

Conference Daily

Monday 19th September

Autumn Conference 2016 Brighton



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Spokespeople Q&A sessions

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13.00–14.00

Education

with John Pugh & Sue Garden.

15.00–16.00

Housing & DCLG

with Olly Grender & John Shipley.

16.30–17.30

Brexit

with Nick Clegg, Tom Brake, William Wallace & Sarah Ludford.

All sessions will take place in Meeting Room 1 in the Brighton Centre.

These sessions are open to all, but Party members will be given priority.

Hearing loop provided.

Report back for Sunday 18th September

F15	Policy motion: Combatting Racism	Passed (Amendment One passed)
F16	Policy motion: The Opportunity to Succeed, the Power to Change	Passed
F18	Policy motion: UK and European Collaborative Research and Erasmus	Passed (Amendment One passed)
F20	Policy motion: Young People and Grammar Schools	Passed
F23	Policy motion: Restoring Access to Justice	Passed (Amendment One passed, line 82 retained)
F24	Report: Federal Executive	Approved
F25	Constitutional amendments: Changes to the Leadership	Lines 95–108 passed

Emergency motions ballot

The motions selected for debate are:

F26	Nuclear Power at Hinkley Point	Monday at 09.00
F35	Local Communities Welcoming Refugees	Tuesday at 09.00

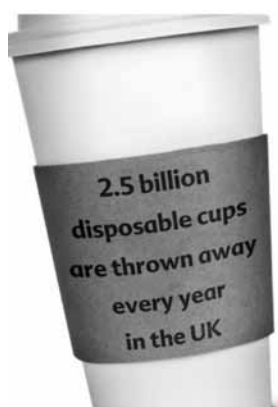
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Monday 11.30–12.15 tour guide Susan Kramer

Monday 15.15–16.00 tour guide Tom Brake

Tuesday 10.30–11.15 tour guide Lorely Burt

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F26 Emergency Motion: Nuclear Power at Hinkley Point

09.00–09.30

Hall Aide: Cara Jenkinson

Bermondsey & Old Southwark and 21 party members

Mover: Martin Horwood

Summation: Duncan Brack

1 Conference notes:

- 2 a) The decision by Electricité de France (EDF) on 28 July to invest in the construction of a new nuclear
- 3 power station, based on the EPR design, at Hinkley Point in Somerset.
- 4 b) The announcement by the UK government later the same day that it would delay its decision on
- 5 whether to approve the new station until the autumn.
- 6 c) Existing Liberal Democrat policy to accept that new nuclear power stations can play a limited role in
- 7 electricity supply provided they can be built without public subsidy.
- 8 d) That the coalition programme agreed between the Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives in 2010
- 9 contained the same commitment.
- 10 e) That in autumn 2015 the new Conservative government explicitly dropped the commitment not
- 11 to subsidise new nuclear stations, and announced a loan guarantee to underwrite EDF's final
- 12 investment decision.

13 Conference further notes:

- 14 1. The conclusion of the National Audit Office in March 2016 that the additional cost to consumers of
- 15 the electricity generated by the new station had risen from the £6.1 billion estimated in October 2013
- 16 to £29.7 billion.
- 17 2. That since the government agreed, in 2013, a fixed price of £92.50/MWh (in 2012 prices) for
- 18 electricity generated by the new nuclear station, the costs of many renewable energy technologies,
- 19 including in particular wind and solar PV, have fallen further and faster than almost anyone predicted,
- 20 and now represent much better value low-carbon energy options.
- 21 3. That no working nuclear station based on the EPR design has yet been built, and that the two such
- 22 stations currently under construction, in France and Finland, are both years behind schedule and
- 23 significantly over budget.

24 Conference believes that the construction of the new nuclear station at Hinkley Point is both entirely

25 dependent on public subsidy and represents very poor value for money for UK consumers, and that

26 therefore it should be opposed.

27 Conference calls for a UK energy strategy resting on investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy,

28 storage and interconnection with European grids, thereby providing energy security, an end to fuel poverty

29 and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions at the same time as creating jobs, exports and prosperity.

Applicability: Federal.

Background briefing

This motion updates policy on the Hinkley Point nuclear power station, building on existing policy on nuclear power as set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015) and policy paper 109, *Green Growth and Green Jobs* (2013).

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F27 Britain in the European Union

09.30–11.00

Federal Policy Committee

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

Summation: Baroness Ludford (Lords Europe Spokesperson)

- 1 Conference:
- 2 1. Notes that the benefits of membership of the EU which Britain has enjoyed for the last 43 years
3 include peace, increased trade, investment and jobs, greater security, cultural enrichment, academic
4 and scientific cooperation and stronger environmental protection.
- 5 2. Deeply regrets the outcome of the referendum on membership of the EU in which a majority voted to
6 leave, and notes the government and parliamentary attention, and significant resources, that Brexit
7 will absorb when there are so many other pressing demands.
- 8 3. Condemns the Leave campaign for the dishonest and divisive messages it delivered in the
9 referendum campaign and its failure to take responsibility for providing a coherent and practical plan
10 for exiting the EU, which has still not been produced.
- 11 4. Is deeply concerned about the increase in xenophobic and racist threats, abuse and violence against
12 both EU citizens living in the UK and British citizens of ethnic minority backgrounds that has taken
13 place since the referendum, and calls on the government and police to take decisive action to
14 protect potential victims and crack down on the perpetrators of hate crimes.
- 15 5. Further notes that the complications surrounding the positions of Scotland and Northern Ireland after
16 the referendum present a risk to the continued existence of the United Kingdom, and in the case of
17 Northern Ireland to the peace process supported by the Good Friday Agreement, and also that the
18 interests of Gibraltar have been put at risk.
- 19 6. Further regrets that Brexit will result in a loss of UK's ability to shape the future direction of the EU
20 during a period of rapid change.
- 21 7. Recognises that the priority should be to address the justifiable sense of economic grievance
22 and alienation from the establishment which came to the fore in the campaign and which had
23 domestic rather than EU drivers, and resolves to address its underlying causes through the pursuit
24 of progressive, liberal policies on the economy, regional development and migration (including via a
25 Migration Impact Fund), and the devolution of power to communities.
- 26 8. Calls for a parliamentary vote on the terms of the negotiation before Article 50 is triggered and for
27 continuing parliamentary scrutiny of negotiations on EU withdrawal, as well as on future international
28 relations and trade negotiations being led by the two newly created government departments, the
29 Department for Exiting the European Union and the Department for International Trade.
- 30 9. Resolves on the following priorities in any negotiations about Britain leaving the EU:
 - 31 a) Protection of rights for EU citizens and UK citizens, so that those who have settled in UK are
32 allowed to stay and British people living in EU countries can remain.
 - 33 b) Membership of the Single Market, with its 'four freedoms' of freedom of movement for workers,
34 free movement of goods, free movement of capital and freedom to provide services, so that

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- 35 British companies can continue to trade with the EU without additional restrictions, as well as
36 retaining full 'passporting' rights in EU financial markets to preserve London's status as the
37 finance capital of Europe.
- 38 c) Protecting freedom of movement, so that British citizens retain the right to live and work
39 throughout the EU, and opportunities are maximised in particular for young people, including
40 participation in the Erasmus scheme, which is a fantastic and enriching experience for students
41 and apprentices.
- 42 d) Maintaining environmental protection, ensuring that the UK continues to benefit from the highest
43 environmental standards in the world.
- 44 e) Keeping the high level of health, safety, consumer protection, employment and equalities
45 standards the UK currently meets as an EU member.
- 46 f) Ensuring effective law enforcement and judicial co-operation, including keeping the European
47 Arrest Warrant which allows the police to track down criminals more efficiently.
- 48 g) Protecting British business and jobs, including protecting the level of support provided by
49 the EU to domestic industries such as farming, tourism and creative arts, as well as regional
50 support for some deprived areas.
- 51 h) Promoting scientific cooperation and funding for research, including continuing funding for
52 existing projects, so that valuable medical, defence, security and other areas are not harmed
53 and our universities maintain their world class rankings.
- 54 i) Encouraging travel and tourism, by keeping benefits such as the European Health Insurance
55 Card, pet passports and reduced roaming charges.
- 56 10. Commits to giving the British people the final say through a referendum on whether the terms of the
57 deal agreed for the withdrawal of Britain from the EU should be accepted.
- 58 11. Believing that any deal the Government negotiates for the UK outside the EU will not be as beneficial
59 to the British people as continued EU membership, commits the Liberal Democrats to continue to
60 campaign for the UK to remain a member of the EU.

Applicability: Federal

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendments to the motion:

1 *Delete 7. (lines 21–25) and insert:*

2 7. Recognises that the priority should be to address the justifiable sense of economic grievance,
3 alienation from the establishment and powerlessness which came to the fore in the campaign and
4 which had domestic rather than EU drivers, including a voting system that has allowed politicians to
5 become distanced from the people they purport to represent, and resolves to address its underlying
6 causes through the pursuit of progressive, liberal policies on the economy, regional development and
7 migration (including via a Migration Impact Fund), the devolution of power to communities and a fair
8 voting system to give power to the people to elect a Parliament that properly represents their views.

9 *In 10. (line 57), at the end insert: 'in which 16 and 17-year-olds must have the right to vote'.*

Amendment One

12 members

Mover: Ruvy Ziegler

Summation: Dr Kirsten Johnson

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1 *Delete 9. a) (lines 31–32) and insert:*

2 a) Protection of acquired rights, including the right to remain, of citizens of other EU member
3 states residing in the UK, and of UK citizens residing elsewhere in the EU.

Background briefing

This motion updates policy on Europe in the wake of the EU referendum. In particular, it calls for a parliamentary vote before triggering Article 50, sets out priority areas for negotiation in any Brexit talks, calls for the British people to be given the final say on any deal in a referendum, and commits the Liberal Democrats to continue to campaign for the UK to remain a member of the EU.

Existing policy on Britain and the EU is set out in policy motion *Winning in Europe* (2015), the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), and policy paper 113, *Prosperous, Sustainable and Secure* (2013).

F28 Speech: Baroness Kramer

11.00–11.20

Chair: Cllr Joe Otten.

F29 Investing in the Green Economy

14.10–14.55

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendments to the motion:

1 *In 1. (line 26), after 'transport' insert: 'energy storage'.*

2 *In 7. (line 61), delete 'UK Trade & Investment' and insert: 'the Department for International Trade'.*

3 *In 7. (line 63), delete 'stop providing' and insert: 'phase out provision of'.*

4 *After 7. (line 64), add:*

5 8. Ratify as a matter of urgency the COP 21 Paris Agreement on tackling climate change by the UK and
6 all other countries involved.

Amendment One

Cambridge

Mover: David Grace

Summation: Catherine Smart

1 *In line 15, after 'support for' insert: 'and facilitation of'.*

2 *After 1. (line 27), insert:*

3 2. Reform the planning framework and associated guidance to enable local authorities to encourage
4 a consistent and positive approach to applications for low and zero carbon installations across the
5 domestic, non-domestic, public and community sphere.

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6 *After 7. (line 64), add:*

8 8. Legislate to confirm the UK's continued adherence to established EU environmental legislation and
9 targets.

Background briefing

This motion updates and develops policy on investment in the green economy in response to the Government's moves to reduce support for green energy. In particular it calls for a consistent government commitment to low carbon technologies, the government to use its special share in the Green Investment Bank to ensure it supports ambitious green investments, the development of new R&D agencies and Catapults and the extension of mandatory corporate reporting on social impacts.

Existing policy is set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015) and policy paper 109, *Green Growth and Green Jobs* (2013).

F31 Mending the Safety Net

15.15–16.45

Chair: Mary Reid. Aide: Jeremy Hargreaves.

Mover: Kelly-Marie Blundell (Vice Chair, Policy Working Group)

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendments to the motion:

1 *In 4. d) (lines 76–77), after '£150' and '20' insert: 'per week'.*

Amendment One

48 members

Mover: Dr Kirsten Johnson

Summation: Helen Flynn

1 *Delete v) (lines 20–23) and insert:*

2 v) Sanctions applied to benefits are fundamentally wrong and leave people destitute who are already in
3 poverty; the sanction system should be scrapped and replaced with an incentivised scheme.

4 *Delete 2. b) (lines 47–49).*

Amendment Two

Ten members

Mover: Anthony Harris

Summation: Judith Bunting

1 *In 1. b) (line 36), delete 'Removing the benefit cap' and insert: 'Retaining the benefit cap at a level equal
2 to UK average household earnings, opposing any reduction in the cap and further limiting the impact of
3 the cap by excluding benefits aimed at the most vulnerable including Severe Disablement Allowance,
4 Maternity Allowance and Bereavement Allowance;'.*

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Amendment Three

Calderdale

Mover: Dr Michael Taylor

Summation: Alisdair McGregor

Delete lines 84–93 and insert:

- 1
- 2 Conference believes that a Negative Income Tax is a cost-efficient and fair system of assessing benefits
- 3 to provide a basic standard of living to those in need whilst reducing overpayment of benefits to those
- 4 whose income is sufficient to not require state help.

Background briefing

This motion and the accompanying policy paper substantially update and develop policy on social security. In particular, they make new policy on scrapping the Work Capability Assessment, the bedroom tax and the household benefit cap; reducing child poverty by reversing Conservative cuts to Universal Credit, introducing a Second Earner's Work Allowance and increasing the child element of Universal Credit; helping young people by restoring eligibility for housing benefit at age 18 and increasing Job Seeker's Allowance and Universal Credit for those aged 18–24; improving support for people with mental health conditions based on the Individual Placement and Support approach; and introducing an opt-out unemployment insurance and income protection system.

Existing policy is set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), and policy motions *No-one Shall Be Enslaved by Poverty* (2015), *Reforming the Welfare System* (2014) and *Food Poverty* (2014).

F32 Report: Diversity Engagement Group **16.45–17.00**

Mover: Adrian Hyrylainen-Trett

F34 Diversity Quotas **17.00–18.00**

Aide: Cara Jenkinson. Hall Aide: James Gurling.

Summation: Cllr Chris White

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