

Conference Extra

Autumn Conference

Glasgow 4th–8th October 2014



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*.

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

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Information update

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.

Film night

This year we will be hosting our first ever Autumn conference film night and YOU have been voting on what film we screen. *In the Loop* will be shown in the Lomond Auditorium of the SECC at the following times:

Saturday	4th October	20.00 (with subtitles)
Tuesday	7th October	18.15

Running Time: 101 mins approx.

Internet

Free Wi-Fi, kindly sponsored by Gatwick Airport, is available throughout the SECC:

Network name: Lib Dem 2014
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Ministerial Q&As

Please note the following changes to Ministerial Q&A timings:

Session	Was	Now
Work & Pensions	Tuesday 15.00–16.00	Wednesday 11.00–12.00
Transport	Wednesday 11.00–12.00	Tuesday 15.00–16.00

Shop

McColl's are pleased to provide the official conference shop with daily newspapers, confectionary, tobacco, drinks and snacks. The shop will be located on the ground floor of the SECC, open at the following times:

Saturday	4th October	13.00–18.30
Sunday	4th October	09.00–18.30
Monday	4th October	08.30–18.30
Tuesday	4th October	08.30–18.30
Wednesday	4th October	08.30–12.00

Table tennis

Ping Pong Anyone?

Let off a bit of steam with a game of table tennis this conference. A table, balls and bats are available on the foyer outside the Leven, Ness and Morar rooms on the 1st Floor of the SECC.

At busy times, please be respectful of others waiting to play.

Conference Rally



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Featuring speakers

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Saturday 4th October 2014, 18.30–19.30
SECC, Clyde Auditorium

Exhibition update

The exhibition is located on the ground floor of the SECC and is open at the following times:

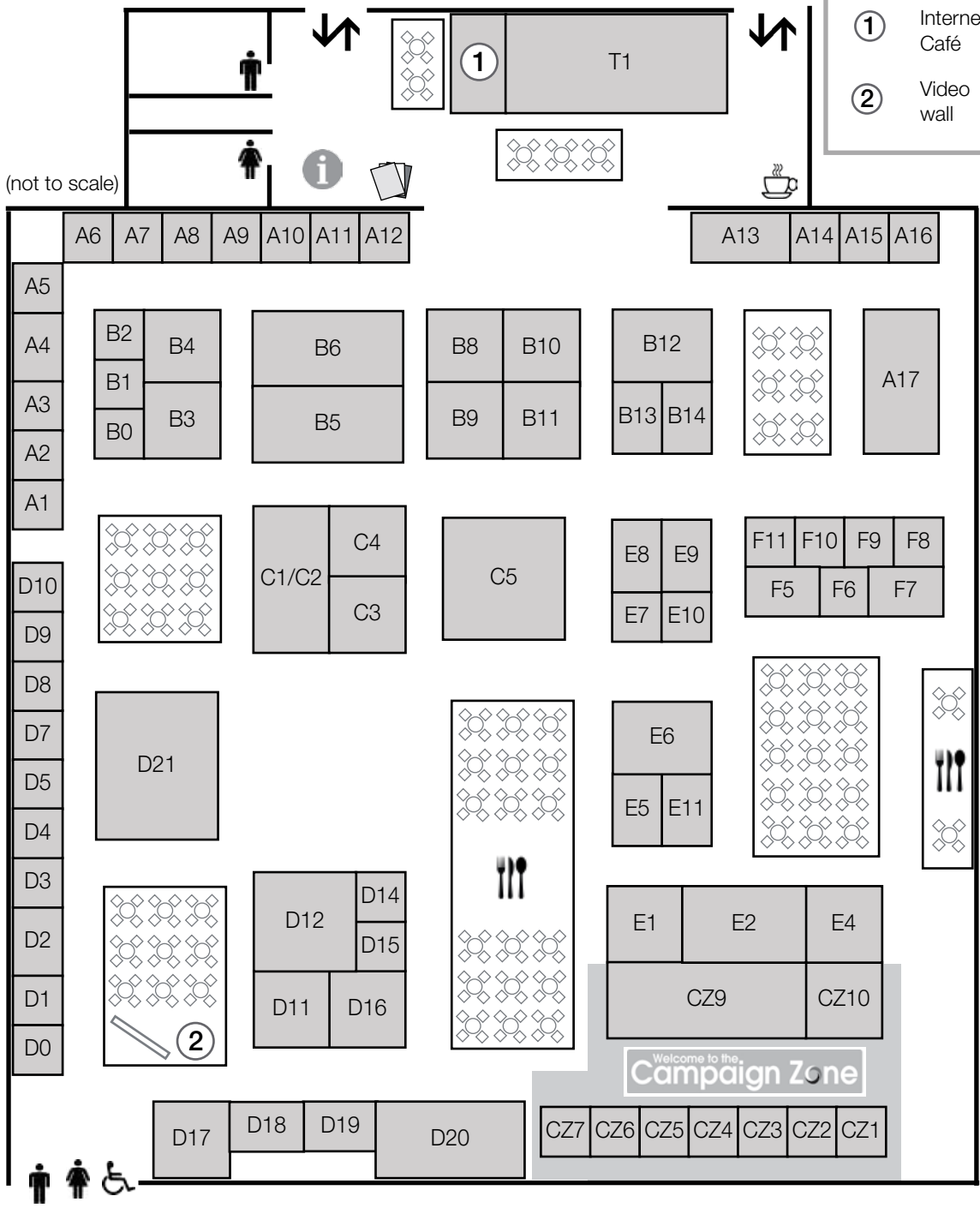
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Sunday	5th October	09.00–18.00
Monday	6th October	09.00–18.00
Tuesday	7th October	09.00–18.00
Wednesday	8th October	09.00–12.00

Key to exhibition plan

-  Information desk
-  Literature collection point
-  Toilets
-  Catering
-  Coffee point
-  Seating area
-  Exhibition stand
-  Internet Café
-  Video wall


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Exhibitors listed by stand number

A1	DeHavilland	D1	Liberal Youth
A2	Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament	D2	Liberal International (British Group) and European Liberal Democrat Group
A3	Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats	D3	<i>Liberator</i>
A4	ALTER	D5	Green Liberal Democrats
A5	Scottish Liberal Democrats	D7	Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association
A6	Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine	D8	Liverpool Convention Bureau
A7	Agents and Organisers Association	D9	Liberal Democrat History Group
A8	Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats	D10	Real Life Options
A9	Association of Lib Dem Engineers and Scientists (Aldes)	D11	E.ON
A10	LGBT+ Liberal Democrats	D12	Business in the Community (BITC)
A11	Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists	D13	Sky News
A12	League Against Cruel Sports	D14	Sustainable Aviation
A13	CAMRA, Campaign for Real Ale	D15	The Howard League for Penal Reform
A14	Religious Education	D16	Prostate Cancer UK
A15	Liberal Democrat Education Association (LDEA)	D17	Association of British Bookmakers
A16	Liberal Democrat Christian Forum	D18	Bournemouth
A17	Nissan	D19	UNISON
B0	Aldermore Bank	D20	Google
B1	Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform	D21	Global – The Media and Entertainment Group
B2	British Heart Foundation	E1	Yorkshire Building Society
B3	TSB	E2	Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors and LGA Liberal Democrats
B4	Campaign For Fairer Gambling	E4	Parliamentary Candidates Association
B5	Royal Mail Group	E5	The Great Business Debate
B6	Microsoft Ltd	E6	BBC
B8	Guide Dogs	E7	Charities Aid Foundation
B9	DONG Energy	E8	Carillion
B10	Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar	E9	CentreForum
B11	Falkland Islands Government	E10	Care & Support Alliance (CSA)
B12	British Red Cross	E11	University of Salford
B13	RNIB	F5	Let Britain Fly
B14	English Liberal Democrats	F6	Anthony Nolan
C1/C2	NASUWT	F7	Liberal Democrat Women
C3	pteg	F8	World Animal Protection
C4	National Union of Teachers	F9	The Coalfields Regeneration Trust
C5	EDF Energy	F10	Social Liberal Forum
CZ1	Print and Digital Associates Ltd	F11	Understanding Animal Research
CZ2	Prater Raines Foci2 Websites	G1	Glasgow City Marketing Bureau (Clyde Foyer)
CZ3	Park Communications	T1	Total Politics & Joseph Rowntree Foundation Coffee Club
CZ4	Bishops Printers		
CZ5	Connect & Nationbuilder Teams		
CZ6	ONEPOST		
CZ7	Liberal Democrats – Campaigns Team		
CZ9	Liberal Democrat Image		
CZ10	RISO UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems		
D0	Liberal Democrat Disability Association		

Directory of exhibitors

Additions to Directory of exhibitors

Stand D18

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Stand A17

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Guide Dogs Display

Unfortunately we have had a last-minute notification that the planned Guide Dogs Display in the exhibition will no longer be taking place.

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Ministerial Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Ministerial Q&A sessions during conference, where you can ask questions of our Ministers on the issues relating to their responsibilities and their departments. All sessions will take place in Carron 1 in the SECC.

Saturday 4th October	15.00–16.00	Energy; Ed Davey
Saturday 4th October	16.30–17.30	DCLG; Stephen Williams
Sunday 5th October	11.30–12.30	Business; Vince Cable & Jo Swinson
Sunday 5th October	15.00–16.00	Home Affairs & Justice; Simon Hughes & Norman Baker
Sunday 5th October	16.30–17.30	Treasury; Danny Alexander
Monday 6th October	11.30–12.30	Scotland; Alistair Carmichael & Willie Rennie
Monday 6th October	15.00–16.00	International Development; Lynne Featherstone
Monday 6th October	16.30–17.30	Health; Norman Lamb
Tuesday 7th October	11.30–12.30	Party Matters – members only ; Tim Farron & Tim Gordon
Tuesday 7th October	15.00–16.00	Transport; Susan Kramer
Tuesday 7th October	16.30–17.30	Education; David Laws
Wednesday 8th October	09.30–10.30	DEFRA; Dan Rogerson & Kate Parminter
Wednesday 8th October	11.00–12.00	Work and Pensions; Steve Webb

Sessions are open to all, but party members will be given priority. Hearing loop provided.

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Fringe update

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

Fringe Saturday early evening 20.15–21.30

CentreForum, Liberal Democrats and PwC

Protecting public services and making them work for the individual

A panel discussion on public services focusing on health, education and transport, including discussion of the motion being put to conference, 'Protecting Public Services and Making Them Work for You'. Panel will include Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Minister for Care.


SECC, Carron 1



Key to fringe listings

 Refreshments provided

 BSL signer provided

 Hearing loop provided

 By invitation only

Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.30

British Youth Council and Liberal Youth

League of Young Voters: Question Time

Join The Debate 'What's Youth Got To Do With It?' – topical questions and panel discussion: Tim Farron MP; Simon Hughes MP; Sarah Harding, Liberal Youth; Marc Kidson, BYC; Nicky Cox, First News; guest speakers and audience participation.

SECC, Lomond Auditorium



building on the work the coalition has done so far?
Chair: Stephen Tall, Co-Editor, Liberal Democrat Voice.

Note: this event starts at 09.00 and ends at 10.00 not 09.30–10.30 as listed in the Directory

SECC,

Total Politics & JRF Coffee Club



Fringe Monday morning 08.30–10.00

Religious Education Council, National Association of Teachers of Religious Education, RE Today

The Importance of Religious Education in Good Community Relations

Chair: Baroness Sal Brinton. Speakers: Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Care Minister; Dr Maureen Baker, Chair Royal College of GPs.

**Glasgow Hilton Hotel,
Clyde Room – Room 9**



Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45–21.00

Royal College of General Practitioners

Why are we waiting: Can politicians solve the general practice access crisis?

Chair: Baroness Sal Brinton; Speakers: Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Care Minister; Dr Maureen Baker, Chair Royal College of GPs; Roy Lilley, Health Commentator and Analyst.

Crowne Plaza, Castle 1



Fringe Monday morning 09.00–10.00

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Closing the attainment: Julia Unwin, Chief Executive, JRF, in conversation with Rt Hon David Laws MP

What more can be done to tackle the educational attainment gap among children experiencing poverty,

Fringe Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Local Authority Pension Fund Forum

The Future of the Local Government Pension Scheme
Cllr Kieran Quinn, Leader Tameside, Chair Greater Manchester Pension Fund Cllr John Pantell, Stockport Council, Greater Manchester Pension Fund Henry Boucher, Partner, Sarasin & Partners. Find out about how Local Authority Pension funds are meeting the challenges of costs, investment strategy and representation.

SECC, Katrine



Saturday 4th October

F2 Report: Federal Conference Committee

Q1 Submitted by Peter Tyzack

The Scottish referendum affected the date of our conference, and it may be better for us to be after the other Parties, but why did we have to coincide with Eid?

Q2 Alisdair Calder McGregor

Why has Federal Conference Committee implemented an online webform as a means of submission which does not permit the full range of submission support to be included?

Q3 Submitted by Mark Pack

What were the dates and locations of publication of the meeting reports promised for after each committee meeting at the March conference Q & A?

Q4 Submitted by Robbie Simpson

What policies do the Federal Conference Committee and the Conference Office have with regards to the acceptance of bookings for conference fringes and exhibition space by organisations linked to repressive or dictatorial foreign governments?

F4 Reducing Poverty and Discrimination

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

1 *In 11. (line 78) delete 'such as' and insert 'including abuses of', and delete 'intra-corporation' and insert*
2 *'intra-group'.*

3 *After ix) (line 35) insert:*

4 x) According to International Labour Organisation estimates there are 21 million people who are the
5 victims of forced labour across and the world.

6 *After 10. (line 74) insert:*

7 11. Support the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Draft Modern Slavery Bill
8 and work to incorporate its recommendations on addressing slavery in the supply chain.

Amendment One

13 conference representatives

Mover: Cllr Mathew Hulbert

Summation: Suzanne Fletcher

1 *After 12. (line 82) add:*

2 13. Encourage and support the Fairtrade movement in promoting 'aid through trade' to ensure that
3 farmers and workers in the developing world receive a fair and stable price for their products, and also
4 to encourage the use of Fairtrade products wherever possible throughout the Parliamentary estate.

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F6 Expanding the Democracy of our Party with One Member One Vote

There will be a separate vote to delete 2. (lines 10–11).

Amendment One

37 conference representatives

Mover: Mark Pack

Summation: Duncan Brack

1 *Delete line 12 and insert:*

2 Conference, however, regrets the multiple flaws in the proposed constitutional and standing order
3 amendments proposed to this conference, and the inclusion of new measures not previously consulted
4 on, including (but not limited to):

- 5 a) Ambiguous or confusing wording in the amendments to Articles 2.7, 7.2 and 8.1.
- 6 b) The failure to amend Article 6.10(h), on the Federal Conference Committee.
- 7 c) The abolition of the requirement for those calling for a special conference to come from 20 different
8 local parties, making it possible for one local party on its own to call a special conference in many
9 cases.
- 10 d) A new and uncosted requirement for policy consultation papers to be sent to every party member,
11 whether or not the party has a working email address for them.
- 12 e) The failure to amend conference standing orders 1.3(b), 1.4, 1.6, 3.1, 3.2 and 4.5, all of which would
13 retain references to conference representatives despite other amendments abolishing them.
- 14 f) The failure to propose any amendments to committee election regulations.

15 Conference also believes that any expansion of the electorate must be accompanied by other reforms
16 to improve the flow of information on the activity of party committees and their elected members to the
17 newly increased electorate.

18 Conference therefore agrees in principle to expanding the rights of members as set out above, but subject
19 first to federal conference voting through:

- 20 i) A newly drafted set of constitutional and standing order amendments and election regulations that
21 accurately and comprehensively cover the changes required for implementing this principle.
- 22 ii) Amendments to the party constitution requiring the Federal Conference Committee, the Federal
23 Executive, the Federal Finance and Administration Committee, the Federal Policy Committee and
24 the International Relations Committee each to produce a written report after each full meeting of the
25 committee, with the report to be made available to all party members via the party's website or such
26 other electronic means as the Chief Executive shall decide is practical.
- 27 iii) A new confidentiality policy for attendees at federal committee meetings which significantly relaxes
28 the current de facto situation while protecting necessary confidentiality over personnel decisions
29 and information that would advantage our political opponents if made public and which writes the
30 confidentiality policy into the party's constitution.
- 31 iv) A new process for members of a federal committee to request that a public vote be recorded on any
32 decision, with the terms of the vote and the voting record for each committee member.
- 33 v) One of a range of options tabled to amend the Federal Committee Election regulations to allow more
34 campaigning by candidates and to require any online voting system to prompt voters to first view
35 candidates' manifestos before being able to vote.

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Amendment Two

Federal Executive

Mover: James Gurling

Summation: To be announced

- 1 *In line 8 after 'fee' insert: 'if their membership is in at least its second continuous year, and have paid their*
- 2 *membership renewal'.*

F9 Towards Safer Sex Work

There will be a separate vote to delete v) (lines 62–67) and ix) (lines 77–79) and, in 2. (lines 104–105), to delete the words 'opposition to any steps to implement the Nordic model and'.

Amendment One

Oxford East

Mover: Kirsten Johnson

Summation: Kirsten Johnson

- 1 *In B. (line 84), after 'adults' insert 'in private'.*
- 2 *Delete C. (lines 85–87) and insert:*
- 3 C. Every adult has the right to engage in sex work if they so choose, and every adult has the right to
- 4 protection from being sexually exploited.

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F10 First Aid in Schools

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

- 1 *In 1. (line 23) delete 'emergency life-skills' and insert 'and emergency life-saving skills'.*

F11 Reforming the Welfare System

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

- 1 *After E. (line 22) insert:*
- 2 F. There are 6,000 destitute refugees and asylum seekers in the UK supported by British Red Cross
- 3 each year who are entitled to no benefits or housing but are not allowed to work, and the Liberal
- 4 Democrats' clearly stated in policy paper 116, *Making Migration Work for Britain (March 2014)*, that
- 5 destitution for those who came to the UK to seek sanctuary is unacceptable.

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6 *After 4. (line 41) insert:*

- 7 5. Liberal Democrats in Government to commit to ensuring that no one residing in the UK suffers
8 destitution, to use their influence to change the law to require asylum seekers to seek work after 6
9 months and to make Section 95 support available to those who cannot work, and to support charities
10 working in the field of ending destitution in the UK.

11 *After 5. (line 51) add:*

- 12 6. All changes in DWP (or any relevant successor department) policies to be reviewed annually for five
13 years after implementation.

Amendment One

11 *conference representatives*

Mover: Joshua Dixon

Summation: To be announced

1 *After E. (line 22) insert:*

- 2 F. Cuts to central and local government funding have impacted directly on services that provide advice
3 and support to the public on issues surrounding social welfare laws, coming at a time when there
4 has been an increase in demand for these services due to the financial downturn, austerity and
5 government welfare reforms.

6 *After 5. (line 51) add:*

- 7 6. Implementation of the recommendations of the Low Commission, including publication of a National
8 Strategy for Advice and Legal Support, and creation of a National Advice and Legal Support Fund
9 which would be used for funding national and local advice services as well as legal support work; the
10 Department for Work and Pensions should be required to contribute towards this fund, in recognition
11 of the advice needs it is creating through its welfare reforms and faulty assessments.

Amendment Two

14 *conference representatives*

Mover: Michael Mullaney

Summation: Daniel Henry

1 *After E. (line 22) insert:*

- 2 F. Complaints against Welfare to Work schemes involving unpaid work, such as unsuitable placements,
3 the undermining of the minimum wage and how these controversies are discouraging third party
4 organisations from participating and providing placements.

5 *After 5. (line 51) add:*

- 6 6. A reformed approach to Welfare to Work schemes whereby:
7 a) Benefit claimants are given encouragement and support to arrange their own work experience

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- 8 placements, to help them find the right placement in their area of interest to further their dreams
9 and aspirations.
- 10 b) A Fairness Principle is implemented for mandatory schemes, so claimants made to work for their
11 benefits receive the equivalent of minimum wage for their work.

F13 Doing What Works to Cut Crime (Crime and Criminal Justice Policy Paper)

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

1 *Delete 3. e) (lines 62–64) and insert:*

2 e) Working with the Department for Education to ensure that sexual consent, Female Genital Mutilation,
3 violence against women and girls, and domestic violence properly feature on the curriculum.

4 *In 4. h) (line 85) after ‘Tackling corruption’ insert ‘and re-building trust through mandatory CPD for all
5 police officers; strengthening the IPCC and improving local complaints procedures; ensuring corruption
6 investigations are independent; and reporting progress in these matters annually to Parliament’.*

7 *Delete 6. a) (lines 98–99) and insert:*

8 a) Embedding ‘through the gate’ support for those approaching release and ensuring that the day of
9 release is one after which support services are available so that a routine can be established.

Amendment One

10 conference representatives

Mover: Dr Evan Harris

Summation: Stephen Tall

1 *In 7. d) (line 117) after ‘breaches’ insert ‘while establishing effective public interest defences in this act and
2 others (including the Computer Misuse Act 1990, RIPA and the Bribery Act 2000) to protect responsible
3 journalism; and ensuring greater protection for legally privileged and journalistic material from requests
4 for telephone and other records’.*

F14 Speech: Steve Webb MP

This speech will start at 12.20, not 12.30. The lunch break will start at 12.40.

F15 Speech: Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP

This speech will start at 14.20, not 14.10.

F16 Protecting Public Services and Making Them Work For You (Public Services Policy Paper)

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

1 *In 2. c) iii) (line 65) after ‘services’ insert ‘including sharing best practice so that the general public can
2 benefit’.*

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3 *After 2c) iv) (line 66) insert:*

4 v) Not using abusive tax avoidance schemes.

5 *In 4. e) (line 100) after 'curriculum' insert 'which should include sex and relationship education, religious*
6 *education but not religious instruction, and balanced and non-partisan political education, as part of*
7 *Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE).'*

8 *After 5. g) (line 154) insert:*

9 h) Consulting on a legal duty to pool the whole health and social care budget in each local area; local
10 commissioners should agree a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy covering the expenditure of the full
11 budget, although the details of how services would be commissioned would remain a matter for local
12 areas.

13 i) Encouraging the development of joined up health providers which cover hospital and community
14 services, including GPs, learning from international best practice examples such as Accountable Care
15 Organisations.

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Cambridge, Peterborough, South East Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, North East Cambridgeshire

Mover: Kilian Bourke

Summation: Dr Spencer Hagard

1 *After 5. f) (line 149) insert:*

2 g) Permitting NHS commissioners and providers in a local area to form a single integrated health
3 organisation, responsible for managing the provision and integration of NHS services in that area, subject
4 to public consultation, endorsement by local Health and Wellbeing Board(s), built-in arrangements for
5 rigorous evaluation of effectiveness, and approval by Monitor and the Department of Health.

Amendment Two

10 conference representatives

Mover: Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP

Summation: Norman Lamb MP

1 *Before 5. a) (line 124) insert:*

2 a) Committing to £1bn further real terms investment in the NHS each year until our fiscal mandate is met
3 in 2017/18, followed by sustained real term increases in funding once the deficit has been eradicated
4 and debt is falling, paid for through an increase in dividend tax on additional rate taxpayers, a further
5 tightening of the cap on pension tax relief and by scrapping the 'shares for rights' scheme introduced
6 by the Conservatives.

Amendment Three

16 conference representatives

Mover: Stewart Edge

Summation: Dr Evan Harris

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1 *After 5. g) (line 154) insert:*

- 2 (h) Repealing any parts of the NHS Health and Social Care Act 2012 dealing with competition were they
3 shown to make NHS services vulnerable to increased privatisation through international agreements
4 on free markets in goods and services.

Amendment Four

21 conference representatives

Mover: Julie Pörksen

Summation: Vikki Slade

1 *After 6. i) insert:*

- 2 j) Extend the statutory obligation for free school transport to ensure that young people are able to
3 access free state education to age 18.

F17 Report: Federal Policy Committee

Q1 Submitted by Mark Pack

What were the dates and locations of publication of the meeting reports promised for after each committee meeting at the March conference Q & A?

Q2 Submitted by Gareth Epps

Why have public announcements been made that policies 'will be in the Manifesto' when the committee that decides the manifesto has not yet been elected, and when it is known that making such a statement (as opposed to 'this policy will be in the pre-manifesto) is unnecessary and misleading?

F18 Tackling Child Abuse

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

1 *In 1. (line 30) after 'local authority' insert 'and police'.*

2 *After iv) (line 20) insert:*

- 3 v) The Alexis Jay report into the sexual exploitation of children revealed a systematic failure of the
4 authorities to respond to reports of child abuse, that reports were suppressed and that victims were
5 often regarded as willing participants in their own abuse or as criminals.

6 *After c) (line 29) insert:*

- 7 d) That the operation of criminal gangs targetting vulnerable children for abuse is unlikely to be limited
8 to a few isolated areas, and that experiences in Rotherham, Rochdale, Oxford and elsewhere should
9 serve as a wake-up call to authorities everywhere.

10 *After 4. (line 38) insert:*

- 11 5. Robust reforms of procedures and culture in council and police services, so that victims and their

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- 12 families receive the service that they should be entitled to expect, and perpetrators are brought to
13 justice.
- 14 6. Politicians, council officers and police responsible for failures in Rotherham and elsewhere to be held
15 to account.
- 16 7. Surety that policies on racial awareness are never interpreted as conflicting with the duty to investigate
17 and prosecute crimes irrespective of the racial identity of the perpetrators.

Amendment One

13 conference representatives

Mover: Linda Jack

Summation: Linda Jack

1 *After 4. (line 38) add:*

- 2 5. The widening and strengthening of the role of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) to be able
3 to intervene when a child or young person at risk has been ignored by a statutory service such as the
4 Police or Social Services.

Monday 6th October

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.

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 to proactively prevent and control flash flooding from endangering life
3 and property.

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Amendment Two

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'.*

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

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.

Amendment Three

14 conference representatives

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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.

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.

F28 Report: Parliamentary Parties of the Liberal Democrats

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?

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F29 Reclaiming the People's Game

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

- 1 *In 2. c) (line 89) after 'players' insert ' , club directors, administrators, referees, and disciplinary commission*
- 2 *members'.*

Amendment One

LGBT+ Liberal Democrats

Mover: Edward Lord

Summation: Adrian Trett

- 1 *Before 1. a) (line 57) insert:*
- 2 a) The establishment of an independent commission, representative of the whole game, to
- 3 comprehensively review the governance of the English FA to make it more effective, inclusive, and no
- 4 longer subject to conflicting vested interests.

Amendment Two

Manchester Gorton

Mover: John Bridges

Summation: Iain Donaldson

- 1 *After 2, d) (line 91) insert:*
- 2 d) Training on diversity and equality issues to be made available to all levels of the amateur game for
- 3 players, clubs and administrators and to be mandatory for referees.

There will be a separate vote on the word 'senior' in 1. d) (line 66).

F30 A Stronger Economy and a Fairer Society (Pre-Manifesto Policy Paper)

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

- 1 *In III. (line 7) after 'potential' insert 'and maximise their wellbeing'.*
- 2 *In III. (line 8) after 'colour' insert 'disability, age, religion, belief,'.*
- 3 *After F. (line 31) insert:*
- 4 G. Reaffirm our commitment to a National Health Service which must remain free at the point of delivery,
- 5 which is focused on increasing wellbeing and enabling people to live fulfilled lives and which makes the
- 6 aspiration of 'parity of esteem' between mental and physical health a reality.
- 7 *In 2. b) (line 52) after 'stations' insert 'and where possible disused rail lines'.*

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8 *After 2. c) (line 55) insert:*

- 9 d) Place the Natural Capital Committee on the same statutory footing as the Committee on Climate
10 Change, tasked with identifying key natural resources being used unsustainably and recommending
11 legally binding targets for reducing their net consumption; and introduce incentives for businesses to
12 improve resource efficiency.

13 *In 4. e) (line 87) delete 'under-21s' and insert 'young people aged 16–21'.*

14 *In 5. b) (line 94) after 'problems' insert 'by moving towards equality of funding to reflect the respective
15 health need'.*

16 *After 5. d) (line 98) insert:*

- 17 e) Enabling heterosexual partners to enter into a civil partnership.

18 *After 5. f) (line 103) insert:*

- 19 g) Pass a Nature Act with a long-term commitment to restore nature – including targets for biodiversity,
20 clean air and water – and empower the Natural Capital Committee to recommend actions to meet
21 these targets.

22 *In 7. e) (line 129) after 'Northern Ireland' delete 'as the basis for future spending allocations'.*

Amendment One

ALDC

Mover: Chris White

Summation: Kath Pinnock

1 *Delete 5. a) (line 92) and insert:*

- 2 a) Guaranteeing a fully integrated NHS and Social Care budget which will rise by at least inflation.

Amendment Two

Manchester Gorton

Mover: Iain Donaldson

Summation: Gareth Epps

1 *At end add:*

- 2 Conference therefore calls for an end to the removal of the spare room subsidy for both social and private
3 sector tenants, and calls on Liberal Democrats in Government to ensure that in the meantime tenants will
4 not be subject to any housing benefit deduction until they have received a reasonable offer of alternative
5 social rented accommodation with the correct number of bedrooms.

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Amendment Three

17 conference representatives

Mover: Dr Evan Harris

Summation: To be announced

1 *After 7. f) (line 137) insert:*

- 2 g) Recognising that a diverse and independent media is essential both to a fair and thriving market and
3 to a pluralistic democracy, and therefore introducing new measures to prevent any individual media
4 organisation having too much control of the national conversation against the public interest.

Amendment Four

68 conference representatives

Mover: Lorely Burt MP

Summation: Stephen Gilbert MP

1 *In 2. e) (line 60–61) delete 'Stansted ...' to '... whole' and insert:*

- 2 'and we restate our very firmly held view that it is totally inappropriate to build a third runway at Heathrow
3 because the noise pollution would be wholly unacceptable to the large numbers of people living in West
4 London under the flight path; our airports policy will be evidence based and designed to limit emissions
5 from aviation to meet our target of Zero Carbon Britain, as part of a lower carbon world. In addition
6 to opposing Heathrow we will act to mitigate noise and air pollution for those living under flight paths,
7 through measures such as improvements to air traffic control technology to decrease stacking, incentives
8 for airlines to switch to new quieter planes and the use of steeper take-off and landing trajectories where
9 appropriate. Within these limits will seek to use the aviation sector to maximise economic opportunities
10 across the UK and help rebalance the economy'.

F31 Speech: Norman Lamb MP

This speech will end and the lunch break will start at 12.40.

F33 Age Ready Britain (Ageing Society Policy Paper)

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

1 *After 4. e) (line 71) insert:*

- 2 f) The retention of the concessionary bus travel scheme for pensioners.

3 *After 1. d) (line 29) insert:*

- 4 e) Encouraging local government to provide access to community services by telephone, to address
5 social isolation caused by lack of local or home access to the web.

6 *After 7. d) (line 111) add:*

- 7 e) Action to address elder abuse whether at home, hospital or in a care setting.

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Amendment One

Tatton

Mover: Gareth Wilson

Summation: To be announced

1 *After 5. d) (line 86) insert:*

2 e) Allow older people currently claiming housing benefit who move in with someone else to keep a
3 portion of that benefit, to encourage better use of our existing housing stock.

4 f) Assist older people on lower incomes make a planned move we will make the purchase stamp duty
5 free for people in receipt of pension credit.

There will be a separate vote to delete 4. a) (line 62).

F35(A) Emergency motion

The motion that is selected by the emergency motions ballot will be debated as F35(A).

F35(B) Emergency motion: The FE's unconstitutional behaviour and gender quotas for committee elections

54 conference representatives

Mover: Duncan Brack

Summation: To be announced

1 Conference notes that in 2012 conference amended the constitution:

2 i) To remove the requirement that at least one third of the directly elected members of federal
3 committees be female and at least one third male, in the light of advice that these provisions were
4 incompatible with the Equality Act 2010.

5 ii) To give the Federal Executive powers to impose a gender quota in the short term should the Equality
6 Act be amended too near a conference for a new constitutional amendment to be submitted.

7 Conference further notes:

8 a) That although the Equality Act has not been amended, recent guidance has suggested that gender
9 quotas for committee elections are permissible, and the Federal Executive has accordingly decided to
10 apply a 50 per cent quota for women (only) to the 2014 elections for the directly elected members of
11 the federal committees.

12 b) That this decision was taken in principle by the Federal Executive's working group in September 2013,
13 and in its final form by the Federal Executive on 14 July 2014, two days before the deadline for the
14 submission of constitutional amendments to the autumn 2014 conference.

15 c) That although there is no reason why the FE could not have acted as previously instructed by
16 conference and brought a constitutional amendment to this conference, and possibly to the spring
17 2014 conference, it failed to do so.

18 Conference accordingly censures the Federal Executive for:

19 1. Acting outside its powers under the constitutional amendment passed in 2012.

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- 20 2. Taking a decision affecting the composition of the committees elected by conference without giving
21 conference a chance to debate and amend it when it could easily have done so.
- 22 Conference believes that as a matter of constitutional procedure and of political principle, decisions
23 affecting the composition of the party's committees should be made by conference.
- 24 Conference rejects that section of the Federal Executive report dealing with gender quotas for committee
25 elections.
- 26 Conference nevertheless supports the principle of gender quotas and resolves to introduce for the directly
27 elected components of all committees and other bodies elected by conference representatives in 2014
28 the following provision, subject to the Party's legal advisors confirming it would be lawful:
- 29 Either Option A:
30 Not less than one third or, if one third is not a whole number, the whole number nearest to but not
31 exceeding one third ('the specified number') shall be men and women respectively, provided that there
32 is at least twice the specified number of male and female candidates respectively validly nominated by
33 the close of nominations.
- 34 Or Option B:
35 Not less than one half or, if one half is not a whole number, the whole number nearest to but not
36 exceeding one half ('the specified number') shall be men and women respectively, provided that there
37 is at least twice the specified number of male and female candidates respectively validly nominated by
38 the close of nominations.
- 39 Or Option C:
40 Not less than one half ('the specified number') shall be women, provided that there is at least twice the
41 specified number of female candidates validly nominated by the close of nominations.
- 42 Conference instructs the Federal Executive to consult fully within the party, and then submit a properly
43 written constitutional amendment to a conference before the 2016 round of committee elections, to
44 enable conference to debate arrangements for gender and any other quotas for future elections.

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F38 Report: Federal Executive

Q1 Submitted by Colin Rosenstiel

On what basis has the FE "agreed that half the elected positions to Federal Committees must be filled by women", in effect overriding the previously agreed constitutional requirements on gender balance of a minimum one third of each gender, without bringing a constitutional amendment to this conference?

Q2 Submitted by Duncan Brack

Article 2.4 of the constitution permits the FE to impose gender or other quotas on the outcome of federal

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committee elections if the 2010 Equality Act is amended to close to a conference to permit the submission of a constitutional amendment. Since the Act has not been amended, why is the FE imposing quotas?

Q3 Submitted by Duncan Brack

Since the FE took the decision to apply gender quotas to the outcomes of this year's federal committee elections before the deadline for the submission of constitutional amendments, why did it not submit a constitutional amendment to conference?

Q4 Submitted by Gareth Epps

Where is party strategy decided, and when was the last time the FE had a full debate on strategic issues with the expectation of decision-making?

Q5 Submitted by Gareth Epps

When did the Chief Officer's Group last meet?

Q6 Submitted by Gareth Epps

Why has the FE decided to take action to impose quotas for Federal Committee elections based on one protected quality characteristic but not others; and what evidence base was used to weigh up participation based on characteristics other than gender?

Q7 Submitted by Gareth Epps

Why has the FE not introduced a constitutional amendment to this Conference with regard to gender quotas when they have been discussing the proposal for months?

Q8 Submitted by Gordon Lishman

Who takes decisions on the party's strategy? How many written reports have been provided in the last two years as a basis for their decisions?

Q9 Submitted by Gordon Lishman

How many times in the last 2 years, has the FE received reports as a basis for decisions on the work and priorities of the Wheelhouse?

Q10 Submitted by Gordon Lishman

Who decides on the Party's messages and slogans? On how many occasions in the last two years have proposals with alternatives been made to them?

Q11 Submitted by Gordon Lishman

What does the President understand about FE's responsibility for "directing co-ordinating and implementing the work of the Party" and how has he fulfilled this role?

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Q12 Submitted by Gordon Lishman

How many reports has the FE received on management of the Party's assets, risk management, internal and external audit, crisis management and disaster recovery?

Q13 Submitted by Gordon Lishman

To whom is the Chief Executive accountable? What systems are there for appraisal, personal development and target-setting and how many formal appraisals have taken place?

Q14 Submitted by Mark Pack

What were the dates and locations of publication of the meeting reports promised for after each committee meeting at the March conference Q & A?

F41 Emergency motion: Towards a Federal UK

10 conference representatives

Mover: Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP (Secretary of State for Scotland)

Summation: Lord Marks QC

- 1 Conference celebrates Scotland's decision to remain within the United Kingdom in the referendum of 18th
- 2 September and believes the nations of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are stronger together.

- 3 Conference further believes that Scotland's decision allows the creation of the fully Federal UK long
- 4 advocated by Liberals and Liberal Democrats.

- 5 To that end, Conference calls for the UK Government to take action for Scotland to:
 - 6 i) Implement in full the delivery plan for further Scottish powers promised by the three pro-Union party
 - 7 leaders during the independence referendum campaign without any conditionality on progress in other
 - 8 areas.
 - 9 ii) Support the proposals detailed in the Scottish Liberal Democrats' report *Federalism: the best future*
 - 10 *for Scotland* as set out in the pre-manifesto *A Stronger Economy and a Fairer Society*.

- 11 Conference further calls on the UK Government to:
 - 12 a) Implement the recommendations of the Silk Commission for Wales and address Wales recognised
 - 13 underfunding as set out in the pre-manifesto *A Stronger Economy and a Fairer Society*.
 - 14 b) Introduce a Devolution Enabling Bill to Parliament, permitting 'devolution on demand' in England,
 - 15 the transfer of legislative powers from the UK Parliament to councils or groups of councils working
 - 16 together as set out in policy paper 117, *Power to the People*.
 - 17 c) Build on the success of City Deals and Growth Deals, by devolving more power and resources to
 - 18 groups of local authorities and local enterprise partnerships.
 - 19 d) Empower a constitutional convention, with a citizens' jury at its core, to produce a new written
 - 20 constitution for a Federal United Kingdom, and to further shape new institutions for England.
 - 21
- 22 Conference further welcomes evidence from the independence referendum that citizens will engage with
- 23 politics and with democracy when they believe their vote makes a difference, and their voice is heard.
- 24 Conference therefore renews its call for:

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- 24 1. Fair votes through STV at every level of election, and an end to 'safe seats'.
25 2. An elected second chamber, based on the model developed through a decade of cross-party
26 committees and commissions and embodied in the 2012 Coalition Bill.
27 3. A £10,000 annual cap on donations to political parties to limit the capacity of wealthy backers to buy
28 influence in the political process and access to leading politicians, and reforms to party funding along
29 the lines of the recent report of the committee on Standards in Public Life.
30 4. Protection of the right for trade union members to consent to a political levy being deducted from their
31 subscriptions, with a new right for each member to choose which party they wish to see receive their
32 donation.
33 5. The franchise to be extended to all sixteen and seventeen year olds for all elections.

F42 Rebanking the UK

Amendment One

Lewisham

Mover: Tom Lawrence

Summation: William Town

1 *After 6. (line 38) add:*

- 2 7. The government to continue to support peer-to-peer lending, crowdfunding and similar internet-based
3 finance in ways which benefit lenders, borrowers and organisations in the sector.
4 8. The government to allow local authorities and their pension funds to continue to exercise their own
5 judgement over what they invest in, provided it accords with existing rules on prudent financial
6 management, and in the case of pension funds, the objectives of the fund, and recognise the value of
7 their knowledge of the local economy.

F44 Protecting Private Tenants

Amendment One

Greater Reading

Mover: John Grout

Summation: Jenny Woods

1 *After 1. (line 35) insert:*

- 2 2. Landlords using Section 21 Notices should be made to give their reasons for serving the notice.

3 *After 4. (line 45) add:*

- 4 5. Housing benefit is paid by local authorities and the local authorities should be able to withhold
5 payment if the premises in question are not up to standard.

Emergency motions ballot

One of the following motions will be selected by ballot to be debated at F35(A) at 16.30 on Tuesday 7th October. Ballot papers will be printed with Sunday's Conference Daily and the ballot box will be open in the Auditorium between 09.00 and 13.00 on Sunday 5th October.

Emergency motion 1: A Commitment to Peace and Security in the Ukraine

12 conference representatives

1 Conference strongly condemns:

- 2 A. The acts of aggression by Russian armed forces and the clear violation of Ukrainian sovereign territorial
3 integrity in direct contravention of the Budapest Memorandum, Helsinki Final Act, UN Charter and
4 Russia-Ukrainian Friendship Treaty.
- 5 B. The shooting down of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 with the loss of 298 innocent lives from 10 different
6 nationalities from around the world.
- 7 C. The decision taken by the Federal Council of Russia on 1 March to use Russian armed forces on the
8 territory of Ukraine.
- 9 D. The holding of an illegal referendum in Crimea on joining the Russian Federation that was in clear breach
10 of the Ukrainian Constitution and not recognised by the international community, which was then used
11 as the basis for Russia's annexation of the Crimean peninsula.
- 12 E. Renewed targeting and persecution of the Crimean Tatar population and their leaders.

13 Conference notes with concern that:

- 14 i) More than 3000 people have died in the fighting between Ukrainian Government forces and the Russian-
15 led separatists since April this year.
- 16 ii) The ceasefire agreed on 5 September is not holding in many areas.
- 17 iii) The Kremlin has adopted an increasingly neo-colonial, nationalistic attitude to the former Soviet
18 Republics and is particularly concerned by President Putin's increasing use of the historic term of
19 Novorossia (New Russia) when talking about the region.
- 20 iv) President Putin's tendency to silence liberal-minded Russians who disagree with the Kremlin line, the
21 suppression of free speech, increased media control and censorship.
- 22 v) Russian state actions in Ukraine have already led to calls for nuclear rearmament within the country, and
23 while President Putin's brandishing of his nuclear weapons undermines the Budapest agreement and
24 wider attempts at nuclear non-proliferation elsewhere in the world.

25 Conference welcomes:

- 26 a) The adoption of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement by the European Parliament and the Ukrainian
27 Parliament on 16 September 2014.
- 28 b) The election of President Poroshenko with a strong mandate from the Ukrainian people.
- 29 c) The decision of the French government to halt delivery of the Mistral ship.

30 Conference calls upon the UK Government to:

- 31 1. Work closely with our EU partners, the US, Australia and others to put maximum pressure – economic
32 and political - on all parties to ensure meaningful negotiations leading to a full and lasting ceasefire
33 leading to political stability in all of Ukraine's regions.
- 34 2. Call upon Chancellor Angela Merkel, and the other heads of governments in the European Union, to
35 build on their relationships with President Putin and to use all possible influence to de-escalate the crisis
36 in Ukraine.
- 37 3. Continue with our policy of sanctions as there is very real evidence that they are having a strong impact

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- 38 on the Russian economy and consider adopting a European version of the Magnitsky Law to prevent
39 Russians who have abused human rights from entering the EU.
- 40 4. Extend the sanctions to prevent Russia from holding the Football World Cup in 2018 as a powerful
41 display of the sincerity with which the international community condemns Russia's actions.
- 42 5. Acknowledge the limited success of the EU's Eastern partnership programme in Ukraine and that
43 insufficient support was provided to help foster a truly democratic model, remove the high levels of
44 corruption and allow the country to reap the benefits from its natural resources and fertile lands.
- 45 6. Work with EU and NATO partners to provide necessary political, economic, military, constitutional and
46 administrative support for Ukraine.
- 47 7. Increase resource in the Foreign Office for Russia and the former Soviet countries and acknowledge that
48 many of the problems with Russia have arisen from not properly understanding the Kremlin's responses
49 to NATO expansion and EU enlargement over the past decade.
- 50 8. Provide all necessary support to Ukraine to ensure that the forthcoming parliamentary elections which
51 are scheduled next month take place and are free and fair.
- 52 Conference calls on Liberal Democrats to reach out to Ukrainian liberal parties and the Ukrainian people to
53 build lasting personal and institutional relationships for the benefit of both our countries.

Emergency motion 2: A Holistic Pathway to Peace in the Middle East

13 conference representatives

- 1 Conference condemns:
- 2 A. The sectarian violence and terror that the so-called Islamic State is spreading in Iraq and Syria.
3 B. The systematic kidnapping for ransom or execution of foreign nationals by the so-called Islamic State,
4 including a number of British citizens.
5 C. The recent conflict between Israel and Gaza, in particular the indiscriminate firing of thousands of
6 rockets into Israel by Hamas, Israel's disproportionate military response and the high number of civilian
7 casualties.
8 D. The recent decision by the Israeli government to annex more land in the West Bank for development of
9 settlements which are illegal under international law.
10 E. The continued violent suppression of democratic dissent by President Assad of Syria and the resulting
11 humanitarian catastrophe including the use of barrel bombs.
- 12 Conference notes with concern:
- 13 i) The severity of the humanitarian disasters that have been created by conflicts and instability in the region.
14 ii) The strain that the refugee crises are putting on countries in the region, in particular the strain on Jordan,
15 Lebanon and Turkey.
16 iii) The potential for these humanitarian crises to result in further sectarian division, radicalisation at home
17 and abroad and ongoing violence.
- 18 Conference welcomes:
- 19 a) The Department for International Development's continued commitment to providing humanitarian aid to
20 all those who are suffering in the region, in particular the continued assistance to the millions of refugees
21 and displaced people.
22 b) The Deputy Prime Minister's leadership in the government's commitment to providing asylum in the UK
23 for some of the most vulnerable refugees from the region.
- 24 Conference further welcomes the Israeli government's decision to end import restrictions on humanitarian

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25 goods and some construction materials into Gaza.

26 Conference calls on the UK government to:

- 27 1. Continue to work closely with our international allies to stop the spread of the so-called Islamic State in
28 Iraq, Syria and beyond.
- 29 2. Support the struggling democratic institutions in Iraq and bolster liberalism and inclusiveness in its
30 government.
- 31 3. Ensure that if we are to extend military activity to Syria that it is legal under international law, has clear
32 and achievable objectives, has Middle East regional support, includes a comprehensive and well-
33 resourced post-conflict stabilisation strategy agreed with the international community and is authorised
34 by a vote of the House of Commons.
- 35 4. Apply continued pressure on the Israeli government to cease its illegal acquisition of land in the West
36 Bank.
- 37 5. Encourage the European Union to recognise the State of Palestine within pre-1967 borders and with
38 land swaps agreed by the Israeli and Palestinian authorities through peace negotiations in good faith on
39 the basis of each side's entitlements under international law.
- 40 6. Continue to work for freedom of belief, toleration between different faiths, and protection of minorities.
- 41 7. Support programmes in Arab countries aimed at encouraging democracy, freedom of speech, human
42 rights, the rule of law and crony-free economic liberalisation.

Emergency motion 3: Disabled Students' Allowances

Clwyd West

- 1 Conference notes that:
 - 2 A. DSA was established in 1974 and has supported over a million disabled students complete their higher
3 education and whilst updates to how DSA operates may be necessary disabled students should not be
4 left at a disadvantage
 - 5 B. Measures to widen participation, including DSA provisions, have seen a steady increase in the number of
6 disabled students go on to Higher Education
 - 7 C. The Minister for Universities and Science published on 12th September 2014 a Written Ministerial
8 Statement on future changes to Disabled Students' Allowances.
 - 9 D. The measures in the Written Ministerial Statement only affect disabled English domiciled students, as
10 education is devolved to NI, Scotland and Wales. The funding for these Higher Education Institutions
11 (HEIs) and students are significantly different from England.
 - 12 E. Many HEIs and student bodies, including the, NUS have expressed concerns about the lack of
13 consultation prior to the initial Written Ministerial Statement published on 7th April 2014.
 - 14 F. HEIs have made significant progress over the past decade in main-streaming adjustments to the
15 curriculum to improve access for disabled people but are facing funding constraints.
 - 16 G. DSA has proved a lifeline for many disabled students in Higher Education
- 17 Conference welcomes:
 - 18 i) The Minister's agreement to give Higher Education Institutions until the beginning of the 2016/17
19 academic year to develop appropriate mechanisms to fully deliver their statutory duty to provide
20 reasonable adjustments
 - 21 ii) The work done by the Liberal Democrat Disability Association (LDDA) and Liberal Youth (LY) in
22 bringing their concerns about the proposed changes to DSA to the attention of Liberal Democrat
23 parliamentarians, especially our ministers.

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24 iii) The work done by universities to make higher education accessible to disabled students and the
25 ongoing support HEIs offer to students.

26 Conference believes that:

27 a) Nobody accessing education should be disadvantaged by a disability.

28 b) Disabled English domiciled students should not have a significantly lower support package when
29 attending HEIs in NI, Scotland and Wales, where education is devolved and no changes to their DSA
30 have been proposed.

31 Conference therefore calls for Liberal Democrat Parliamentarians, especially Ministers, to press within
32 government to defer these DSA proposals until the consultation exercise with all UK Higher Education
33 Institutions and disability advisors, including the National Union of Students, has been completed.

Emergency motion 4: Political Instability in Hong Kong

14 conference representatives

1 Conference notes that:

2 A. The Sino-British Joint Declaration of 1984 formally agreed, in accordance with the “one country, two
3 systems” principle, that on its return to Chinese sovereignty Hong Kong would become a Special
4 Administrative Region ensuring that it would keep its freedoms, autonomy and an undated promise of
5 universal suffrage.

6 B. Article 45 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People’s
7 Republic of China states that “The ultimate aim is the selection of the Chief Executive by universal
8 suffrage upon nomination by a broadly representative nominating committee in accordance with
9 democratic procedures”.

10 Conference welcomes the announcement of the Chinese government in August this year their plan for
11 universal suffrage in Hong Kong, giving the island’s citizens the right to vote for the Chief Executive of the
12 territory starting in 2017.

13 However, conference notes with concern that:

14 i) At the end of August 2014 the Hong Kong SAR Government and the Chinese Government confirmed
15 their position, stating that civic nomination is not compatible with the Basic Law, so it will not allow
16 an open nomination process for the election of the Chief Executive, and that the proposed selection
17 process will limit the range of candidates who are nominated and undermine the democratic process.

18 ii) There is a growing police presence in Hong Kong with increasing numbers of peaceful protesters being
19 arrested and escalating civil unrest between pro-democracy and pro-establishment groups.

20 iii) The reaction of the Chinese government to the Foreign Affairs Committee investigation into the political
21 situation in Hong Kong shows a willingness for their government to explicitly exert economic pressure
22 on the UK in order for them to get their way.

23 Conference believes that:

24 a) Civil, political and economic rights are interlinked, and are best secured in societies with democratic
25 governance structures.

26 b) Residents of Hong Kong have a right to peaceful protest and should not be prohibited from doing so
27 under any circumstances.

28 c) Given the commitments the UK government has made to the citizens of Hong Kong, we have a

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29 responsibility to ensure democracy and human rights is delivered, and maintained, for the citizens of
30 Hong Kong.

31 Conference calls on the UK government to:

- 32 1. Uphold its commitments to Hong Kong as laid out in the Sino-British Joint Declaration 1984.
- 33 2. Commit to universal human rights, the rule of law and democracy and to maintain our interest in the
- 34 continued smooth political and economic developments in the interests of the people of Hong Kong.

Emergency motion 5: Tackling the Ebola Crisis

13 conference representatives

1 Conference notes:

- 2 a) The rapid spread of the Ebola virus over the past six months throughout West Africa, which stands
3 at 5,843 cases and 2,803 deaths as of 23 September this year, including 337 health care workers, of
4 whom 181 have died.
- 5 b) That the fast spread of the virus over the summer demands an emergency motion, as on 8 July 2014 the
6 number of deaths caused by ebola was 539, which has increased to 2,803 as of 23 September.
- 7 c) That the UN has called the spread of the virus a “crisis unparalleled in modern times”.

8 Conference notes with concern:

- 9 i) The level of misinformation and rumour within Ebola-affected communities, creating stigma and impeding
10 current awareness raising efforts and education.
- 11 ii) The warnings issued by the Centre for Disease Control & Prevention that the number of people infected
12 with Ebola could rise to between 500,000 and 1.4 million by January if action is not taken now.
- 13 iii) That Medecins Sans Frontiers has described the international response to the Ebola crisis as “lethally
14 inadequate” and notes that more medical staff are urgently needed to address the issue of a chronic lack
15 of capacity.

16 Conference recognises that the Ebola virus is transmitted through direct contact with bodily fluids of an
17 infectious person, rather than being airborne, and that it would be physically near-impossible for individuals
18 in the infectious stage of the disease to board a plane.

19 Conference welcomes:

- 20 A. The UK taking the lead on international support in Sierra Leone, while leading calls for a worldwide
21 collaborative approach to support on the ground.
- 22 B. The UK’s collaboration in the multi-trial development of a new vaccine.
- 23 C. The recruitment of 164 NHS staff, as of 23 September, who have volunteered to be part of the UK’s
24 efforts in the region.

25 Conference calls for the UK government to:

- 26 1. Incentivise and encourage the deployment of health professionals and disease experts to the region.
- 26 2. Provide targeted support in terms of hard resources across Sierra Leone – such as beds, latex gloves,
27 chlorine – in addition to injections of funding; accompanied by a comprehensive, fully-funded prevention
28 and awareness campaign in targeted communities.
- 29 3. Persuade British airlines to lift flight restrictions to better enable the flow of aid workers and health
30 professionals to the region.