

# Conference Daily

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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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F19	Policy motion: Transgender and Intersex Health Charter	Passed
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F28	Constitutional amendment: One Member, One Vote	Passed
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## 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.

## Spokespeople Q&A sessions

Tuesday 22nd September

15.00–16.00: **Local Government**

In BIC, Bayview 2

See Directory for details of all sessions

## Glee Club

Dorchester Suite, Marriott

Tuesday 22nd September 22.00 to 02.00

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Cash Bar with special bar prices.



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# Tuesday 22nd September

## F30 Emergency motion: Keep the Social Care Cap and Fund Our Care System Properly

ALDC

Mover: Norman Lamb MP (Health Spokesperson)

Summation: Cllr Richard Kemp

- 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  
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.

*Applicability: England only.*

### Background briefing

This motion updates policy on social care funding, building on existing policy as set out in the General Election Manifesto *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), policy paper 119, *Protecting Public Services and Making Them Work for You* (2014), and policy paper 122, *Age Ready Britain* (2014).

*Note: Emergency motion Protecting the BBC will be debated at F39A at 09.00 and emergency motion Energy and Democracy will be debated at F39B at 09.30, both on Wednesday 23rd September.*

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## F31 Agenda 2020 – Second Session

*This consultative session will end at 10.50.*

*Introduction by Duncan Brack (Vice Chair, Federal Policy Committee); summation by Baroness Smith of Newnham (Vice Chair, Federal Policy Committee).*

*This session will be more structured than the first Agenda 2020 session; you will need to fill in speakers' cards in advance, as you would for a normal debate, and speeches will be limited to three minutes. But again, the session offers you the chance to tell us your responses to the paper.*

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

## F32 Delivering the Housing Britain Needs

*Note: this debate will start at 10.50.*

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

- 1 *In 2. (line 35), after 'boost' insert 'sustainable'.*
- 2 *In 2. (line 35), after 'building' insert 'remedying market failure through capital investment to tackle*
- 3 *inequalities in the housing market, and providing adequate supplies of affordable housing as part of a*
- 4 *balanced mix of tenure'.*
- 5 *In 8. c) (line 53) after 'supply' insert 'in addition to the incentives available through the Community*
- 6 *Infrastructure Levy'.*

### Amendment One

*Waverley*

Mover: Stewart Edge

Summation: John Robini

- 1 *After IV. (line 11), insert:*
- 2 *V. The Right to Buy and the reduction in social rented building has led to insufficient housing for those*
- 3 *who cannot afford to buy or pay market rents – and a steadily increasing burden on the state (now*
- 4 *over £20 billion a year) of housing benefit payments, with increasing amounts going to private*
- 5 *landlords.*
- 6 *In 1. (line 34) after 'year' insert '– in line with the demand for social rented housing there should be*
- 7 *an increase to around 30% in the proportion of new housing built by Local Councils and Housing*
- 8 *Associations, funded as in 2., 5., 6. and 7. below'.*

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- 9 *Delete 7. (lines 44–45) and insert:*
- 10 7. Requiring Councils to use all receipts from any sales of ‘Right to Buy’ housing to invest in new social  
11 rented (Council or Housing Association) housing, and with this constraint, otherwise devolve control  
12 over Right to Buy Council Housing to Local Authorities.

*There will be a separate vote on lines 9–12 of Amendment One.*

## Amendment Two

*Bermondsey & Old Southwark*

Mover: Adele Morris

Summation: Anood Al-Samerai

- 1 After V. (line 13), insert:
- 2 VI. Some housing associations are setting their affordable rent at the same level as the current housing  
3 benefit cap, which could be subject to reduction in future budget reviews.
- 4 VII. Intermediate/shared ownership schemes in many places frequently require a household income that is  
5 significantly higher than the median wage for the area.
- 6 VIII. The Government’s plan to charge higher rent to existing social housing tenants with incomes greater  
7 than £30,000 (and £40,000 in Greater London) will make continued renting of council properties  
8 impossible for many existing tenants with hugely adverse financial and social consequences.
- 9 *In line 32, after ‘housing’ insert ‘, especially for those on a low income,’.*
- 10 *Delete 5. (line 39) and insert:*
- 11 5. Ambitious targets for development on unwanted public sector sites, with priority given to social  
12 housing where there is a shortage of council-owned land to deliver this.
- 13 *After 8. c) (line 53), add:*
- 14 9. Restoration of the housing grant for Registered Social Landlords (RSL) and greater Local  
15 Authority control over the affordable rent setting for RSL housing in areas where market rents are  
16 disproportionately higher than the median income.
- 17 10. A higher income threshold for housing authorities where social housing rents are raised for existing  
18 tenants, the levels to be fixed by an independent body to be established by agreement between HMG  
19 and the LGA.

## Amendment Three

*Rugby*

Mover: Jerry Roodhouse

Summation: Richard Allanach

- 1 *After V. (line 13), insert:*
- 2 VI. The 2014 study by the University of the West of England demonstrating that there is sufficient space  
3 on brownfield land to build a further million homes.

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4 *After 8. c) (line 53), add:*

5 d) Pilot new planning conditions that would invoke a 'use-it-or-lose-it condition' requiring developers  
6 to build their scheme within three years of receiving planning permission to ensure developers  
7 do not 'land bank' accumulated permissions, but rather that local communities benefit from the  
8 planning permissions granted.

9 9. A government scheme to provide financial incentives to develop unviable brownfield sites including  
10 grants for the restoration of contaminated land.

## Background briefing

This motion reaffirms and updates policy set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), and in policy motion *Building the Affordable Homes We Need* (2014).

## F34 Human Rights

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

1 *In B. (line 67), after 'ECHR' insert 'and the Human Rights Act'.*

2 *In C. (line 69), after 'ECHR' insert 'along with the critical mechanisms of the Human Rights Act which  
3 relate to public authorities, legislation and courts in the UK;'*

## Amendment One

*Calderdale*

Mover: Sarah Noble

Summation: Dr Mick Taylor

*The Federal Conference Committee has accepted drafting amendments to Amendment One. The Amendment therefore now reads as follows:*

1 *After 2. c) (line 88), add:*

2 3. The Government to demonstrate its commitment to human rights by:

3 a) Ratifying, acceding to and incorporating into domestic law all outstanding protocols of the  
4 European Convention on Human Rights, including but not limited to:

5 i) Protocol 1, Article 2 (Right to education).

6 ii) Protocol 4 (Right of free movement).

7 iii) Protocol 7 (Rights of those accused of a crime).

8 iv) Protocol 12 (Right of non-discrimination).

9 b) Creating a statutory obligation for the Government to act in cases where violations of the  
10 Convention have been found.

*There will be a separate vote on 3. b) (lines 9–10) of Amendment One.*

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## Background briefing

This motion reaffirms and updates policy on human rights most recently set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), policy motion *A Digital Bill of Rights* (2014), policy paper 117, *Power to the People* (2014), and policy motion *Human Rights* (2013).

## F35 Charles Kennedy Tribute

*Note: The London memorial service for Charles Kennedy will take place on Wednesday 4th November.*

## F38 Governance Review

*When submitting a Speaker's Card, conference representatives should indicate which section and question in the consultation paper they wish to address. Cards should be collected from and returned to the Speakers' Table at the front of the auditorium, an auditorium steward or the Information Desk. Speeches will be limited to 2 minutes.*

*Note: this session is for party members only.*

### Left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available at the Marriott Highcliff between 08.00 and 15.00 on Wednesday 23rd September.

Please note that capacity is limited and will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

A charge of £2 will apply.

### Party Awards

Party Awards will be given out prior to the Leader's speech at 11.45am on Wednesday. These are an important way for the Party to say thank you to some incredibly hard-working and devoted party members, and it would be great to see as much support for them as possible. If you're receiving an award please make sure you get there early and make yourself known to the stewards so they can show you to your seat.





# RICS Residential Reception

**Liberal Democrat Conference**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Clifton Suite, Hermitage Hotel**  
**18.15–19.30**

Join us for the launch of our Residential Policy Paper with leading Parliamentarians, property professionals and RICS members. Wine and canapés will be provided.

Speakers will include: -

**John Pugh** (MP for Southport)

**Jeremy Blackburn** (Head of Policy, RICS)

**Ben Collins** (Wales & Northern Ireland Director, RICS)

**Philip Beattie** FRICS FNARA (Associate Director, Savills; Chair of RICS South Wessex Local Association)

