

Conference Daily

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Autumn Conference 2015 Bournemouth



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F7	Report: Federal Finance & Administration Committee	Approved
F8	Business motion: Membership Subscription and Federal Levy	Passed (Amendment One passed)
F10	Policy motion: Winning in Europe	Passed (Amendments One and Two passed)
F12	Policy motion: Term-Time Family Holiday Rules	Passed
F15	Policy motion: Reducing Tax on Tourism	Passed (Amendment One defeated), the words in line 48 were retained
F16	Report: Federal Executive	Approved
F17	Report: Diversity Engagement Group	Approved
F18	Report: Campaign for Gender Balance	Approved

Emergency motions ballot

The motions selected for debate are:

Keep the Social Care Cap and Fund Our Care System Properly, for debate at F30.

Protecting the BBC, for debate at F39A.

Energy and Democracy, for debate at F39B.

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Additions and updates to the Agenda for Monday 21st September.

F19 Transgender and Intersex Health Charter

Chair: Geoff Payne (Vice Chair, Federal Conference Committee)

Background briefing

This motion develops policy on the rights of transgender and intersex individuals. It builds on existing policy as set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), and in policy paper 120, *Expanding Opportunity, Unlocking Potential* (2014).

F21 Urgent Action on Air Quality and Health

Amendment One

27 conference representatives

Mover: Baroness Randerson (Transport Spokesperson)

Summation: Lord Bradshaw

1 *Delete 2. (lines 56–57) and insert:*

2 2. A requirement for local authorities to provide adequate numbers of on-street charge points for electric
3 cars.

4 *After 4. (line 61), insert:*

5 5. Action to discourage the use of diesel transport refrigeration units and to encourage their replacement
6 with units based on air engines.

7 *In 5. (line 62), after 'buses' insert 'and for further incentives to encourage rapid take-up of Ultra-Low*
8 *Emission Vehicles by drivers, including privileged access for the least polluting vehicles to town centres,*
9 *toll roads and airports'.*

There will be separate votes on the words 'Delete 2. (lines 56–57) and' in line 1; lines 1–3; lines 4–6; and lines 7–9.

Background briefing

This motion reaffirms existing policy and creates new policy on air pollution. It builds on existing policy set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), policy motion *Adapting to Climate Change in the UK* (2014) and policy paper 109, *Green Growth and Green Jobs* (2013).

F22 Speech by Willie Rennie MSP

Aide: Paul Tilsley

Spokespeople Q&A sessions, Monday 21st September

11.00–12.00: **Health.** 15.00–16.00: **Education.** In BIC, Bayview 2.

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F23 Securing a Global Treaty on Climate Change

Chair: Gareth Epps

Amendment One

25 conference representatives

Mover: Duncan Brack

- 1 *Delete lines 40–44 and insert:*
- 2 Conference condemns the government for its irresponsible decisions to:
 - 3 I. end support for onshore wind power and sharply reduce support for other renewable technologies,
 - 4 including solar PV and anaerobic digestion;
 - 5 II. end renewable energy's exemption from the Climate Change Levy;
 - 6 III. reduce the incentives to purchase low-emission cars, through reforms to vehicle excise duty;
 - 7 IV. privatise the Green Investment Bank; and
 - 8 V. scrap the Green Deal and weaken the zero carbon homes standard;
- 9 all of which undermine the UK's ability to meet its climate and renewables targets while at the same
- 10 time increasing local air pollution, losing jobs and investment and harming the UK's international
- 11 competitiveness.

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Background briefing

This motion updates policy on climate change, looking forward to the upcoming UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris. It builds on existing policy as set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), and policy motion *International Cooperation on the Environment* (2012).

F24 Speech by Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP

Hall Aide: Chris Maines

F25 Public Health Service

Amendment One

Manchester Gorton

Mover: Sarah Brown

Summation: Iain Donaldson

- 1 *After 4. (line 39), add:*
- 2 5. Press for a secure funding basis for population studies and intervention trials into public health issues
- 3 whether their importance is local, national or international.

Background briefing

This motion reaffirms and updates existing policy on public health as set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015) and in policy paper 119, *Protecting Public Services and Making Them Work for You* (2014).

F26 Speech by Kirsty Williams AM

Chair: Jo Foster

F27 Scrapping Trident

Amendment One

14 conference representatives

Mover: Baroness Jolly (Defence Spokesperson)

Summation: Rt Hon Sir Simon Hughes

- 1 *Delete lines 3–4 and lines 7–9.*
- 2 *After line 6, insert:*
- 3 In line with our existing policy as set out in policy paper 112, *Defending the Future – UK Defence in the*
- 4 *21st century* (2013), and our recent General Election Manifesto, conference resolves to oppose like-for-
- 5 like replacement of the Trident system as proposed by the Conservative government.

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- 6 Conference believes that the ‘Maingate’ decision to proceed with Trident replacement is such a
7 fundamental question affecting the UK’s national interest that it should be subject to a binding vote in
8 Parliament and not simply a government decision; and calls on Liberal Democrat Parliamentarians to vote
9 against any such proposal should it come before Parliament.
- 10 Conference further calls on the Federal Policy Committee to:
- 11 1. Commission a Policy Working Group to develop policy on the future of Britain’s nuclear deterrent, if
12 any, following a full consultation within the party.
- 13 2. Include within the remit of the working group consideration of:
- 14 a) A full assessment of potential strategic threats to the UK.
15 b) Prospects for the promotion of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and the UK’s potential
16 role in these efforts.
17 c) The implications of a non-nuclear defence posture for the UK on conventional defence capabilities
18 and the UK’s place in the world, including its contribution to the security of Europe through NATO.
19 d) The scope for and implications of a scaled-down nuclear deterrent.
20 e) Independent costings of options.
- 21 3. Bring a policy paper back for debate at Conference within 18 months, including if necessary options
22 for conference to decide.

Amendment Two

Rugby

Mover: Jerry Roodhouse

Summation: Richard Allanach

1 *Delete lines 3 and 4.*

2 *In line 8, delete ‘earliest decommissioning of the existing Trident forces’ and insert ‘government to*
3 *urgently pursue international agreements to halt nuclear arms proliferation and the reduction in the stocks*
4 *of nuclear weapons held around the globe with the overall objective of a comprehensive ban on the*
5 *possession of nuclear weapons’.*

Background briefing

This motion significantly changes policy on Britain’s nuclear capability. Existing policy is set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), and in policy paper 112, *Defending the Future – UK Defence in the 21st Century* (2013).

F28 Constitutional amendment: One Member, One Vote

Summation: Mark Pack

F29 Standing order amendment: One Member, One Vote

Summation: Mark Pack