

Conference Daily

Tuesday 20th September

Autumn Conference 2016 Brighton



Information from the Conference Committee for Tuesday 20th September and report back for Monday 19th September. Please read in conjunction with the *Agenda* and *Conference Extra*.

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'A vision for a Britain that is open, tolerant and united'

Report back for Monday 19th September

F26	Emergency motion: Nuclear Power at Hinkley Point	Passed
F27	Policy motion: Britain in the European Union	Passed (Amendment One passed)
F29	Policy motion: Investing in the Green Economy	Passed (Amendment One passed), lines 16–17 retained.
F31	Policy motion: Mending the Safety Net	Passed (Amendment One passed, Amendments Two and Three defeated)
F32	Report: Diversity Engagement Group	Approved
F33	Report: Campaign for Gender Balance	Approved
F34	Constitutional amendments: Diversity Quotas	Passed

FRINGE UPDATE

Please note that the following event has been cancelled:

Fringe Tuesday Breakfast 08.00–09.00

The Howard League for Penal Reform

Prison reform in an age of uncertainty

Hilton, Sandringham

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The Platform, Wagner Hall, Regency Road, BN1 2RT (off West St. behind Wetherspoon's)

Opening Time: Tuesday 20th at 08.30

Closing Time: Tuesday 20th at 16.00 **sharp**

Fee: £1

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Meeting point: Information Desk.

Tuesday

10.30–11.15

tour guide Lorely Burt

Tuesday 20th September

F35 Emergency motion: Local Communities Welcoming Refugees

09.00–09.45

Aide: Cllr Joe Otten.

ALDC – Liberal Democrat Campaigners & Councillors

Mover: Cllr Chris White

Summation: Baroness Sheehan

- 1 Conference notes:
- 2 i) The refugee crisis over the summer including refugees from Syria but also from other countries; the
3 publication of a House of Lords report on unaccompanied migrant children in July 2016 and the
4 visit by a delegation of senior local government figures to the Calais ‘jungle’ migrant camp in August
5 2016.
- 6 ii) That 88,245 unaccompanied migrant children applied for asylum in 2015.
- 7 iii) That there are an estimated 10,000 missing unaccompanied migrant children in the EU.
- 8 Conference believes:
- 9 a) The UK must welcome its fair share of refugees to ease this crisis including unaccompanied refugee
10 children.
- 11 b) That Government should make additional funding available to local authorities to help with this and to
12 build capacity.
- 13 c) That refugees contribute a huge amount to local communities throughout the UK.
- 14 Conference calls for:
- 15 1. National co-ordination which is essential to share intelligence around foster care capacity across the
16 country.
- 17 2. Central government to work closely with local government to ensure councils have the funding and
18 support they need to help refugees.
- 19 3. UK and French governments to work together to ensure that unaccompanied children are reunited
20 with their families or otherwise given long-term security including access to education.
- 21 4. Councils to support measures such as the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (SVPRS)
22 and request that Syrian refugees are encouraged to settle in their area.
- 23 5. Suitable housing to be made available to refugees in need.
- 24 6. Councils to provide a contact point for newly arrived refugees to register their skills and qualifications
25 and given assistance to find work.
- 26 7. Improved provision for English language teaching for those who need it.

Applicability: Federal.

Background briefing

The motion updates policy on the continuing refugee crisis. Existing policy is set out in policy motions *Towards a Stable and Peaceful Syria* (March 2016) and *Creating Safe and Legal Routes for Refugees* (2015).

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F36 Committees

09.45–10.35

Summation: Neil Fawcett (Vice Chair, Federal Executive)

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

- 1 *Delete Article 13.5 (lines 479–481).*
- 2 *In Article 13.6 (line 482), delete: 'also'.*

Amendment One

10 members

Mover: Sarah Noble

Summation: George Potter

- 1 *In lines 18, 155, 261, 306, 348, 410, 475, and 543, delete: 'three' and insert: 'two'.*
- 2 *In 7.4 (lines 21 and 23), delete 'triennial' and insert: 'biennial'.*
- 3 *Delete lines 96–98.*

Amendment Two

English Liberal Democrats

Mover: Steve Jarvis

Summation: Richard Brett

- 1 *Delete 12.4 (c) (lines 437–440) and insert:*
- 2 c. In accordance with article 11.8 (a), the JCSC may instruct a State Candidates Committee to
- 3 take appropriate action or may take over its functions if it is not discharging its constitutional
- 4 responsibilities; this action shall only be taken after due consultation with the relevant State
- 5 Party and with the approval of the Federal Board.

F37 Standing Order Amendments

10.35–10.50

Mover: Cllr Chris White

Summation: Baroness Brinton (President of the Liberal Democrats)

F38 Report: Parliamentary Parties

10.50–11.30

Mover (Lords): Lord Newby (Leader, Lords)

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F40 Future Transport

11.50–12.50

Chair: Zoë O’Connell (Vice Chair Federal Conference Committee). Aide: Liz Lynne. Hall Aide: Cllr Joe Otten.

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

- 1 *In 1. (line 43), after ‘Commission’, insert: ‘; this strategy should also incorporate new transport*
- 2 *infrastructure with new urban and housing developments’.*

- 3 *After 13. (line 71), add:*

- 4 14. The Transport for London ‘Baby on Board’ badge scheme and, if successful, the pilot of the ‘Please
- 5 offer me a seat’ badge for disabled passengers, to be introduced nationally across other local
- 6 transport systems where feasible.

Amendment One

Calderdale

Mover: Richard Gadsden

Summation: Alisdair McGregor

- 1 *Delete f) (lines 28–30) and insert:*

- 2 f) HS2 and HS3 are essential and long-overdue structural upgrades to the railway network of the
- 3 United Kingdom; their implementation forms the essential backbone upon further development
- 4 of supporting heavy and light rail systems will be based and is essential to further investment and
- 5 revitalisation of the North of England.

Background briefing

This motion updates and develops policy for the future of British transport. In particular it reaffirms the Liberal Democrat aim to live in a zero carbon economy and calls for further investment into sustainable transport for the future.

Existing policy is 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 85, *Fast Track Britain* (2008).

F41 Speech: Tim Farron MP

14.10–15.30

The Party Awards will be presented before the Leader’s speech.

Conference timetable 2017

17th–19th March 2017, York

Drafting advice deadline (motions)	13.00	Wednesday	4th January 2017
Motions deadline	13.00	Wednesday	18th January 2017
Drafting advice deadline (amendments, emergency motions)	13.00	Tuesday	28th February 2017
Deadline for amendments to motions, emergency motions, topical issues, questions to reports	13.00	Tuesday	14th March 2017

16th–20th September 2017, Bournemouth *

Drafting advice deadline (motions)	13.00	Wednesday	14th June 2017
Motions deadline	13.00	Wednesday	28th June 2017
Drafting advice deadline (amendments, emergency motions)	13.00	Monday	21st August 2017
Deadline for amendments to motions, emergency motions, topical issues, questions to reports	13.00	Monday	4th September 2017

(* Subject to the review of the trial 4-day conference of September 2016.)

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