

# Conference Daily

## Sunday 20th September

### Autumn Conference 2015 Bournemouth



Information from the Conference Committee for Sunday 20th September and report back for Saturday 19th September. Please read in conjunction with the *Agenda* and *Conference Extra*.

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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 are requested to fill in and submit a speaker's card as soon as possible.*

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# Report back for Saturday 19th September

- F3 Report: Federal Conference Committee Approved
- F4 Report: Federal Policy Committee Approved
- F5 Policy motion: Creating Safe and Legal Routes for Refugees Passed (Amendments One and Two passed)
- F6 Policy Pitch

Any party member who wants to give views on how to develop the ideas raised in any of the three pitches can communicate directly with the proposers, leave a message at the information desk, or email the Policy Unit on [steve.o'neil@libdems.org.uk](mailto:steve.o'neil@libdems.org.uk).

## The Official Conference Quiz

Get your thinking caps on!

Join your fellow Lib Dems and our special guest quiz master for a fun-filled evening testing your general (and not so general knowledge) with questions ranging from Greek philosophy to Lib Dem fashion trends!

**Sunday 22.00 to 23.00**

**Marriott Highcliff, Dorchester Suite**

## Spokespeople Q&A sessions

**Sunday 20th September**

11.00–12.00: **Environment**

15.00–16.00: **Foreign Affairs**

16.30–17.30: **Civil Liberties**

In BIC, Bayview 2

See Directory for details of all sessions



## Fringe Meeting at the Autumn Conference

Sunday 20th September 2015

6.15pm in BIC, Bayview 2

### ***Should Britain and the EU recognise Palestine now?***



#### **Hannah Weisfeld**

Executive Director of Yachad, a UK Jewish organisation which advocates fairness and justice for Palestinians. She was very critical of the Netanyahu government during the Gaza conflict of 2014. She has lived and worked in Israel and Malawi.



#### **Sir Vincent Fean**

British Consul General in Jerusalem and Ramallah from 2014 to 2015. He had previously served in Tripoli as HM Ambassador to Libya between 2006 and 2010. He is a Trustee of Medical Aid for Palestinians.



#### **Lord Wallace of Saltaire**

Made a peer in 1995 and became the Liberal Democrat spokesman on Foreign Affairs and Defence. He served as minister and whip during the Coalition Government. He is currently Lords spokesperson on foreign affairs.

Hannah Weisfeld and Sir Vincent Fean will discuss the prospects for Peace and how international pressure might help to bring that about. Chaired by Lord Wallace of Saltaire.

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## *Additions and updates to the Agenda for Sunday 20th September.*

### **F7 Report: Federal Finance & Administration Committee**

#### **Q1 Submitted by Peter Tyzack**

What arrangements can be made to enable participants in Policy Working Groups to claim for reasonable travel expenses to attend London based meetings?

My concern is that if participation is limited to just those who can afford the cost of travel then there will be a skew to policy outcomes as being either a London-centric view or a well-heeled view. Some of our policy development certainly needs the input of those on lower incomes and those who may live outside the south-east, and the only way to enlarge the pool of talent is to enable those would-be contributors to take part.

### **Amendment One**

*Liberal Youth*

Mover: Charlie Kingsbury

Summation: Ryan Mercer

- 1 *In 4. (line 18), after 'a special introductory rate of £1' insert 'to apply for each of the first two years of*
- 2 *membership'.*

### **F8 Membership subscription**

Summation: Peter Dunphy (Chair, Federal Finance & Administration Committee)

### **F9 Agenda 2020 – First Session**

*This will be the more informal of the two Agenda 2020 sessions. The session will be opened with brief comments from a panel drawn from the Federal Policy Committee. Participants will be able to respond, with brief thoughts and comments, simply by sticking their hands up; stewards will have a number of roving microphones to get to them. The chair of the session will switch back to the panel for responses every so often, and for a brief summary at the end.*

*Copies of the set of essays which accompanies the Agenda 2020 consultation exercise are available from the information desk.*

*The panel will include Jenny Woods, Prateek Buch, Dr Belinda Brooks-Gordon and Baroness Smith of Newnham.*

## **Internet access**

Free Wifi is available throughout the BIC.  
Network Name / SSID: BIC

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in PDF, plain text and  
clear print formats, are  
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## F10 Winning in Europe

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

- 1 *In lines 3 and 25 delete 'YES' and insert 'In', and in line 20 delete 'a YES' and insert 'an In'.*
- 2 *After 1. (line 31), insert:*
  - 3 2. Britain's membership of the EU provides a major incentive for investment in manufacturing industry
  - 4 from non-EU companies, notably in the Process, Engineering and Automotive industries, and that
  - 5 this investment brings thousands of jobs to regions of the UK which have suffered from the loss of
  - 6 traditional heavy industry over the last half century – the loss of such investment would be disastrous
  - 7 for employment and prosperity in those areas.
- 8 *After 4. (line 49), insert:*
  - 9 5. The EU provides significant support for rural economies, the environment and rural communities
  - 10 through programmes such as Leader and support for British agriculture – the level playing field
  - 11 provided by the EU agricultural market is essential for the future of farming and rural areas.

## Amendment One

*Keighley & Shipley and Calderdale*

Mover: Gareth Epps

Summation: Richard Gadsden

- 1 *In line 18, delete 'involving' and insert 'with a dual approach in which Liberal Democrats work with and in*
- 2 *parallel to'.*

### Sessions for conference newbies

Sunday 20th September  
16.30–17.30

Writing a Conference Motion /  
Policy Development

Federal Conference Committee (FCC) /  
Federal Policy Committee (FPC)

**BIC, Branksome**

***Please note that the advertised session  
at 14.30 has been cancelled and  
merged with the session above.***

### Conference phone bank

**Exhibition Hall,  
15.00–18.00 Sunday to Tuesday**

We are mobilising our supporters ahead of  
important elections next year.

Whether you're new to phone canvassing or an  
experienced caller, come and participate in the  
conference phone bank live from the exhibition  
centre.

Our team of friendly and experienced volunteer  
callers will help you get started.

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## Amendment Two

*Brussels & Europe, Lewisham and 23 conference representatives*

Mover: Giles Goodall

Summation: Lord Tyler (Constitutional Reform Spokesperson)

1 *Delete lines 71–73 and insert:*

2 Conference recognises that the outcome of the EU Referendum will be of immense long-term significance  
3 and therefore calls for the Referendum Bill to extend the franchise to include:

4 i) All 16 and 17 year olds.

5 ii) All EU citizens resident in the UK.

6 iii) All UK citizens resident in other EU countries.

*There will be separate votes on i), ii) and iii) (lines 4, 5 and 6 ) of Amendment Two.*

### Background briefing

This motion sets out policy on the coming referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union. It builds on existing policy set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), in the European Parliamentary Election Manifesto, *In Europe, In Work* (2014) and in policy paper 113, *Prosperous, Stable and Secure* (2013).

## F12 Term-time Family Holiday Rules

### Background briefing

This motion creates new policy on changes to rules around term-time holiday for school children. It adds to education policy in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015) and in policy paper 119, *Protecting Public Services* (2014).

## F13 Speech by Baroness Walmsley

Chair: Chris Maines

Aide: Shas Sheehan

## F15 Reducing Tax on Tourism

Hall Aide: Paul Tilsley

Summation: Martin Horwood

## Amendment One

*10 conference representatives*

Mover: Lord Newby

Summation: Lorely Burt

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1 *After k) (line 29), insert:*

- 2 l) The conclusions of the 2007 Lyons Inquiry and 2013 report of the London Finance Commission which  
3 considered the potential benefits of a small per room per night charge on hotels.  
4 m) The decision in January of Camden Council to institute a £1 per room per night charge on hotel stays  
5 in the borough.

6 *After 1. (line 34), insert:*

- 7 2. The benefits of reductions in taxation should be particularly targeted at smaller hotels and tourist  
8 attractions.

9 *In 4. (line 40), after 'tourism' insert 'particularly smaller hotels and tourist attractions'.*

10 *Delete 6. (lines 46–47) and insert:*

- 11 6. Measures to reduce the tax burden on small and independent hotels and tourist attractions, including  
12 through a reduction in VAT, would send a strong message that Britain is open for business and open  
13 to tourists.

14 *In line 48, after 'for' insert 'l.' and after line 49 add:*

- 15 ll. The initial upfront cost of this measure to be offset against a modest per night charge on occupied  
16 hotel rooms for the largest hotels and hotel chains.

*There will be a separate vote to delete the words 'and attractions' in line 48.*

## **Background briefing**

This motion creates new policy regarding the Tourism VAT rate. Tourism policy in general was last addressed by policy motion *Valuing Tourism and Tourists* (2004).

## **F16 Report: Federal Executive**

### **Q1 Submitted by Mark Pack**

The motion on one-member, one-vote passed last Autumn set out several next steps. Some of these are covered by the constitutional and standing order amendments tabled for this conference. What progress has been made on the other points set out in the motion as passed (reforming confidentiality rules for committees, allowing committee votes to be recorded and amending election regulations)?

### **Q2 Submitted by Andrew Hudson**

Why was Reports to conference posted on the Party website in a format that was difficult to access and download unlike the other documents?

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## **Q3 Submitted by Robert Adamson**

Why doesn't the FE, directly or through its committees, ensure that our publications and website follow accessibility guidelines issued by the RNIB & others regarding, for example, the need for adequate contrast between text and background for both print and electronic communications?

## **Q4 Submitted by Alisdair McGregor**

Could the Federal Executive provide a progress report and a timescale for completion & publication of its responsibilities under clause 20 of the Federal Party Leadership Election Regulations?

## **Q5 Submitted by Jacquie Bell**

Ad Lib is now all member quarterly. Why were monthly subscribers only advised of changes if they phoned HQ to ask why expected issues had not been received?

## **Q6 Submitted by Sarah Brown**

Material produced by Liberal Democrats HQ has consistently included errors such as referring to delivering "Equal Marriage" rather than "Same Sex Marriage", and writing "homophobia" when "homo, bi and transphobia" was meant. These errors were pointed out by LGBT+ LibDems, as it rendered all centrally-produced campaign material useless for LGBT campaigning. LGBT+ LibDems were told the incorrect language would continue to be used.

Could the FE explain why these terms are used despite the objections of LGBT+ LibDems?

## **F17 Report: Diversity Engagement Group**

### **Q1 Submitted by Simon Hughes**

Liberal Democrat efforts to increase diversity of race, ethnicity, and faith have clearly not succeeded so far in making sure we have a representative group of parliamentarians in the Commons and in other parts of the party. Will the chair now bring forward a proposal to next year's Autumn conference for the party to support legislation to allow all BAME short lists if constituency parties, regional, or state parties wish this-initially for a trial period and learning from the experience of the legislation of all female shortlists?

## **F18 Report: Campaign for Gender Balance Report**

Mover: Rosalyn Harper (Chair, Liberal Democrat Women)

### **Q1 Submitted by Simon Hughes**

Liberal Democrat efforts to increase diversity of gender have clearly not succeeded so far in making sure we have a representative group of parliamentarians in the Commons and in other parts of the party. Will the chair now bring forward a proposal to next year's Autumn conference for the party to allow all women short lists if constituency parties, regional, or state parties wish this?



# Emergency motions ballot

*Three of the following motions will be selected by ballot to be debated either as F30 at 09.00 on Tuesday 22nd September or as F39A at 09.00 or as F39B at 09.30 on Wednesday 23rd September.*

*A ballot paper is attached at the back of this Conference Daily and the ballot box will be open in the Auditorium in the BIC between 09.00 and 13.00 on Sunday 20th September. Please note that you will need to show your voting representative's photo pass when submitting the ballot paper.*

## **Emergency Motion 1: Energy and Democracy**

*23 conference representatives*

- 1 Conference notes that:
- 2 A. The new UK government is introducing measures to fast track shale gas drilling planning applications
- 3 and undermine the democratic integrity of local decisions.
- 4 B. At the same time they are withdrawing pre-registration of small scale renewable schemes, and
- 5 lowering feed-in tariffs, increasing the financial risks for individual and community schemes.
- 6 Conference recognises that:
- 7 i) Local battles over fracking planning applications, in places such as Ryedale and Lancashire, urgently
- 8 need our support.
- 9 ii) Small scale, community renewable energy schemes democratise the energy market and deserve our
- 10 support.
- 11 Conference calls on the UK Government to:
- 12 1. Respect local decisions on both renewable energy and fracking, and significantly reduce the frequency
- 13 with which they are overridden after being called in to be reviewed centrally.
- 14 2. Maintain the practice of permitting small scale renewable energy schemes to pre-register for
- 15 government support.
- 16 3. Provide people with access to independent expert advice on finding finance and gaining planning
- 17 permission for domestic and community renewable energy schemes.

## **Emergency Motion 2: Keep the Social Care Cap and Fund Our Care System Properly**

*ALDC*

- 1 Conference notes:
- 2 a) The role played by Liberal Democrats in establishing the Dilnot Commission, legislating for its
- 3 introduction, and the work carried out by Liberal Democrats to try and secure a cross party agreement
- 4 on long term funding of social care.
- 5 b) That the Conservative Party was elected to Government with a clear and unambiguous promise in
- 6 their manifesto to cap care costs from 2016 onwards.
- 7 c) That George Osborne's emergency budget in July 2015 provided no extra funding for social care.
- 8 d) That the Dilnot Commission was established to identify a practical solution to the question of how



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9 the burden of catastrophic care costs is shared between the State and the individual, it was never  
10 intended to resolve the overall funding of the system.  
11 e) That social care has suffered from chronic underfunding and unlike the NHS has not enjoyed any  
12 protection. An underfunded social care system simply increases costs in the NHS.

13 Conference condemns the recent government decision to shelve plans for a cap on care costs, (in effect  
14 abandoning the care cap), with an estimated £100m of public money spent on preparation set to be  
15 wasted and uncertainty for the future of those who will be needing these care services.

16 Conference therefore calls on:

- 17 1. The government to ensure that social care is sustainably funded to ensure that people receive the right  
18 care in the right place at the right time and that no one faces catastrophic care costs.
- 19 2. The government to cancel the increase in the allowance threshold for inheritance tax and use the  
20 saving to contribute to these reforms.
- 21 3. All Liberal Democrats to campaign on this issue in their local areas.

## Emergency Motion 3: Protecting Bees

*11 conference representatives*

1 Conference notes that:

- 2 A. Liberal Democrats have a long history of working to protect the natural environment, and to preserve  
3 wildlife and biodiversity.
- 4 B. Bees and other insect pollinators have a crucial role to play in the pollination of crops and pastures  
5 and in maintaining bio-diversity, and are vital to the UK food economy.
- 6 C. There has been a substantial decline in many species of bees in the UK.
- 7 D. In Government Liberal Democrats set out a National Pollinator Strategy, an ambitious 10-year plan  
8 to help pollinating insects thrive, and better inform our knowledge about the various threats that  
9 pollinators are facing.
- 10 E. Research suggests a link between the health of honeybees and wild bee populations and the use of  
11 certain neonicotinoids, a group of chemicals used as agrotoxins, as seed treatments for oilseed rape.
- 12 F. The Chief Scientific Advisor has recently acknowledged research showing the impact of neonicotinoids  
13 on wild bees and bumble bee colonies in Sweden as “an important contribution to the evidence base”
- 14 G. Since 2013 the EU has imposed severe restrictions on the use of three neonicotinoids which the UK  
15 has implemented in full.

16 Conference is concerned that:

- 17 a) On 23 July Conservative ministers announced that they would temporarily relax the ban on  
18 neonicotinoids for an area of around 30,000 hectares, ignoring the advice of the Chief Scientific  
19 Advisor.
- 20 b) The Government suppressed basic information around the decision to authorise neonicotinoids  
21 seed treatments on oilseed rape and announced the decision during Parliamentary recess, denying  
22 Parliamentary scrutiny.
- 23 c) This may signal the Conservative Government deprioritising the protection of bees and pollinators.

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24 Conference therefore calls on the Government to:

- 25 1. Implement and build on the National Pollinator Strategy set out by Liberal Democrats in Government.
- 26 2. Take an evidence-based approach to future restrictions on neonicotinoids and aim to end the  
27 authorisation of insecticides that kill bees and other wildlife.
- 28 3. Work closely with the farming community to encourage bee and pollinator friendly measures such as  
29 greater crop rotation and the creation and maintenance of hedges and wild flower rich meadows.
- 30 4. Promote the use of alternative pest control measures in food production.
- 31 5. Bring forward legal protection for bumblebee nests to prevent unlicensed destruction.

## Emergency Motion 4: Protecting the BBC

*12 conference representatives*

1 Conference notes that:

- 2 a) Creative industries are now worth £77bn to the UK economy, being the fastest-growing sector over  
3 the last five years.
- 4 b) The BBC forms a crucial part of the creative industries in the UK, developing and delivering content  
5 that informs, educates and entertains.
- 6 c) BBC research found 96% of people use the BBC every week, spending an average of 18.5 hours  
7 watching, listening or online.
- 8 d) There is growing debate around the existence of the licence fee funding model, with the recent  
9 Government consultation raising possibilities of a subscription-based model to replace the licence fee.

10 Conference notes with concern:

- 11 i) The recent Conservative budget placing responsibility for covering the costs of licence fees for over-  
12 75s on the BBC, at an estimated cost of £725m, effectively making the BBC the vehicle to deliver  
13 elements of the welfare state.
- 14 ii) That the current Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has previously attacked the licence  
15 fee as 'worse than a poll tax.'
- 16 iii) That the advisory board selected to provide expert advice to the Secretary of State on the future of  
17 the BBC has been handpicked by the Secretary of State himself, with no recognition of the Nolan  
18 principles of accountability and openness.
- 19 iv) The continued ideological attack on the BBC by members of the Conservative Party, linking attacks on  
20 BBC election coverage to the renewal of the BBC's charter.

21 Conference believes:

- 22 A. Public service broadcasting plays a vital role in entertaining, educating and informing, not least through  
23 the provision of independent, objective and accurate news and a wide range of opinion.
- 24 B. The role the BBC has played as the leading public service broadcaster, with its trusted status,  
25 its pioneering position in developing new technologies and programming formats, acting as the  
26 'university' of broadcasting, as well as promoting Britain around the world.
- 27 C. It is inappropriate for the Government to force the BBC to act as a vehicle to deliver statutory elements  
28 of the welfare state, effectively making the BBC a branch office of the DWP.
- 29 D. The existence of the BBC is beneficial to the creative industries across the UK, especially in areas  
30 such as Bristol, Cardiff and Manchester, where BBC investment has helped to create jobs and deliver  
31 economic growth.

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- 32 E. A strong, independent BBC that can continue to deliver world class programming that educates,  
33 informs and entertains is vital to the development of British creative industries.
- 34 F. Any decisions about the future of the BBC, including any changes to the funding model, must be  
35 taken in full consultation with licence fee payers.
- 36 Conference calls on the Government to:
- 37 1. Reverse their decision requiring the BBC to fund licence fees for over 75s.  
38 2. Publish the details of the appointment process for the advisory board, in order to give licence fee  
39 payers confidence in the process.  
40 3. Publish a clear and coherent remit for the work of the advisory board, specifically detailing  
41 their accountability to the general public and the criteria on which they will be making their  
42 recommendations.  
43 4. Ensure the public are given every possible opportunity to contribute to the debate and consultation  
44 around the BBC's future.  
45 5. Maintain stable and secure funding through the continuation of the licence fee, and restrict future  
46 increases in the licence fee to no more than inflation.

## Emergency Motion 5: Schengen

*Calderdale*

- 1 Conference expresses concern:
- 2 1. That recent actions by several EU member states in regards to the refugee crisis have lead to  
3 warnings of the end of the Schengen Area and its principles of free movement.  
4 2. That public attitudes to asylum seekers and refugees are at an all time low, with misinformation about  
5 the legal rights of refugees and asylum seekers being touted as facts by the right-wing press.  
6 3. That the closure of the Sangatte refugee camp and processing centre in 2002 has since resulted in  
7 squalid conditions in the Calais "jungle".
- 8 Conference believes:
- 9 A. That the right of free movement for European citizens is a fundamental principle of the European  
10 Union.  
11 B. That the United Kingdom should fully embrace the right of free movement.  
12 C. That the United Kingdom's immigration controls would not be substantially affected by joining the  
13 Schengen Area, as all European citizens have the right of free movement into the United Kingdom in  
14 any case, and the Schengen Treaty allows border controls for non-EU at airports and seaports.  
15 D. That joining the Schengen Area would have substantial benefits, particularly in terms of pan-European  
16 infrastructure, justice, and security. Furthermore, joining the Schengen Area may allow refugees and  
17 non-EU migrants to be processed into appropriate habitable accommodation.
- 18 Conference:
- 19 a) Calls for the United Kingdom to apply to join the Schengen Area.  
20 b) Recommends that the United Kingdom and the Irish governments to negotiate joint entry into the  
21 Schengen Area so as to seamlessly subsume the Common Travel Area into the Schengen Area.

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## Emergency Motion 6: Standing up for Young People

### *Liberal Youth*

- 1 Conference notes that the July budget by the Conservative Government will have a detrimental impact on  
2 young people.
- 3 Conference notes with particular concern measures including:
- 4 i) Exempting those under 25 from the increased minimum wage, which will widen the gap in earnings  
5 between young and older people and may cause an employment 'cliff edge' at the age of 25 when the  
6 cost of employing someone increases.
- 7 ii) Cuts to tax credits, which will have a disproportionate impact on young people, especially young  
8 parents, who are not covered by the increased minimum wage.
- 9 iii) The conversion of Student Maintenance Grants into loans, which will act as a disincentive to young  
10 people from poorer backgrounds to attend university.
- 11 iv) Plans to consult on further changes to the tuition fees system, including freezing the repayment  
12 threshold at £21,000 while increasing the amount of interest paid, which will mean students paying  
13 back more while on comparatively lower pay.
- 14 v) Withdrawing housing benefit from 18 to 21 year olds, which will make it harder for people to leave  
15 home in search of work, and will hit young people in low income jobs, particularly those without a  
16 strong family network on which to fall back.
- 17 vi) That the education budget will only be protected on the basis of increasing pupil numbers, not in  
18 overall real terms, meaning they will spend £5.16 billion less per year by 2020 than under Liberal  
19 Democrat proposals.
- 20 Conference believes that:
- 21 a) The measures in the Conservative budget will be deeply damaging to both the opportunities and  
22 outcomes for young people, increasing intergenerational inequality and make it harder for future  
23 generations to succeed.
- 24 b) That the Government should instead be investing in creating opportunities for young people so they  
25 may fulfil their potential and contribute to our economy and society.
- 26 c) The Government needs to place a greater emphasis on reducing the number of young people facing  
27 poverty.
- 28 Conference therefore calls for Liberal Democrats to:
- 29 1. Oppose measures to limit the increase in the minimum wage to those over 25.
- 30 2. Oppose cuts to tax credits for under 25s, so long as they are not covered by the mitigating effect of  
31 the increased minimum wage as those over 25 are.
- 32 3. Champion further tax incentives for small businesses in order to help them employ people under 25 on  
33 the newly increase minimum wage.
- 34 4. Oppose the exclusion of 18 – 21 year olds from housing benefit.
- 35 5. Oppose further changes to the tuition fee and student grants settlements that effectively increase  
36 costs for those attending university.
- 37 6. Continue to fight for the overall education budget to be excluded from further cuts to departmental  
38 spending.
- 39 7. Ensure young people are given a voice in the democratic process by supporting measures to extend  
40 the franchise to 16 and 17 year olds, including supporting amendments passed by Liberal Democrats  
41 in the House of Lords on the voting age for local elections when they enter the Commons.

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## Emergency motions ballot paper

*Please vote by indicating your preferences in order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6).*

Motion	Preference
<b>Energy and Democracy</b>	
<b>Keep the Social Care Cap and Fund Our Care System Properly</b>	
<b>Protecting Bees</b>	
<b>Protecting the BBC</b>	
<b>Schengen</b>	
<b>Standing up for Young People</b>	

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