

# Conference Daily

## Saturday 17th September

Autumn Conference 2016 Brighton



Information from the Conference Committee for Saturday 17th 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 submit a speaker's card as soon as possible.*

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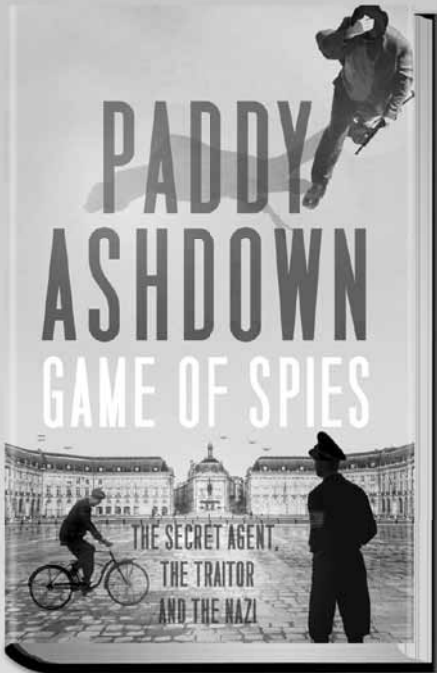
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- \* Don't worry if you don't have a team you can find one on the night, just turn up and have fun!



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## Spokespeople Q&A sessions

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13.00-14.00

#### **FCO, DfID & Defence**

with Tom Brake, Judith Jolly  
& Lindsay Northover.

15.00-16.00

#### **Energy & Climate Change, DEFRA**

with Kate Parminter & Lynne Featherstone.

16.30-17.30

#### **Welfare**

with Mike German & Celia Thomas.

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.

## Conference tours

*Are you a first timer?*

*Have you not attended conference in a while?*

*Do you have questions about the Party?*

*Do you have a famed Lib Dem you've been waiting to meet?*

If you've answered yes to any of the above, then come along to a conference tour!

Our tour guides are Lib Dem experts who are simply waiting to get tested on their knowledge. Questions are not limited to conference!

Tours are also a great way of meeting people and having a good time, so pick one and we'll see you there.

Meeting point: Information Desk

Saturday 12.30–13.15 tour guide Brian Paddick

Saturday 17.00–17.45 tour guide John Pugh

Sunday 14.15–15.00 tour guide Stephen Lloyd

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

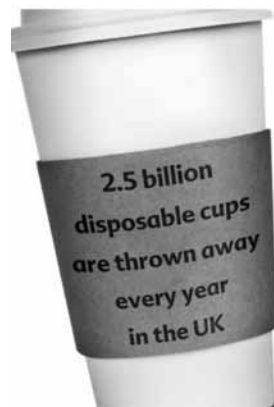
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*Did you know 2.5 billion coffee cups are thrown away in the UK each year?*

We're extending our successful 5p charge on plastic bags to throwaway cups at this outlet to reduce waste.

Help us protect the environment and **#keepyourcup**



All money collected from the 5p charge will be donated to the Brighton Centre's nominated charity, Macmillan Cancer Support.

Reusable cups are being sold by Lib Dem Image in the Exhibition Centre.

## Volunteer calling drive to lapsing members

The best way to encourage our members to renew their membership is a friendly call from a fellow Lib Dem.

Come and phone people whose memberships are due to lapse at the end of September, and help us persuade them to stay part of the #LibDemFightback!

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Venue: Campaign Zone

Saturday 10am–12pm

Sunday 12pm–3pm



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## F2 Federal Conference Committee Report

09.05–09.20

Chair: Justine McGuinness

*The chair of the Federal Conference Committee will be seeking the permission of conference to withdraw F20, Campaign to Save Parent Governors, and to insert in its place emergency motion 5, Young People and Grammar Schools.*

### Q1. Submitted by Alisdair McGregor

Why did the online form for submission of amendments not include in the drop-down box an option to submit amendments to item F13 (Business motion: Towards a More Effective Party Governance)? Is FCC aware of any amendments that were either submitted but not accepted, or were not submitted in time, because of this?

### Q2. Submitted by Alisdair McGregor

Why are the Standing Orders of the Conference not included in the Conference Agenda?

### Q3. Submitted by Gordon Lishman

What has been the percentage increase in fees for organisations associated with the Party for each of the last three years for stalls and fringe meetings at Conference and what are the Committee's intentions for fee levels in future?

### Q4. Submitted by Maureen Rigg

What steps have been taken to encourage venues to provide Fairtrade refreshments in their selection?

## F4 Federal Finance and Administration Committee Report

09.35–09.50

### Q1. Submitted by Simon Pike

What action is being taken to make the Membership Database fit for purpose, by removing the numerous errors and inconsistencies in the way it operates?

### Q2. Submitted by Simon McGrath

Why is the Federal levy only applied to England and who made this decision? What is the estimated cost of not applying it to Scotland and Wales in 2016?

### Access to the stage

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## F6 Recognition of SAOs and AOs

10.00–10.20

Mover: Gordon Lishman

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

- 1 In 2. (line 29), delete 'A (above)' and insert '1 (above)'.

## F8 Safe and Free

10.35–12.05

Summation: Dr Jenny Woods

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

- 1 In A. (line 14), delete 'these'.

*There will be a separate votes on 7 (lines 97–108).*

### Background briefing

This motion and the accompanying policy paper develop and update policy on the interaction between liberty and security. In particular they develop policy on regulation of online surveillance and community engagement with security matters.

Existing policy is set out in conference motion *Privacy and Security in a Digital Age* (March 2016), the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), and conference motion *A Digital Bill of Rights* (2014). The last full policy paper on these issues was policy paper 86, *Security and Liberty in a Globalised World* (2008).

## F9 An End to Homelessness

12.05–12.50

Aide: Cllr Paul Tilsley

Hall Aide: Chris Maines

Summation: Kirsten Johnson

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

- 1 In 2. (lines 51–52) delete 'Increased funding for local authorities from central government to meeting their
- 2 homelessness duties and'.
- 3 In 2. (line 52), delete 'these' and insert 'homelessness'.
- 4 After 3. (line 62) insert:
- 5 4. Increased funding for local authorities from central government to meeting their homelessness duties.

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## Amendment One

*Cambridge*

Mover: Dr Julian Huppert

Summation: Layla Moran

1 *After v) (line 20) insert:*

2 vi) Many homeless and ex-homeless people are looked after in the supported housing sector, where  
3 the landlord provides care, support and supervision, but that there is uncertainty about the future of  
4 funding in this area.

5 *After 10. (line 80) add:*

6 11. Long-term support for the supported housing sector, including maintaining funding rates at least in  
7 line with inflation.

## Amendment Two

*Canterbury and Coastal*

Mover: Andrew Palmer

Summation: James Flanagan

1 *After 3. (line 62), insert:*

2 4. Adequately resourced mental health services to support those leaving care and those who become  
3 homeless.

### Background briefing

This motion develops and updates policy on homelessness. In particular it focuses on the lack of social housing and the poor support system for homeless people.

Existing policy is set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015), policy paper 104, *Decent Homes for all* (2012), and policy paper 69, *Affordable Homes in Safer, Greener Communities* (2005).

## F10 Tackling Corruption and Corporate Crime

14.40–15.25

### Amendment One

*North East Cambridgeshire and South East Cambridgeshire*

Mover: Mark Inskip

Summation: Charlotte Cane

1 *After iv) (line 35), insert:*

2 v) Proposals are being considered to reduce the amount of time the records of dissolved companies  
3 are retained by Companies House, from 20 years to six, a move that could result in the loss of  
4 more than two and a half million records and would be a major step back in the global fight against  
5 corruption.

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6 *After 5. (line 61), add:*

- 7 6. Companies House to be required to continue to retain records of dissolved companies for 20 years  
8 as at present, and to consider ways in which information about dissolved companies could be made  
9 more rather than less accessible.

## Background briefing

This motion develops and updates policy on corporate crime and corruption, in particular by developing the concept of corporate criminal liability and greater transparency on company ownership. Existing policy is set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015) and policy paper 111, *Fairer Taxes* (2013).

## F12 Adopting Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

15.45–16.30

*Note that this debate will start at 15.45.*

Aide: Cllr Joe Otten

### Amendment One

*Lewisham*

Mover: Bobby Dean

Summation: To be announced

- 1 *In iii) (line 10), after 'health care savings' insert: 'and the High Court's ruling that it is responsible for its*  
2 *introduction,'.*
- 3 *After iii) (line 12), insert:*
- 4 iv) That if NHS England believes that the cost is a central barrier to its introduction, then it should push for  
5 access to a generic version of PrEP.

## Background briefing

This motion creates new policy.

## F13 Towards a More Effective Party Governance

16.30–17.15

### Amendment One

*East Midlands*

Mover: Adam Wain

Summation: Leon Duveen

- 1 *After v) (line 35), insert:*
- 2 vi) The preamble to our Federal Constitution affirms our belief that decisions should be taken at the  
3 lowest practicable level and that this principle should be applied to the internal organisation of the  
4 party.



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5 vii) The English Party is disproportionately large compared to its Scottish and Welsh counterparts and  
6 is too focused on Westminster; as a result it is not well placed to reflect the views of members in the  
7 English Regions.

8 *In 8. (line 67), delete 'three' and insert: 'Scottish and Welsh'.*

9 *Delete 9. (lines 71–77) and insert:*

10 9. The English Party produce proposals to devolve its role and responsibilities to the English regions  
11 which would result in the English regions becoming State Parties with a similar remit as the Scottish  
12 and Welsh State parties; the proposals should, given the principles outlined above, ensure effective  
13 working between States and Federal bodies, and reflect the comments of members that they want  
14 consistency between bodies.

## F14 Party Strategy

17.15–18.00

Chair: Justine McGuinness

Aide: Baroness Sheehan

Hall Aide: Pauline Pearce

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

1 *In line 6, after 'debate' insert: 'and agreement'.*



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