

Conference Daily

Wednesday 23rd September

Autumn Conference 2015 Bournemouth



Information from the Conference Committee for Tuesday 22nd September and report back for Wednesday 23rd September. Please read in conjunction with the *Agenda* and *Conference Extra*.

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If no page number is indicated next to a session or item of business, there are no changes or additional information to that in the Conference Agenda or Conference Extra.

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F30	Emergency motion: Keep the Social Care Cap and Fund Our Care System Properly	Passed
F32	Policy motion: Delivering the Housing Britain Needs	Passed (Amendment One was passed with lines 9–12 deleted, Amendments Two and Three passed)
F34	Policy motion: Human Rights	Passed (Amendment One passed with lines 9–10 deleted)
F36	Constitutional amendment: Deputy Leader	Referred back to the Federal Executive Governance Review
F37	Constitutional amendment: Leader's Veto	Conference did not vote on this motion because a procedural motion to move to next business was passed.

Kennedy Memorial

CORRECTION

The London memorial service for Charles Kennedy will take place on Tuesday 3rd November.

Lost property

The information desk in the main foyer of the BIC has a collection of lost property.

Please claim any lost property before you leave.

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.

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

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09.30–10.30: Party Affairs

(Party members only)

In BIC, Bayview 2

See Directory for details of all sessions

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.

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Additions and updates to the Agenda for Wednesday 23rd September.

F39A Emergency motion: Protecting the BBC

12 conference representatives

Mover: Lord Clement-Jones

Summation: Baroness Northover

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.
- 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.

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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.

Applicability: Federal.

Background briefing

This motion updates policy on the BBC. Existing policy is set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), and in policy motion *A Strong, Independent, Well-Financed BBC* (2004).

F39B Emergency motion: Energy and Democracy

23 conference representatives

Mover: Steve Bolter

Summation: Graham Neale

- 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.

Applicability: England and Wales.

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Background briefing

This motion updates policy on energy, including on fracking and renewable energy. Existing policy is set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), and policy paper 109, *Green Growth Green Jobs* (2013).

F40 No-one Should be Enslaved by Poverty

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

- 1 *After ii) f) (line 22), insert:*
- 2 iii) The decision of the Labour Party to abstain rather than vote against the £12bn cuts.

Amendment One

Stockton

Mover: Suzanne Fletcher

Summation: Joye Rosenstiel

- 1 *After ii) f) (line 22), insert:*
- 2 iii) That the Home Secretary reintroduced cuts to the rate of support for children of asylum seekers by
- 3 varying amounts, up to £23 per child, to take effect on August 10th; these cuts would have been
- 4 brought in at the end of the last parliament but for Liberal Democrat intervention.
- 5 *After I. (line 75), insert:*
- 6 J. That all children living in the UK have the right to adequate financial support, regardless of the status of
- 7 their parents.

Background briefing

This motion reaffirms and updates policy on social security. Existing policy is set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), and policy motions *Reforming the Welfare System* (2014) and *Food Poverty* (2014).

F41 Youth Services

Mover: Mathew Hulbert

Summation: Jack Davies

Amendment One

Keighley & Shipley and 10 conference representatives

Mover: Roger Whyborn

Summation: Linda Jack

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- 1 Delete C. (lines 7–8).
- 2 In 2 (lines 29–30), delete ‘to do all we can, within the wider economic constraints,’.
- 3 In 2 (line 31), after ‘youth services’ insert ‘including putting the funding of youth services on a statutory
- 4 footing’.

Background briefing

This motion updates policy on youth services. Existing policy is set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015).

Conference timetable 2016

11th–13th March 2016, York

Drafting advice deadline (motions)	13.00	Wednesday	30th December 2015
Motions deadline	13.00	Wednesday	13th January 2016
Drafting advice deadline (amendments, emergency motions)	13.00	Tuesday	23rd February 2016
Deadline for amendments to motions, emergency motions, topical issues, questions to reports	13.00	Tuesday	8th March 2016

17th–21st September 2016, Brighton

Drafting advice deadline (motions)	13.00	Wednesday	15th June 2016
Motions deadline	13.00	Wednesday	29th June 2016
Drafting advice deadline (amendments, emergency motions)	13.00	Monday	22nd August 2016
Deadline for amendments to motions, emergency motions, topical issues, questions to reports	13.00	Monday	5th September 2016

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