

# Conference Daily

Monday 6th October

Autumn Conference 2014

Glasgow



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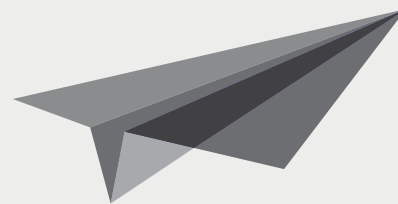
*Please note that timings are approximate only. Some items of business may occur earlier than indicated. Conference representatives wishing to speak in any of the debates are requested to fill in and submit a speaker's card as soon as possible.*

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# Report back for Sunday 5th October

F10	Policy motion: First Aid in Schools	Passed
F11	Policy motion: Reforming the Welfare System	Passed (Amendment One and Amendment Two passed)
F13	Policy motion: <i>Doing What Works to Cut Crime</i> (Crime and Criminal Justice Policy Paper)	Passed (Amendment One passed)
F16	Policy motion: <i>Protecting Public Services and Making them Work for You</i> (Public Services Policy Paper)	Passed (Amendments One, Two and Three passed, Amendment Four defeated)
F17	Report: Federal Policy Committee	Approved
F18	Policy motion: Tackling Child Abuse	Passed (Amendment One passed)
Emergency motions ballot		The motion <i>A Holistic Approach to the Middle East</i> was selected for debate at F35(A)

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# MAY 2015

## The Liberal Democrats' Challenge Before and After



**STEVE RICHARDS**  
in conversation with

**DANNY ALEXANDER**  
Chief Secretary to  
the Treasury



18:15pm, Monday 6 October  
Argyll 1  
Crowne Plaza

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# Monday 6th October

*Additions and updates to the Agenda and Conference Extra for Monday 6th October.*

## **F19 Adapting to Climate Change in the UK**

### **Background briefing**

This motion updates and develops policy on adaptation to climate change. In particular it makes new policy on flood defences, long-term planning for extreme weather events and the creation of a National Resilience Plan.

Existing policies on adaptation to climate change are set out in the 2010 general election manifesto, *Change That Works for You*, and policy paper 82, *Towards a Zero-Carbon Britain (2007)*. Existing policies on flooding are set out in policy motion *Managing the Impact and Risk of Flooding (2007)*.

## **F20 Speech: Kirsty Williams AM**

Aide: Veronica German

## **F21 Building the Affordable Homes We Need**

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

- 1 *In c) (lines 26–27) and in 5. (line 51) delete ‘and villages’ and insert ‘, villages and neighbourhoods’.*

### **Amendment One**

*Cambridge*

Mover: Dr Julian Huppert MP

Summation: Cllr Catherine Smart

- 1 *After 9. (line 73) add:*
- 2 10. Allow local housing authorities to suspend the right to buy in their area, or to substitute the right to
- 3 acquire as held by tenants of Housing Associations, and conduct a full national review of the operation
- 4 and consequences of the right to buy and right to acquire.

### **Background briefing**

This motion develops policies to build on our existing commitment to a target of building 300,000 new homes a year by 2020. In particular it creates a new policy on the creation of a Housing Investment Bank and the development of a long-term plan to deliver our house building objective.

Existing policies on housing are set out in policy paper 104, *Decent Homes For All (2012)*. Existing policies on land use planning are set out in policy motion *Reform of Planning (March 2014)*.

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## F22 Flooding: A New High Water Mark

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

- 1 After 6. (line 59) add:
- 2 7. Ensure that measures are taken proactively to prevent and control flash flooding from endangering life
- 3 and property.

### Amendment One

13 conference representatives

Mover: Duncan Brack

Summation: To be announced

- 1 In lines 19–20 delete ‘maintain the current level of protection’ and insert ‘protect against the impacts of
- 2 climate change’.
- 3 In a) (first line 29) delete ‘in accordance with Environment Agency recommendations’ and insert ‘in line
- 4 with that needed to protect against climate change impacts’.
- 5 In 4. (line 50) delete ‘Commission a study into how best to’.

### Background briefing

This motion updates and develops policy on flooding. Existing policies on flooding are set out in policy motion *Managing the Impact and Risk of Flooding* (2007).

### Ministerial Q&A sessions Monday

Scotland with Alistair Carmichael & Willie Rennie  
11.30–12.30, SECC, Carron 1

International Development with Lynne Featherstone  
15.00–16.00, SECC, Carron 1

Health with Norman Lamb  
16.30–17.30, SECC, Carron 1

See *Conference Extra* for details of all sessions

### Lost property

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The Information Desk is staffed from 08.30 to 18.30 Monday and Tuesday and from 08.30 to 14.30 on Wednesday.

### Left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available at the Crowne Plaza in the Staffa meeting room between 08.00 and 18.00 on Wednesday 8th October. Capacity is limited and will be available on a first-come first-served basis.  
A small charge may apply.



For updates on who's speaking, when agenda items are about to start and how conference has voted, follow [www.twitter.com/LibDemConf](http://www.twitter.com/LibDemConf)

# Monday 6th October

## F27 *Expanding Opportunity, Unlocking Potential* (Equalities Policy Paper)

Mover: Belinda Brooks-Gordon (Chair of the Policy Working Group)

Summation: Baroness Northover

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

- 1 *After 4. f) (line 79) add:*
- 2 g) Upholding freedom of religious belief and the right to choose and change religion or belief, as
- 3 enshrined in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, especially in dialogue with
- 4 countries that persecute religious minorities.

### Amendment One

*Streatham*

Mover: Amna Ahmad

Summation: Alexander Davies

- 1 *Delete 1. f) (line 30) and insert:*
- 2 f) Introducing name-blank applications in the public sector and encouraging their use in the voluntary
- 3 and private sectors

### Amendment Two

*14 conference representatives*

Mover: Kelly-Marie Blundell

Summation: Toby Keynes

- 1 *After 4. a) (line 24) insert:*
- 2 b) Changing the title and responsibilities of the Minister for Faith and Communities to Minister for Faith,
- 3 Belief and Communities, with responsibility for working with community leaders to promote religious
- 4 tolerance and stronger communities within the UK.

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### Pastoral Care Surgery

**Who:** Jeanne Tarrant, Pastoral Care Officer, is running a surgery at Conference; there's also an opportunity for you to discuss any issues with Helena Morrissey.

**Where:** Egg Suite at Glasgow Science Centre, directly across the river from the SECC.

**When:** Monday 6th October.

**Time:** There will be 8 one-to-one sessions by appointment only, to held between 11am and 1pm, if you would like one contact Jeanne on 07884 733 262 to arrange.

1pm–2pm open discussions.

You can also arrange to speak to Jeanne by calling her on 07884 733 262 to arrange a suitable time.

# Monday 6th October

## Amendment Three

*14 conference representatives*

Mover: Dr Evan Harris

Summation: Dr Julian Huppert MP

1 *After 1. b) (line 24) insert:*

- 2 c) Amending the School Admissions Code to ban selection by faith for new state-funded schools  
3 immediately, and to phase out selection by faith for existing state-funded schools over a period of five  
4 years, and amending the Equality Act 2010 (Schedule 11, para 5) to remove the exemption of state-  
5 funded faith schools admissions arrangements from the Act's prohibition on religious or belief-based  
6 discrimination at the end of this period.
- 7 d) Ending the opt-out from employment and equalities legislation for staff in faith schools, except those  
8 responsible for religious instruction.
- 9 e) Repealing the existing legal requirement for all state-funded schools to hold acts of collective worship,  
10 and for non-religious schools to hold acts of worship of a broadly Christian character.

*There will be a separate vote on c) (lines 2–6) of Amendment Three.*

## Amendment Four

*43 conference representatives*

Mover: Mark Pack

Summation: Baroness Sarah Ludford

1 *After 4. b) (line 70) insert:*

- 2 c) Review anti-discrimination law, guidelines and standards on access to digital goods and services to  
3 ensure they are fit for the modern age and to ensure fair access to digital public services, the digital  
4 economy and the workplace.

## Background briefing

This motion and the accompanying policy paper consolidate, update and develop policy on equalities, based on the Liberal Democrat principle of the promotion of human rights to empower individuals to reach their full potential and have more control over their own lives. In particular they develop policies on increasing representation of women on boards, promoting apprenticeships for groups who are under-represented in the labour market, establishing a statutory code of practice to support the implementation of the Public Sector Equality Duty and advocating equalities internationally, including promoting same sex marriage abroad and developing a strategy to end FGM within a generation.

Existing policies are set out in policy motions *A New Liberal Democrat Approach to Race Equality* (2013), *Preventing Sexual and Domestic Violence* (2013) and *Equal Marriage in the UK* (2010) and policy paper 91 *Real Women* (2009). Many other policy motions and policy papers also address equalities issues, in particular policy paper 108, *A Balanced Working Life* (2013), sets out policies on flexible working and parenting.

# Monday 6th October

## F28 Report: Parliamentary Parties of the Liberal Democrats

Hall Aide: Veronica German

### Q1 Submitted by Andrew Hudson

Will the parliamentary party seek to amend the Modern Slavery Bill to incorporate the recommendations of the joint parliamentary committee regarding slavery in the supply line?

### Q2 Submitted by Andrew Hudson

Is the part of the Infrastructure Bill dealing with alien species control orders fit for purpose?

### Q3 Submitted by Sarah Noble

Why was the vote regarding airstrikes on Islamic State targets in Iraq subject to a three-line whip, instead of being designated a free vote as a conscience issue?

## Disabled access steward

Unfortunately our usual disabled access steward, Robert Littlehales, is no longer able to attend conference this year. Jolene Rixon will be covering this position in his absence. To contact Jolene on-site, please go to the Information Desk in the foyer of the Clyde Auditorium or she is contactable on 0141 571 4978 during main auditorium hours.

## Table tennis

*Ping Pong Anyone?*

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