

# Conference Extra

## Autumn Conference

Bournemouth 19th–23rd September 2015



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 BIC each morning – it will be vital to your understanding of the day's business.

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# #LibDemFightback

## Members Rally



### Why we're Liberal Democrats

Confirmed speakers  
Tim Farron MP and Sal Brinton,  
plus special guests.

**#LibDemFightback**

Saturday 19th September 2015  
18.15–19.15  
BIC, Auditorium

## Sessions for conference newbies

Saturday 19th September  
13.00–14.00

Procedures / speaking at conference  
Federal Conference Committee (FCC)  
**BIC, Avon**

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  
on Sunday at 14.30 has been cancelled  
and the FPC session on Policy Development  
has now been merged with the FCC session  
at 16.30.*

## Spokespeople Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Q&A sessions during conference, where you can ask questions of our Spokespeople on the issues relating to their responsibilities.

All sessions will take place in Bayview 2 in the BIC.

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

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|----------------|-------------|---|
| Saturday 19th  | 16.30–17.30 | <b>Business</b> with Lorely Burt  |
| Sunday 20th    | 11.00–12.00 | <b>Environment</b> with Kate Parminter  |
| Sunday 20th    | 15.00–16.00 | <b>Foreign Affairs</b> with Tom Brake, Sarah Ludford, William Wallace, Judith Jolly & Lindsay Northover |
| Sunday 20th    | 16.30–17.30 | <b>Civil liberties</b> with Alistair Carmichael, Brian Paddick, Jonathan Marks & Sally Hamwee           |
| Monday 21st    | 11.00–12.00 | <b>Health</b> with Norman Lamb & Joan Walmsley  |
| Monday 21st    | 15.00–16.00 | <b>Education</b> with John Pugh & Mike Storey   |
| Tuesday 22nd   | 15.00–16.00 | <b>Local Government</b> with Dorothy Thornhill (TBC) & John Shipley                                     |
| Wednesday 23rd | 09.30–10.30 | <b>Party Affairs</b> with Tim Gordon & Sal Brinton<br>(Party members only)                              |

# Information update

## Auditorium information – disabled access

Wheelchair access to the stage: Please note that wheelchair access to the stage at this conference will be via a wheelchair lift located behind the drape on the left side of the stage (behind the Stewards' table).

## Consultative sessions – Agenda 2020

### Your chance to have your say

Over the summer, the Federal Policy Committee launched the 'Agenda 2020' exercise – a major consultation within the party on Liberal Democrats' basic beliefs, values and approaches. Our political philosophy is the backbone around which we build our policies on specific issues, and a vital part of our fightback.

A short consultation paper, Agenda 2020, and an accompanying set of essays setting out the personal opinions of a range of individuals within the party are both available on the party website at [www.libdems.org.uk/agenda2020](http://www.libdems.org.uk/agenda2020).

The paper sets out a brief description of the Liberal Democrat philosophy and outlines the policy challenges the country, and the party, will face over the next five years. Responses to the paper can be submitted via the website, but we are also discussing it at two consultative sessions during conference. Each of them gives an opportunity to you to give us your thoughts on what's in the paper, what you like, what you don't like, and what's missing.

The session on Sunday (09.25–11.20) will be the more informal of the two. The session will be opened by with brief comments from a panel drawn from the FPC. Participants will be able to respond, with brief thoughts and comments, simply by sticking their hands up; stewards will have a number of roving mikes 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.

The session on the Tuesday (09.45–10.50) will be rather more structured; you'll 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.

In addition to these sessions at conference, we're also organising an essay competition, open to any party member, on the theme of 'What does it mean to be a Liberal Democrat today?'

We hope you'll be stimulated by the discussions at conference to contribute! The deadline is 2nd November (put back from an earlier deadline); for more details, see:

[www.libdems.org.uk/agenda2020](http://www.libdems.org.uk/agenda2020)

## Prayer and meditation room

The Prayer and meditation room is located through a set of doors at the end of the Purbeck Corridor on the first floor of the BIC and will be clearly signposted.

## Roadworks

The A338 (Bournemouth Spur Road) is having major refurbishments works undertaken and a stretch of the dual carriageway will be reduced with a contraflow system in place. For more information please see:

[www.dorsetforyou.com/bournemouth-spur-road](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/bournemouth-spur-road)

## Spokespeople Q&A sessions

Wednesday – Party Affairs – please note that the correct timing for this session is 09.30 – 10.30.



# Exhibition update

## Exhibitors listed by stand number

- A1 BBC
- A2 Royal Mail Group
- A3 Lib Dem EU Referendum Campaign
- A6a British Humanist Association
- A6b Liberal Youth
- A6c Liberal Democrat Women
- A6d London Liberal Democrats
- A7 Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors and LGA Liberal Democrats
- A8 National Union of Teachers
- A9 Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats and Lib Dems for Seekers of Sanctuary
- A10 Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine
- A11 Liberal International / Liberal Democrat European Group
- A13 Liberal Democrat History Group
- A14 Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security
- A15 *Liberator*
- A16 Liberal Democrat Disability Association
- A17 Green Liberal Democrats
- A18 Volunteering Matters
- A19 Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform
- A20 Prater Raines' Foci2 Websites
- A21 Religious Education
- A24 The English Party of the Liberal Democrats
- A25 ALTER
- A26 Specialist Designated Institutions
- A27 Bishops Printers
- A28 AirportWatch
- A29 Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists
- A30 Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats
- A31 Agents and Organisers Association
- A32 Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw
- B1 Global
- B3 Visit York
- B4 Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar
- B5 Liberal Democrats in Business
- B6 Parliamentary Candidates Association
- B7 Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association
- B8 Liberty (NCCL)
- B8a LGBT+ Liberal Democrats
- B9 pteg
- B10 Smart Energy GB
- B11 Association of Lib Dem Engineers & Scientists (Aldes)
- B12 Liberal Democrat Education Association
- B13 Liberal Democrat Christian Forum
- CZ1 Liberal Democrat Image
- CZ2 Print & Digital Associates Ltd
- CZ3 Connect & Nationbuilder Teams
- CZ4 RISO UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems
- D1 Business Events Bournemouth (Main Foyer)

## Directory of exhibitors

*The following exhibitors are additional to those listed in the Directory.*



**Aldes**

### Association of Lib Dem Engineers & Scientists (Aldes)

Aldes is an association founded to provide the Liberal Democrat party with expertise and fellowship among scientists, engineers, technologists and medics, and to campaign on science and engineering policy.

**B11**



### LGBT+ Liberal Democrats

We are the party body for gender & sexual minorities, including lesbian, gay, bi and trans people. Visit us to find out what we do and how you can get involved.

**B8a**

## Lost your pass?

If you have lost your conference pass do not panic. Head over to the Marriott Highcliff to the Sandbanks room where our registration team will be happy to help you.

Pass reprints incur a cost of £25.

See Conference Directory for details of onsite registration opening times.

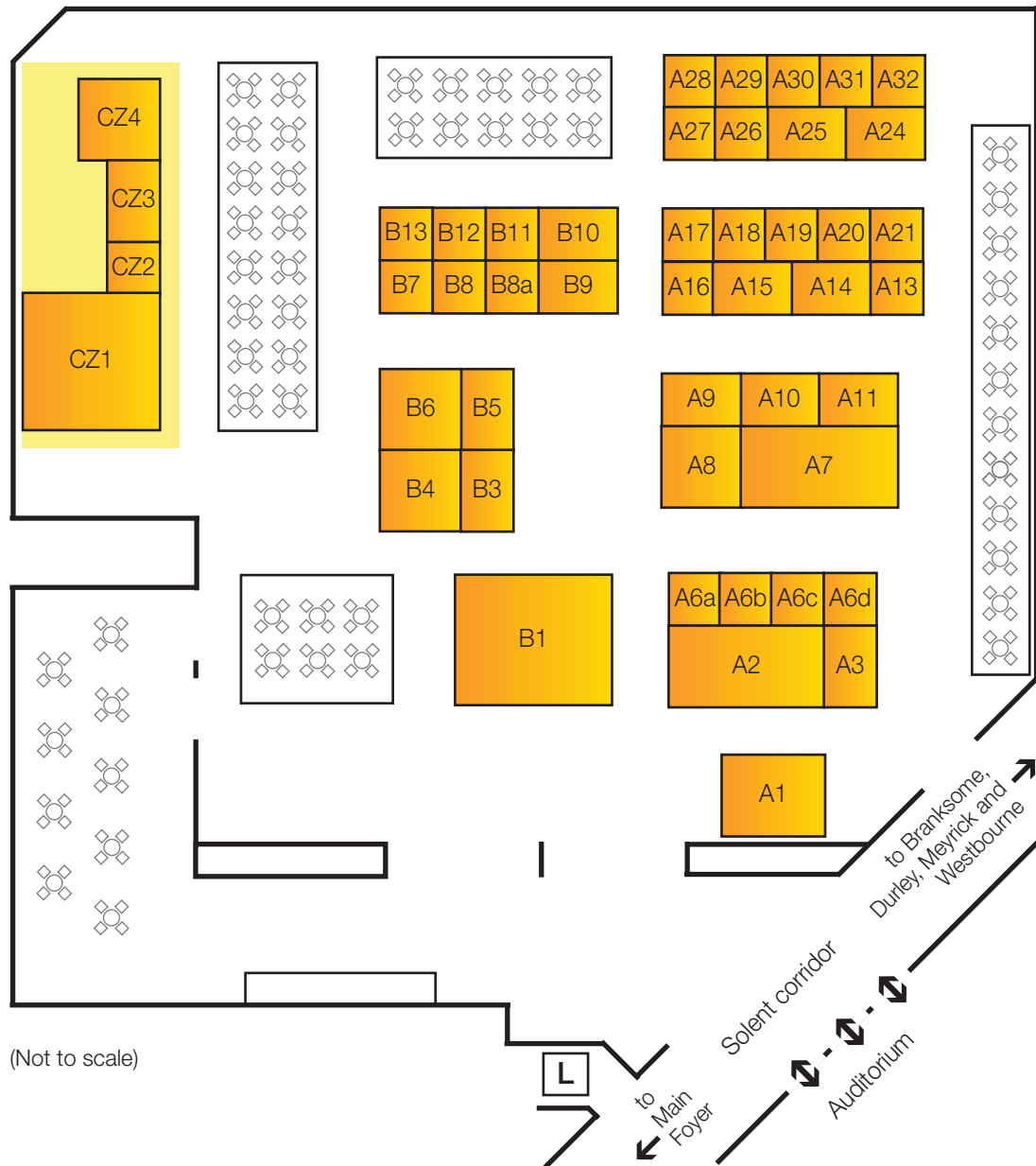
## Party Awards






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.

# Exhibition update

## Exhibition plan

Solent Hall, Ground Floor of BIC



| Key   |                  |
|---|------------------|
|  | Exhibition stand |
|  | Campaign zone    |
|  | Catering         |
|  | Lift             |
|  | Seating area     |

Key to stand numbers on page 4.

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# Fringe update

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

## Fringe Saturday mid evening 20.15–21.30

*Please note that the Saturday mid evening fringe session will run from 20.15–21.30, and NOT from 19.45–21.30 as shown in the Conference Directory. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.*

## Fringe Sunday mid evening 19.45–21.00

**Make Votes Count / Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform**

*Changing the Political Map – how STV will affect you*  
How STV for local elections in England will affect you – ward-by-ward and council-by-council projections: speakers include Lewis Baston, Lord Tyler, Crispin Allard LDER, Martin Linton, Make Votes Count.

**Connaught, Boardroom**

## Fringe Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

**London Liberal Democrats**

*How do we tackle London's housing crisis?*  
A chance for members to help us put together our vision for solving London's housing crisis. What are the radical solutions we need to be proposing? With Caroline Pidgeon AM, Stephen Knight AM, and Cllr. Jayne McCoy, from Sutton.

**Marriott Highcliff, Purbeck Suite**

## Internet access

Free Wifi is available throughout the BIC.

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## FCC helpdesk

Members of the FCC will be available to give advice at the Information Desk at the following times:

|          |            |             |
|----------|------------|-------------|
| Saturday | 19th Sept. | 13.00–15.00 |
| Sunday   | 20th Sept. | 10.30–12.30 |
| Monday   | 21st Sept. | 10.30–12.30 |
| Tuesday  | 22nd Sept. | 10.30–12.30 |

## FE helpdesk

The FE helpdesk is situated by the Information Desk. Members of the Federal Executive will be available to have strategic conversations with members at the following times:

|         |            |                            |
|---------|------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday  | 20th Sept. | 10.30–12.30<br>14.00–16.00 |
| Monday  | 21st Sept. | 10.30–12.30<br>14.00–16.00 |
| Tuesday | 22nd Sept. | 10.30–12.30<br>14.00–16.00 |

A box will be placed at the helpdesk for members to leave a note outside of the above hours giving their contact details and availability. You can also find contact details and biographies of FE members on the Party website at:

[libdems.org.uk/federal\\_executive](http://libdems.org.uk/federal_executive)

## Spring conference

Book your accommodation for 2016 spring conference in York at the Visit York stand, B3, in the exhibition.

**VisitYork**  
**4 meetings**  
[visityork4meetings.com](http://visityork4meetings.com)



Watch us on [Youtube.com/LibDem](https://www.youtube.com/LibDem)

# Saturday 19th September

## Consultative session: General Election Review

*This session will give representatives an important opportunity to contribute to what is the final phase of the 2015 General Election Review that is being conducted by the Campaigns and Communications Committee (CCC). The session will involve contributions from James Gurling, the chair of the CCC, and other members of the review group. Speakers will be asked to contribute in one or more of four main areas:*

- *Messaging (core message, polling, Party Political Broadcasts/Press, Air/Ground war messages).*
- *Ground campaign (work in seats, use of Connect and Nationbuilder, literature, local elections).*
- *Use of resources (social media, Leader's tour, national/local fundraising, candidates).*
- *Engaging members and supporters (communication, email/social media, team2015).*

*If you want to contribute to this session, please complete a Speaker's Card setting out which area(s) you would like to comment on and submit it at the Speaker's Table.*

### **F3 Report: Federal Conference Committee**

#### **Q1 Submitted by Robert Adamson**

Why do parts of the Conference Directory and Agenda not follow RNIB and other guidance regarding the need for contrast between text and background colours?

#### **Q2 Alisdair McGregor**

- A) How many Local Parties meet the constitutional criteria for Voting Representation at Federal Conference, and how many do not?
- B) How many Local Parties have designated the full complement of their permitted Federal Conference Representatives?
- C) What proportion of the total number of permitted Federal Conference Representatives has been filled?
- D) How many of the designated Federal Conference Representatives have chosen to attend the Bournemouth 2015 Conference?
- E) Do the answers to the previous questions indicate an increase or decrease on earlier Federal Conferences? Please provide at least a decade of data for this answer. Written answers published in the Conference Daily will be acceptable for these questions.

### **F4 Report: Federal Policy Committee**

#### **Q1 Submitted by Joe Otten**

In the event that the Trident motion is passed unamended, will the party's overall policy on nuclear disarmament be, in the view of the FPC, a unilateralist or a multilateralist one? Or will this be unclear?

# Saturday 19th September

## F5 Creating Safe and Legal Routes for Refugees

Mover: Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP (Home Affairs Spokesperson)

Summation: Shas Sheehan

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

- 1 *In line 14, delete ':' and in i) (line 15) delete 'i)'.*
- 2 *Delete ii) (lines 18–19).*
- 3 *After 4. (line 51), add:*
- 4 In addition, Conference calls on local councils, particularly those that are run by the Liberal Democrats to
- 5 be generous in offering housing and other support to incoming refugees.

### Amendment One

*Stockton, Brussels & Europe and 13 conference representatives*

Mover: Suzanne Fletcher

Summation: Rt Hon Tom Brake MP (Foreign Affairs Spokesperson)

- 1 *Before A. (line 21), insert:*
- 2 A. In responding to the migration crisis, Conservative ministers have used dehumanising language to
- 3 condemn the actions of refugees fleeing war and persecution, and have failed to recognise or address
- 4 the humanitarian crisis.
- 5 *In A. (line 21), before 'governments' insert 'Some' and after 'Europe' insert 'including the UK'.*
- 6 *In 1. a) (line 42), after 'persecution' insert 'including via an EU resettlement scheme'.*
- 7 *After 1. b) (line 44), insert:*
- 8 c) Accept that the best way of arresting smuggling is creating safe and legal routes for refugees,
- 9 as well as participating fully in EU efforts to tackle criminal people-smuggling which exploits the
- 10 misery and desperation of vulnerable people, instead of taking a minimalist approach to EU police
- 11 and crime cooperation.
- 12 *After 1. b) (line 44), insert:*
- 13 2. Work together with partners in the EU to find sustainable solutions to the current and long-term
- 14 migration crisis which has particularly affected Italy and Greece, including opting into a relocation
- 15 scheme to offer asylum to the most vulnerable refugees from Syria, Eritrea and Iraq.
- 16 3. Take leadership within the EU in support of multilateral efforts to help refugees and displaced persons
- 17 within their own regions and in support of host countries in North Africa and the Middle East which are
- 18 assisting large numbers of refugees.



# Saturday 19th September

## Amendment Two

*Bermondsey & Old Southwark*

Mover: Dan Whitehead

Summation: Cllr David Noakes

- 1 *In 1. a) (line 41), delete 'thousands' and insert 'a minimum of 10,000 per year'.*

## F6 Policy Pitch

### 1. Elaine Bagshaw

An education system that teaches to ability, not age.

### 2. Glanville Williams

All Public Bodies should, as part of their annual reporting on workforce monitoring, conduct and report on 'selection rate' and 'availability rate' comparison tests in terms of the visible 'protected characteristics', (gender, disability and race).

### 3. Catherine Smart

Divide the Border Agency and make the section dealing with Asylum Seekers an Agency of the Foreign Office, leaving the rest with the Home Office.

*There will be a show of hands in the auditorium after each pitch to indicate which ideas are worthy of further work to develop them.*

# 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.

# Sunday 20th September

## F8 Membership Subscription

### 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'.*

## F9 Agenda 2020 – First Session

*See page 3 for information.*

## F10 Winning in Europe

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

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

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

# Sunday 20th September

## 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.*

## F15 Reducing Tax on Tourism

### Amendment One

*10 conference representatives*

Mover: Lord Newby

Summation: To be announced

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.

# Sunday 20th September

## **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?

### **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 Zoe O'Connell**

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?

# Sunday 20th September

## F18 Report: Campaign for Gender Balance Report

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?

# Monday 21st September

## 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 each part of Amendment One.*

## F23 Securing a Global Treaty on Climate Change

### Amendment One

*25 conference representatives*

Mover: Duncan Brack

# Monday 21st September

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.

## 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.

## 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.

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.

# Monday 21st September

- 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'.*

# Tuesday 22nd September

## F30 Emergency motion

*One of the motions selected by the emergency motions ballot will be debated as F30.*

## F31 Agenda 2020 – Second Session

*This consultative session will end at 10.50.*

*See page 3 for information.*

# Tuesday 22nd September

## 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'.*
- 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.

### 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.



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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.

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.

## 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;'.*

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## Amendment One

*Calderdale*

Mover: Sarah Noble

Summation: Dr Mick Taylor

- 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 the Charter of Fundamental Freedoms  
4             and all outstanding protocols of the European Court of Human Rights, including but not limited to:  
5             A. Protocol 1, Article 2 (Right to education).  
6             B. Protocol 4 (Right of free movement).  
7             C. Protocol 7 (Rights of those accused of a crime).  
8             D. 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.

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## F39 Emergency motion

*Two of the motions that are selected by the emergency motions ballot will be debated as F39A and F39B.*

## 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: To be announced

- 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.

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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.

## **F41 Youth Services**

Mover: Mathew Hulbert

Summation: Linda Jack

### **Amendment One**

*Keighley & Shipley and 10 conference representatives*

Mover: Roger Whyborn

Summation: Gareth Epps

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’.*

# 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. 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 20th September.

## 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
  - 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.

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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.

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.

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- 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.
  - 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.

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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.