

Spring Conference

Conference Daily

Sunday 15th March 2015

Information from the Federal Conference Committee, timings for conference sessions, amendments, emergency motions and questions to reports; report back for Saturday 14th March and detailed information for Sunday 15th March. Please read in conjunction with the Conference Agenda & Directory and Saturday's Conference Daily.

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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 in any of the debates are requested to fill in and submit a speaker's card as soon as possible.

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 & Directory.



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Report back for Saturday 14th March

F2	Report: Federal Conference Committee	Approved
F3	Report: Federal Policy Committee	Approved
F4	Policy motion: Mental Health	Passed (Amendments One and Two passed)
F6	Policy motion: Stronger Economy, Fairer Society, Opportunity for Everyone	Passed (Amendments One, Two and Three passed)
F8	Policy motion: Five Green Laws	Passed (Amendments One and Two passed)
F11	Policy motion: A Better Deal for Britain's Workforce	Passed (Amendments One and Two passed)
F12	Reports: Parliamentary Parties	Received
F13	Report: Federal Executive	Approved
F14	Report: Federal Finance and Administration Committee	Approved
F15	Report: Diversity Engagement Group	Approved
F16	Report: Campaign for Gender Balance	Approved

Left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available at the Jury's Inn between 08.30 and 15.00 on Sunday 15th March. A nominal fee will apply.

Ministerial Q&A sessions

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Correction

10.30–11.30 Pensions, with Steve Webb. In Room 12 on the Upper Level in the ACC.

Note change of time.

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

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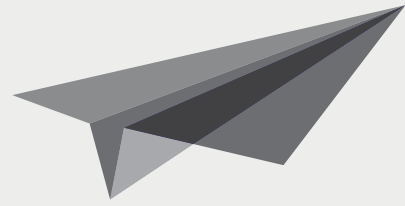
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Team 2015

Join Team 2015 this morning for the last chance to make your 10 phone calls. Join Dick Newby, Chief Whip in the House of Lords, from 09:30 and Simon Hughes MP from 10:30. Team 2015 will be making calls from 09:00 till midday. So take up Paddy's and Sal's challenge and be the difference with Team 2015.

According to the independent Committee on Climate Change's (CCC) July 2014 report, a 60 per cent growth in flights by 2050 is compatible with achieving the Government's overall carbon reduction targets.



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We believe the building of new runways can be done sustainably:

- According to the independent Committee on Climate Change's (CCC) July 2014 report, a 60 per cent growth in flights by 2050 is compatible with achieving the Government's overall carbon reduction targets.
- The cumulative carbon footprint of the UK's 18 biggest airports has shrunk by 3 per cent since 2010, whilst passenger numbers have increased by 5 per cent over the same period.
- At Heathrow, between 1980 and 2006 the number of people affected by noise fell from two million to around 250,000 despite a 75 per cent growth in flights. Similar levels of noise from road traffic, measured in the same way, on average and across the day, affect over two million people in London; while similar levels of noise from trains affects almost 300,000 people.
- In 1993, there were 14,600 people in the 57dB noise contour around Gatwick. By 2011 this had reduced to 3,050. This is despite a rapid growth in air travel at the same time, from around 191,000 flights a year in 1993 to 244,741 in 2011.
- The Airports Commission recommended the establishment of an Independent Aircraft Noise Authority to provide expert and impartial advice about the noise impacts of aviation. The Government has not acted on this recommendation. The establishment of an Independent Aircraft Noise Authority is supported by Let Britain Fly, the London Assembly and London First as well as the anti-expansion groups HACAN and Stop Stansted Expansion and supported by Liberal Democrat MPs including Mike Crockart MP, Julian Huppert MP, Adrian Sanders MP, Mike Thornton MP and Mark Williams MP.

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Additions and updates to the Agenda for Sunday 15th March.

F17 Emergency motion or topical issue discussion

Hall Aide: James Gurling

The Federal Conference Committee has decided to schedule an emergency motion as well as a topical issue discussion.

F17A Emergency motion: Leaders' Debates

12 conference representatives

Mover: Baroness Grender

Summation: Baroness Bonham-Carter

1 Conference notes that:

2 i) Approximately 10m people watched the first debate in 2010.

3 ii) There has so far been a failure to reach agreement between the broadcasters and political parties for a
4 model for debates for the 2015 General Election.

5 iii) That David Cameron has refused the most recent proposal from the broadcasters.

6 iv) That Ed Miliband has refused a challenge to meet Nick Clegg head to head in a debate.

7 Conference believes that:

8 a) Broadcast debates between party leaders encourages public participation and engagement in the
9 democratic process.

10 b) The political parties should avoid narrow party interest and act in good faith in order to facilitate such
11 debates in the wider public interest.

12 Conference calls for:

13 1. All invited party leaders to participate in the planned debates for the 2015 General Election.

14 2. After the 2015 General Election broadcasters to formalise the process for debates in General
15 Elections, ensuring they happen and setting a clear threshold for those eligible to participate.

Mover: 5 minutes; all other speakers: 3 minutes.

Background briefing

This motion creates new policy.

F17B Topical issue discussion: The Detention of Women in Immigration Centres

Introduction: Jack Davies

Summation: Dr Julian Huppert MP (Vice Chair, Federal Policy Committee)

Introduction: 5 minutes; summation: 3 minutes; other speakers: 3 minutes.

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F18 Policy motion: Freedom of Expression in Europe and Beyond

Mover: Maajid Nawaz

The Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendments:

- 1 *In line 8, delete 'Islamophobia' and insert 'anti-Muslim hate'.*
- 2 *Delete F. and G. (lines 25–30) and insert:*
 - 3 F. There is a difference between hateful words or conduct directed against believers as people and
 - 4 words or conduct that amount merely to sacrilege, blasphemy or apostasy in the eyes of others and
 - 5 that freedom of expression and freedom of belief in a democratic and free society requires blasphemy,
 - 6 sacrilege and apostasy to be unfettered.
 - 7 G. The attacks were in no way a true reflection of mainstream Islamic beliefs and that it is unacceptable
 - 8 to seek to hold Muslims or Islam in general in any way responsible for these criminal acts.
- 9 *In line 45, after 'Rights' insert '(ECHR)', and after 'Strasbourg' delete 'Courts' and insert 'Court'.*
- 10 *In line 52, delete 'European Convention on Human Rights' and insert 'ECHR'.*
- 11 *After c) (line 63) insert:*
 - 12 d) Forcing the Conservatives to climb down over the need to protect whistleblowers by ensuring judicial
 - 13 oversight of police data requests for journalists' sources.
- 14 *In 2. (line 67) after 'blasphemy' insert 'and apostasy'.*

Amendment One

19 conference representatives

Mover: Elizabeth Jewkes

Summation: Claire Mathys

- 1 *After G. (line 30) insert:*
 - 2 H. Everyone should have the right to practise a religion, or no religion and that everyone has the right to
 - 3 change their religion if they wish.
- 4 *After 4. (line 72) add:*
 - 5 5. Progress with the abolition or repeal of laws anywhere in the world which interfere with a person's right
 - 6 to choose, practice or change their religion, or to have no religion.

There will be a separate vote on the words from 'and for' in line 41 to the end of line 42.

Background briefing

This motion reaffirms and develops policy on freedom of expression following the January attack on Charlie Hebdo in Paris. The last full statement of party policy on this area was policy paper 63, *Censorship and Freedom of Expression* (2004).

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F19 Speech: Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Care and Support

Aide: Mary Reid

F20 Policy motion: Education Funding

Background briefing

This motion develops policy on education funding, childcare and the early years. It reaffirms policy on protecting education funding from nursery to 19 and extending the free early years childcare entitlement in the pre-manifesto policy paper 121, *Stronger Economy, Fairer Society* (2014), and on introducing a national fair funding formula in policy paper 89, *Equity and Excellence* (2009). It also updates policy on early years education and the Nutbrown review in policy motion *Early Years* (2012).

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19th–23rd September 2015, Bournemouth

Drafting advice deadline (motions)	13.00	Wednesday	17th June 2015
Motions deadline	13.00	Wednesday	1st July 2015
Drafting advice deadline (amendments, emergency motions)	13.00	Tuesday	25th August 2015
Deadline for amendments to motions, emergency motions, topical issues, questions to reports	13.00	Monday	7th September 2015

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