not to support any proposal to hold such a
- 4 secret ballot.

F37 Policy motion: High Street Gambling

Amendment One

Streatham

Mover: Alex Davies

Summation: To be announced

- 1 *In 1. (line 22), delete 'them' and insert: 'their number within town centre or high street areas, and*
- 2 *reinforce local authorities' capacity to do so by way of appropriate amendments to the National*
- 3 *Planning Policy Framework.'*



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Wednesday 18th September

Additions and updates to the Agenda for Wednesday 18th September.

F38 Emergency Motions

The two highest placed Emergency Motions in the ballot will be debated in this slot.

F40 Policy motion: A Stronger Economy in a Fairer Society (Manifesto Themes Paper)

Amendment One

Bermondsey & Old Southwark, 11 conference representatives

Mover: Linda Jack

Summation: Gareth Epps

- 1 *In line 6, after 'conformity' insert: 'and resolves that any future manifesto adheres to these principles'.*
- 2 *After line 13, insert:*
- 3 Conference reiterates that despite the current Coalition Agreement the Liberal Democrats remain an
- 4 independent political party with its own policy making process.
- 5 *Delete 2. a) (lines 33–35) and insert:*
- 6 a) Realising everyone's potential: Ensuring our children have the best start in life through secure
- 7 and safe housing, a good education, freedom from fear and exploitation; removing barriers to
- 8 success through tackling health, wealth, housing, employment and educational inequalities
- 9 which impact disproportionately on BME communities, those living in poverty and those living
- 10 with disabilities.

Amendment Two

Bermondsey & Old Southwark

Mover: Anood Al-Samerai

Summation: James Robert Fearnley

- 1 *In 1. c) (line 30), before 'higher pay for low earners' insert: 'the redistribution of work and reward,*
- 2 *including'.*

Amendment Three

12 conference representatives

Mover: Kelly-Marie Blundell

Summation: Evan Harris

- 1 *In 2. b) (line 36), after 'public services' insert: 'providing a welfare system that adequately supports and*
- 2 *empowers disadvantaged people'.*

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F41 Policy motion: Human Rights

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *After D. (line 11), insert:*
- 2 E. Both social, economic and cultural rights and civil and political rights are indivisible aspects of
- 3 human rights, noting that the UK is signatory to the international covenant on social, economic
- 4 and cultural rights (ICSECR) which includes rights to family life, health, food, shelter, work, social
- 5 security and an adequate standard of living, and that Liberal Democrats should work to secure
- 6 these rights in policy-making and legislation.

Amendment One

Greater Reading

Mover: Jenny Woods

Summation: Jonathan Walls

- 1 *After C. (line 9), insert:*
- 2 C. In the current century, protecting human rights in digital space is as important to freedom and
- 3 democracy as protecting human rights in physical space.
- 4 *After 4. (line 53), insert:*
- 5 5. Liberal Democrats in Government to continue to protect the Rights of Privacy, Freedom of
- 6 Expression and Freedom of Association in digital space by standing against illiberal legislation,
- 7 such as the 'Snoopers' Charter' promoted by both Labour and the Conservatives.

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Emergency motions

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Emergency Motion 1: Home Office 'Go Home' Vans

Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats and 20 conference representatives

- 1 Conference notes that:
- 2 i) In July 2013 Home Office poster vans bearing the message 'In the UK illegally? Go Home or
3 Face Arrest' were deployed in six London Boroughs as part of a pilot scheme.
- 4 ii) The Advertising Standards Authority is currently investigating the campaign after receiving a large
5 number of complaints.
- 6 Conference believes that:
- 7 a) Immigrants to the UK are largely the result of Britain's history, providing an economic benefit to
8 this country and enriching our culture and diversity
- 9 b) The Government can encourage voluntary returns of those with no legal status who have no
10 alternative in a more collaborative way than forced removals and divisive campaigns
- 11 c) The Home Office poster van advertisements are offensive and irresponsible. They risk inciting and
12 exacerbating racial hatred and tensions, especially in multicultural communities.
- 13 d) The poster van campaign is an insensitive and ineffective way of dealing with illegal immigration
14 and is unlikely to encourage voluntary returns.
- 15 e) Resources and effort should be directed at detecting unscrupulous employers who exploit and
16 provide refuge to illegal immigrants.
- 17 Conference welcomes the condemnation of the Poster Vans by the Party Leader, President and senior
18 Parliamentarians.
- 19 Conference calls on the Government:
- 20 1. Not to repeat or roll out more widely the initial pilot.
- 21 2. To work with local authorities, community groups and NGOs to encourage voluntary returns in a
22 more effective, liberal, sympathetic and humane manner.
- 23 3. To take immediate and decisive action against those encouraging people to come to the UK
24 illegally.

Emergency Motion 2: Legal Aid

Liberal Democrat Lawyers

- 1 Conference notes:
- 2 A. The Party's current policy on Legal Aid, adopted overwhelmingly at the Sheffield Party
3 Conference in 2011.
- 4 B. The pressures upon public spending faced by the government, which is substantially the result of
5 serious failings in economic policy by the previous Labour Government.
- 6 C. The widespread criticism of proposals in the MoJ's consultation paper on Legal Aid including
7 an unsustainable model for Price Competitive Tendering of criminal defence services, and
8 substantial reduction in the number of suppliers, and that whilst big changes have been made

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- 9 to the proposals the proposals on tendering to deal with objections to lowest bidder 'cut price'
10 justice, fundamental concerns remain about the sustainability of the supplier base in light of
11 proposed fee cuts of 17 per cent.
- 12 D. Scrutiny by the Joint Committee on Human Rights (JCHR) of proposed changes to civil legal aid,
13 including the proposed introduction of a residence test for civil legal aid claimants, restrictions
14 on the scope of legal aid available to prisoners and on payment for preparation work in judicial
15 review cases, and the JCHR request for the Secretary of State for Justice delay the proposals
16 until the Committee completed its work and reported back to parliament.
- 17 E. That the Ministry of Justice is proposing to create significant new demands on expenditure in
18 prisons policy, at the same time as making cuts to legal aid.
- 19 Conference believes that:
- 20 i) The provision of a high quality justice system and proper access to justice are fundamental
21 obligations for a modern democratic state.
- 22 ii) The human rights implications of the changes to legal aid being investigated by the JCHR are of
23 fundamental significance for the right of access to justice and the rule of law.
- 24 iii) No further cuts in the provision of Legal Aid and the availability of local justice should take place
25 without ensuring that any such proposals are first properly trialled and assessed to demonstrate
26 that there will be no adverse effect upon access to justice and the quality of legal services
27 provided to those who require assistance by means of Legal Aid.
- 28 iv) New areas of Ministry of Justice expenditure cannot be justified while legal aid is being cut so
29 drastically.
- 30 Conference calls for:
- 31 1. Proposed changes to criminal or civil legal to be stayed pending thorough consultation and
32 scrutiny to ensure there will be no adverse effect upon:
- 33 a) Access to justice and the availability of local justice.
- 34 b) The quality of legal services provided to those who cannot afford to pay privately.
- 35 c) The public purse through unintended consequences such as prisoners being
36 detained for longer than necessary or defendants suffering miscarriages of justice.
- 37 d) Public confidence through the removal of the means to ensure public accountability,
38 fairness and equality before the law regardless of means.
- 39 e) Human rights issues as identified by JCHR, and that the Committee's concerns be
40 acted upon in full.
- 41 2. Liberal Democrats to question the proposed model for Price Competitive Tendering, especially in
42 light previous reports on the economy of criminal defence services by the National Audit Office.
- 43 3. A review of the whole system of spending allocation in the Ministry of Justice budget so that so
44 that the demands of legal aid, the courts and the penal system are kept in balance.

Emergency Motion 3: Lobbying Bill

Glasgow North

- 1 Conference recognises the need for better regulation of lobbying practices and approves the
2 principle of setting up a register of lobbyists.
- 3 Conference, however, considers the Transparency of Lobbying, non-Party Campaigning and Trade
4 Union Administration Bill as presented to Parliament was seriously defective in that it:
- 5 a) Was unnecessarily complex in its drafting – the Electoral Commission believes that the drafting

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- 6 of sections of Part 2 of the Bill, which deals with campaigning, is so unclear as to render it
7 unenforceable.
- 8 b) Failed to address certain categories of lobbying whilst, at the same time, lacked clarity in its
9 designation of the types of organisation exempt from registering; research by the Association of
10 Professional Political Consultants (APPC) indicates that of the 988 meetings that ministers in the
11 Department of Business held with lobbyists in 2012, only two would have required to have been
12 declared under the new rules. The proposed form of register for lobbyists will carry no meaningful
13 information on the subjects lobbied on.
- 14 c) Particularly in relation to non-Party Campaigning, was open to an interpretation that would be
15 clearly detrimental to freedom of expression and association in a manner incompatible with
16 Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
- 17 d) Even narrowly construed, reduced the capacity of campaigning organisations to participate in
18 the types of open debate that are essential for good governance and democratic accountability;
19 the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) believe that the definition of 'activities for
20 election purposes' and the expenditure limits set will inhibit much routine charity work.
- 21 Conference notes that the Government has itself introduced amendments to address some of the
22 concerns expressed to it by charities and other voluntary organisations.
- 23 Conference, in addition, appreciates the efforts made by a number of Liberal Democrat members of
24 the House of Commons to amend the Bill.
- 25 Conference, nonetheless, believes that the Bill, even after its Committee stage, may continue to lack
26 clarity and consistency in its range of application, to reduce the capacity of non-Party organisations
27 to engage in open debate and to risk endangering the privacy of members of trade unions.
- 28 Conference, therefore, calls on Liberal Democrat members of Parliament to make every effort to
29 remedy these deficiencies during the remaining stages of the Bill and, failing success in this regard,
30 to record their votes against its enactment.

Emergency Motion 4: National Ranking of Primary School Pupils

14 conference representatives

- 1 Conference:
- 2 A. Acknowledges the importance of primary pupils developing the skills, knowledge and attitudes to
3 learning that will enable them to progress effectively in their future education.
- 4 B. Welcomes the recent decision to increase the Pupil Premium for primary pupils to £1,300 so that
5 the relative under-achievement of disadvantaged pupils may be addressed more substantially.
- 6 C. Recognises and values the improved performance of primary schools in raising standards of
7 achievement in numeracy and literacy at KS2 since SATs were first introduced in 1993.
- 8 Conference is concerned by the trends:
- 9 i) To over-test young pupils.
- 10 ii) To publish school results in increasing detail in league tables.
- 11 ii) To increase pressure on teachers to meet targets at the risk of being labelled by Ofsted as failing.
- 12 Conference notes that one of the highest performing jurisdictions in the world, where the gap
13 between the highest and lowest achievers is small, has no publicly reported testing until age 18.

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- 14 Conference believes that the proposal to rank 11 year old pupils in deciles on the basis of national
15 tests of English and Mathematics is wrong because it:
- 16 a) Is likely to distort even further teaching in primary schools, undervaluing the rest of the
17 curriculum, creativity, cultural and artistic development.
 - 18 b) Is likely to demoralise and demotivate young people rather than challenge complacency and raise
19 aspirations.
 - 20 c) Will make the task of secondary teachers more difficult rather than less.
- 21 Conference therefore calls on the Government to:
- 22 1. Abandon its proposal to rank Year 6 pupils in deciles.
 - 23 2. Encourage greater use of formative rather than summative assessment.

Emergency Motion 5: Royal Mail privatisation

Redbridge and 17 conference representatives

- 1 Conference acknowledges:
- 2 a) The important role that employee ownership has always played in liberal thought going back to
3 John Stuart Mill in his 'Principles of Political Economy'.
 - 4 b) The Preamble to the Party Constitution states that 'We want to see democracy, participation and
5 the co-operative principle in industry and commerce...'
 - 6 c) The support from the Deputy Prime Minister for the benefits of collective employee ownership
7 such as the John Lewis partnership as set out in his Mansion House speech in January 2012,
8 which led to the establishment of the Nuttall review on employee ownership.
 - 9 d) That the Party as recently as the Autumn Conference 2012 approved a policy paper
10 *Mutualisation, Employee ownership and Workplace Democracy* which recognised the important
11 benefits which employee ownership can bring to economic performance and set out radical
12 proposals for boosting employee ownership throughout the economy.
- 13 Conference therefore sees the planned privatisation of Royal Mail, a company which is critically
14 reliant on its workforce for its future success, as an ideal opportunity to put these long held Liberal
15 Democrat principles into practice as set out in the policy agreed at the Spring Conference 2006 of
16 25% of the shares of Royal Mail being placed in a trust for Royal Mail staff.
- 17 Conference therefore regrets that:
- 18 1. The recent announcement of the privatisation of Royal Mail contained provision for only 10% of
19 shares to be distributed to employees.
 - 20 2. It is proposed that the shares should only be distributed to employees as individuals. Although
21 some individual share ownership should be encouraged it should be recognised that it is short-
22 term with limited benefits, and in the medium term many employees may sell their shares.
- 23 Conference therefore calls on Liberal Democrat Ministers to press for at least a further 10% of shares
24 to be held in trust for employees. This will help to ensure that they feel part of a business having an
25 economic interest without being able to transfer ownership when they leave, and enables them to be
26 able to use their voting power to help to influence the strategic direction of the company.

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Emergency Motion 6: Schedule 7 of Terrorism Act 2000

40 conference representatives

- 1 Conference affirms its strong support for effective counter-terrorism powers and its appreciation of
2 the crucial work of the police, border force and intelligence services in responding to terrorist threats
3 and protecting the public.
- 4 However, conference firmly believes:
- 5 1) That these powers must be framed and applied in strict compliance with the principles of
6 necessity and proportionality, with appropriate respect for civil liberties and the rule of law and
7 subject to robust parliamentary as well as legal accountability, so as to ensure continued public
8 confidence;
- 9 2) That national security must not be invoked unjustifiably to undertake blanket surveillance, stifle
10 investigative journalism, practice abusive stop and search or discourage public debate.
- 11 Conference deplores the over-broad powers contained in Schedule 7 of Labour's Terrorism Act 2000
12 and welcomes the reforms secured by the Liberal Democrats and contained in the current Anti-
13 social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill.
- 14 Conference is however disturbed by the extensive use of Schedule 7 in general, as well as its
15 application to David Miranda on 18th August 2013, and thus urges the government to heed the
16 advice of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism David Anderson QC and to introduce further
17 possible safeguards in Schedule 7, including:
- 18 a) A requirement that a person may not be detained without reasonable grounds for suspecting his
19 involvement in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism;
- 20 b) Abolishing the criminal offence of refusal to answer questions;
- 21 c) The mandatory recording of all questioning;
- 22 d) A right to independent legal advice prior to questioning;
- 23 e) Restrictions on the copying and retention of data from electronic devices;
- 24 f) Monitoring of application to avoid prejudicial racial or religious bias.

Emergency Motion 7: Tobacco Plain Packaging

Twickenham & Richmond and 10 conference representatives

- 1 Conference notes that:
- 2 A. Smoking is the biggest preventable cause of death in England.
- 3 B. People who take up smoking between age 11 and 15 are three times more likely to die
4 prematurely than someone who takes up smoking at the age of 20.
- 5 C. A recent YouGov poll for Cancer Research found that 85% of all mothers and grandmothers with
6 children under 18 believe that children should not be exposed to any tobacco marketing.
- 7 Conference welcomes:
- 8 i. The progress in recent years in tobacco control through legislation, notably the banning of
9 smoking in enclosed work and public places, and the prohibition of point of sale displays,
10 building on the earlier ban on advertising.
- 11 ii. The implementation in Australia of plain packaging for tobacco products.
- 12 iii) Early evidence showing that more than 70% of smokers in Australia there were less satisfied with

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- 13 cigarettes as a result and users of standardised packs thought about quitting more than users of
14 branded packaging.
- 15 iv) That Ireland is going to introduce standardised packs, while Scotland, Wales and Northern
16 Ireland have expressed their support.
- 17 Conference remains concerned by:
- 18 a) The ability of tobacco companies in England to market their products in a way that appeals to
19 young people through packaging, such as iPod and lipstick cigarette packs.
- 20 b) The fact that nearly 65% of smokers started before they were 18 years old.
- 21 Conference deplores:
- 22 1. That on 12th July 2013, the Minister for Public Health announced a delay to the Government's
23 decision on whether to introduce standardised packaging of tobacco products.
- 24 2. The announcement was nearly a year after the end of the Government's consultation on the
25 issue, which closed in August 2012.
- 26 3. The fact that 570 children start to smoke every day in the UK.
- 27 Conference urges Liberal Democrat Parliamentarians to support measures to adopt standardised
28 packs as soon as possible.



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