

Conference Daily

Saturday 16 March 2019

Spring Conference York



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Please note that timings are approximate only. Some items of business may occur earlier than indicated. Members wishing to speak are requested to submit a speaker's card as soon as possible.

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F1 Opening of Conference

Aide: Jennie Rigg.

During this item a one-minute silence will be observed to mark the massacre in Christchurch, New Zealand.

F3 Report of the Federal Policy Committee

Q1. Submitted by: Richard Gadsden

The immigration policy motion at the last conference was extensively amended. When will an edited version of the policy paper be published to reflect these amendments?

F3a Report: Campaign for Gender Balance

The Campaign for Gender Balance Report will take place after the Federal Policy Committee Report.

Mover: Julia Cambridge.

The deadline for questions to this report was 13.00 on Thursday 14 March. Questions on events occurring after the deadline may be submitted up until 08.50 on Saturday 16 March.

F4 Eradicating Race Inequality (Race Equality Policy Paper)

Mover: Merlene Emerson.

Summation: Baroness Hussein-Ece (Spokesperson for Equalities).

The FCC has agreed to make the following drafting amendments to the motion:

- 1 *In v) line 20, delete 'poorly represented' and insert 'underrepresented'.*
- 2 *In 1 c) (line 48), delete 'and placing' and insert '. Placing', and (line 49) after 'memorials' insert 'and*
- 3 *seeking new and imaginative ways'.*

Background Briefing

This motion and the accompanying policy paper substantially update and develop policy on race equality. In particular they create policy to address race inequality in education, health, employment, criminal justice and housing by advocating greater openness and transparency around ethnicity data and the introduction of targets with teeth. Existing policy is set out in the 2017 General Election Manifesto *Change Britain's Future* and policy motion *A New Approach to Race Equality* (2013).

F5 Speech: Christine Jardine MP (Spokesperson for Work and Pensions)

F6 Europe

The FCC has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion and this is reflected in the motion below:



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1 *Delete G. (lines 18-19) and insert:*

2 G. Parliament has overwhelmingly rejected May's deal for a second time, rejected crashing
3 out of the EU and directed the Government to seek an extension of Article 50.

4 *In d) (line 45), after 'and/or' insert 'working'.*

11 members

Mover: Rt Hon Tom Brake MP (Spokesperson for Exiting the European Union and International Trade).
Summation: Daisy Cooper.

1 Conference notes that:

2 A. The Conservative Government have made a mess of Brexit and Jeremy Corbyn's Labour
3 Party have been helping them to deliver this destructive Brexit.

4 B. Liberal Democrats campaigned to stay in the EU during the 2016 referendum and have
5 led the campaign for a People's Vote with the option to stay in the EU.

6 C. Various businesses and organisations have closed or are in the process of closing
7 operations in the UK, resulting in job losses across the country and knock on economic
8 impact; a no-deal scenario could leave the UK economy 6.3% to 9% smaller after 15 years,
9 compared to what it would have been.

10 D. Parliament has been at an impasse for months, with May's negotiated Withdrawal
11 Agreement failing to secure adequate Parliamentary support.

12 E. Part 2 of the Withdrawal Agreement safeguards the rights of British citizens in the EU and
13 EU citizens in the UK. The Government is requiring EU citizens to apply for pre-settled
14 or settled status by 2021, with those who do not receive it at risk of deportation; Irish
15 citizens do not have to apply but can if they choose to.

16 F. The European Court of Justice have ruled that the UK can unilaterally revoke Article 50,
17 and therefore no deal is avoidable.

18 G. Parliament has overwhelmingly rejected May's deal for a second time, rejected crashing
19 out of the EU and directed the Government to seek an extension of Article 50.

20 H. European Parliament elections are due to take place in May 2019, with new MEPs taking
21 their seats in July 2019 and the new European Commission facing appointment hearings
22 in the Autumn.

23 Conference believes that:

24 i) There is no deal that could be negotiated that could be more beneficial than continued
25 membership of the EU, leaving the EU would therefore be damaging to the UK's
26 fundamental national interests.

27 ii) The UK is now dangerously close to crashing out of the EU, as Theresa May refuses to
28 rule out a no deal scenario; and a short extension might only be a delay before a No Deal
29 crash out.

30 iii) The 2016 referendum and subsequent General Election had a severe impact on EU
31 citizens living in the UK, leaving them under a cloud of uncertainty and at risk of being
32 denied their rights, detained and even deported because of Theresa May's hostile
33 environment policies.

34 Conference reaffirms the Liberal Democrat commitment to:

35 a) Fight for an "exit from Brexit" referendum and for the public to choose between "the



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- 36 deal" or Britain remaining a full member of the EU; with Liberal Democrats campaigning
37 for Britain to remain a full and active member of the EU.
- 38 b) Seek to extend Article 50 to legislate for a referendum on the deal, or to provide enough
39 negotiating time to avoid a catastrophic no-deal scenario, and if such extension is not
40 agreed to withdraw the Article 50 notification.
- 41 c) Enable all non-Irish EU citizens living in the UK for five years or longer the right to full
42 participation in civic life; as well as ringfence the Withdrawal Agreement's Chapter on
43 citizens' rights.
- 44 d) Engage with the European Commission and the member states to grandfather the rights
45 of UK citizens, their families and their dependents living and/or working in the remaining
46 member states of the European Union, including access to health care and disability
47 support, as well as to uprating of pensions.
- 48 Conference calls for:
- 49 1. The Government to revoke the Article 50 notification if the House of Commons has not
50 passed a resolution approving (relating to) the negotiated Withdrawal Agreement one
51 week ahead of the date on which the UK is due to leave the EU.
- 52 2. The Government to remove the deadline for settled status applications, provide
53 additional support to those who need it, enshrine in law the right to appeal for those
54 whose applications are refused, and provide physical documentation to those who
55 receive their settled status.
- 56 3. The Government to create an emergency Brexit Support Fund of at least £7.5 billion
57 to mitigate job losses caused by Brexit uncertainty, a No Deal Brexit or the PM's deal,
58 with the fund being ring-fenced to support UK workers made redundant as a result of
59 businesses leaving the UK, closing down or downsizing as a result of the impact of Brexit,
60 and to offer workers the chance to receive advice or re-training to help them secure
61 employment or start a new business.
- 62 4. The Government to ensure fair UK representation in the European Parliament if the UK is
63 still a Member State at time of election.

Applicability: Federal.

Amendment One

Reigate

Mover: Mark Johnston.

Summation: John Vincent.

1 *Delete 4. (lines 62–63) and insert:*

- 2 4. The government to ensure the UK's participation in the 2019 European Parliamentary
3 Elections, if any extension of Article 50 means that the UK is still a member of the EU at
4 the time of the elections.

Background Briefing

This motion updates policy on Brexit in light of recent developments, in particular the recent parliamentary votes on the Withdrawal Agreement. It also creates new policy on the rights of EU citizens in the UK, a Brexit Support Fund and the UK's participation in the European Elections. Existing policy is set out in the policy motion *Stopping Brexit* (2018).



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F8 Cleaning Up the Air We Breathe: How to Tackle Road Pollution

Summation: Wera Hobhouse MP (Spokesperson for the Environment and Climate Change).

The FCC has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *In g) (line 38), after 'electric vehicles' insert 'and other incentives'.*
- 2 *Delete k) (lines 45–47) and insert:*
- 3 k) Introduce new planning legislation requiring all new large developments and
- 4 regeneration schemes to have low emissions transport plans, which include electric
- 5 vehicle charging facilities.

Amendment One

16 members

Mover: Steve Boulter.

Summation: Michael Kilpatrick.

- 1 *Delete a) (lines 23–24) and insert:*
- 2 a) Progressively ban the sale or import of new petrol and diesel cars and small vans,
- 3 exempting all hybrids in the early stages, progressing to exempting only plug in hybrids
- 4 within ten years.

Amendment Two

16 members

Mover: Steve Boulter.

Summation: Michael Kilpatrick.

- 1 *Delete f) (lines 35–36) and insert:*
- 2 f) Extend the existing ban on unnecessary idling of petrol/diesel vehicles on public roads
- 3 to anywhere on public or private land, and encourage local authorities to enforce such a
- 4 ban, especially near sensitive locations such as schools, hospitals parks and care homes.

Background Briefing

This motion develops and updates party policy on reducing vehicle emissions. In particular it calls for the banning of sales of non-hybrid petrol and diesel cars and vans within the next decade, reform to Vehicle Excise Duty and retrofitting or replacement of all diesel buses within five years.

Existing policy is set out in the 2017 General Election Manifesto *Change Britain's Future*, policy motion *Future Transport* (2016), 2015 General Election Manifesto *Stronger Economy, Fairer Society, Opportunity for Everyone* and policy paper 109, *Green Growth, Green Jobs* (2013).

F9 and F10 A Registered Supporters' Scheme

Mover of F9 and F10: Christine Jardine (Spokesperson for Work and Pensions).



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Summation of F9 and F10: Mark Pack.

The business motion and constitutional amendment will be debated and voted on together.

In order to simplify the voting, the FCC has decided to group the votes into issues, with most of them focussing on F10 because they require a two-thirds majority to pass.

The FCC has selected one separate vote to F9 and one amendment to F10.

Separate Vote to F9

There will be a separate vote to delete lines 96–97 of F9; this will be vote one – see below.

If the lines are deleted, it will have the effect of preventing registered supporters from applying to serve on policy working groups in the way that Party members can.

Amendment One to F10

This will be vote two – see below.

Cambridge City

Mover: David Grace.

Summation: Michael Kilpatrick.

- 1 *In the proposed change to Article 3.7 (line 24), delete '(a)-(c) or (e)-(f)' and insert '(a)-(f)'.*
- 2 *In the new 3.8 (c) (lines 47–49), delete 'This shall exclude Registered Supporters who are*
- 3 *members of another party'.*

This amendment requires a simple majority vote to pass. If it is passed it will have the effect of meaning that registered supporters cannot be members of other political parties.

Voting:

This is how the vote will be conducted.

Vote one: Policy Working Groups – Separate vote on F9

The first two votes will relate to the nature of the registered supporters' scheme that conference will later vote on whether or not the Party should adopt.

Question: If we had a registered supporters' scheme, would you want registered supporters to be able to serve on policy working groups on the same basis as Party members?

If yes: vote in favour of retaining lines 96–97 in F9.

If no: vote in favour of deleting those lines.

This vote will be decided by simple majority.



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Vote two: Members of other parties – Amendment to F10

Question: if we had a registered supporters' scheme, would you want to allow members of other political parties to be registered supporters?

If no: vote in favour of the amendment.

If yes: vote against the amendment.

This amendment requires a simple majority to pass.

Text of amendment:

- 1 *In the proposed change to Article 3.7 (line 24), delete '(a)-(c) or (e)-(f)' and insert '(a)-(f)'.*
- 2 *In the new 3.8 (c) (lines 47–49) delete 'This shall exclude registered supporters who are*
- 3 *members of another party'.*

If this amendment passes, to bring F9 into line with that vote, it will be amended as follows:

- 1 *Delete 2. iii) (lines 77–79) and insert:*
- 2 *iii) Members of other parties will not be permitted to register as supporters.*
- 3 *In 6. (lines 109–110) delete 'who are members of other political parties or'.*
- 4 *In 8. iii) lines (127–128), delete 'unless the sole grounds for doing so was membership of*
- 5 *another party'.*

Vote three: Registered Supporters' Scheme – Group One in F10 (lines 1–43)

This vote is on whether the Party will set up a registered supporters' scheme in the form set out in F10 but in accordance with the results of votes one and two. If conference votes to create such a scheme, there will then be a decision made in vote four on whether or not registered supporters will have the opportunity to vote for the Party Leader.

Question: do you want the Party to establish a registered supporters' scheme in the form set out in F10, but in accordance with the results of votes one and two?

If yes: vote for Group One.

If no: vote against Group One.

Group One requires a two-thirds majority to pass. That means that, for a registered supporters' scheme to be established, the vote in favour of establishing it must be two-thirds of those voting in the hall.

If Group One is not passed, to bring F9 into line with that vote, it will be amended as follows:

- 1 *In 1. (lines 70–71) delete 'as set out in the accompanying paper'.*
- 2 *Delete 2. (lines 72–79), 3. (lines 80–85), 4. (lines 86–89), 5. (lines 90–91), 6. (lines 94–111), 7. (lines*
- 3 *112–116) and 8. (lines 117–128).*



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That would leave F9 with the 'Conference notes' and 'Conference believes' sections, but no recommendations other than to establish a registered supporters' scheme and to encourage all parts of the Party to involve supporters in appropriate ways. F9 itself will be voted on in vote seven.

Vote four: Electing the Leader – Group Two (A) in F10 (lines 44–71)

This vote will only be taken if conference has decided to establish a registered supporters' scheme by voting for Group One in the previous vote; it assumes such a scheme will be set up.

Question: should registered supporters be permitted to vote for the Party Leader?

If yes: vote for Group Two (A).

If no: vote against Group Two (A).

Passing Group Two (A) requires a two-thirds majority.

If Group Two (A) is not passed, to bring F9 into line with that vote, it will be amended as follows:

1 *Delete 6. vii) (lines 107–111):*

The deleted section 6. vii) reads as:

- vii) Being able to vote in the election for the Leader of the Party (but not to nominate candidates in such an election); this would not be open to supporters who are members of other political parties or who fail other verification checks, such as to confirm that they are real people.*

Vote five: Standing for Leader – Group Two (B) in F10 (lines 72–80)

Question: should people other than Liberal Democrat members of the House of Commons be permitted to stand for Party Leader?

If yes: vote for Group Two (B).

If no: vote against Group Two (B).

Group Two (B) requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

Vote six: The twelve-month rule – Group Three in F10 (lines 81–85)

Question: do you want to permit new members to apply to be included on the list of approved Parliamentary Candidates?

If yes: vote for Group Three.

If no: vote against Group Three.

Group Three requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

Vote seven: Vote on F9 as amended or not

The final wording of F9 depends upon the outcome of previous votes.



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The two extreme scenarios are as follows.

F9 will be unchanged when voted on if:

- *the separate vote to F9 is to retain lines 96–7 (vote one);*
- *the amendment to F10 is not passed (vote two); and*
- *Groups One and Two (A) to F10 are passed (votes three and four).*

If, however, the vote on Group One (vote three) is not passed, F9 will consist only of the 'Conference Notes' section (lines 1–53), the 'Conference believes' section (lines 54–67) and a recommendation that there be a registered supporters' scheme in principle (lines 69–70, which would read "The current arrangements for supporters be formalised into a registered supporters' scheme") with all parts of the Party being encouraged to involve supporters in appropriate ways etc. (lines 129–132).

That would allow conference to decide that there should be a registered supporters' scheme in principle even if every part of F10 failed to pass.

F9, as amended or not, requires a simple majority to pass.

Emergency motions ballot

One of the following motions will be selected by ballot to be debated as F14 at 10.00 on Sunday 17 March.

The ballot paper, attached to the back of this Conference Daily or available from the Information Desk, should be returned to the ballot box in the Auditorium in the York Barbican between 09.00 and 12.50 on Saturday 16 March.

Emergency motion 1: Removal of British Citizenship

East Midlands

- 1 Conference notes with dismay:
- 2 A. The actions of the Home Secretary in stripping Shamima Begum of her British citizenship
- 3 when it is not clear if she holds citizenship of any other nation.
- 4 B. That this action of the Home Secretary means that any Britain citizen who may be able to
- 5 claim another nationality is liable to have their British Citizenship stripped from them on
- 6 the whim of a politician.
- 7 Conference further notes that:
- 8 i) Under international law it is illegal to deprive anyone of their nationality if that would
- 9 leave them stateless.
- 10 ii) Notwithstanding any crimes Ms Begum may have committed while living inside Islamic-
- 11 State-held territory, she was a British citizen when she left the UK and holds no other
- 12 nationality.



Emergency motions ballot

13 Conference believes that:

- 14 a) In stripping Ms Begum of her British citizenship, the Home Secretary has acted out of
15 political considerations rather than according to the law.
16 b) Any crimes Ms Begum has been accused of can and should be dealt with by the British
17 judicial process.

18 Conference demands:

- 19 1. That the Home Secretary reverses his decision to deprive Ms Begum of British citizenship.
20 2. Reform of the 1981 British Nationality Act to ensure a robust legal process is in place
21 before anyone is deprived of their British citizenship.

Applicability: Federal.

Emergency motion 2: Youth Crime and Youth Services

10 members and ALDC

1 Following the death of a 14-year-old in London on 8th January and further fatal stabbings
2 since that date, the stabbing of three teenagers in Birmingham within 12 days in February
3 2019, reports showing that knife crime in 2018 was at the highest level since 2010, and a
4 report by the Children’s Commissioner on 28th February 2019 showing that around 34,000
5 children are preyed on by “ruthless” criminal gangs.

6 Conference notes:

- 7 1. The rise in the number of young people involved in knife crime, with 813 under-18
8 admitted to hospital with stab wounds in 2017–18, compared to 451 in 2014–15.
9 2. The rise in the number of young people excluded from school.
10 3. The impact that high quality youth work can have in keeping young people in school, and
11 away from the influence of gangs, particularly the gangs involved with County Lines drug
12 dealing.
13 4. The massive reduction in youth service budgets since 2015.

14 Conference further notes the research evidence showing that having a strong long-term
15 relationship with a trusted adult outside the family or school can have a significant protective
16 effect against mental ill-health, and that youth workers can provide this support.

17 Conference also recognises the need for a public health approach involving all agencies
18 including the NHS and police to tackle the issue of knife crime and the need for cuts to police
19 numbers to be reversed.

20 Conference therefore calls for a major re-investment in youth services, both universal and
21 targeted, with national government making youth services clearly a statutory service, working
22 with local government to develop clear guidance on what councils should be providing, and
23 ensuring there is sufficient grant funding to match that service provision.

Applicability: England.



Emergency motions ballot

Please vote by indicating your preferences in order (1, 2).

	Emergency motion	Preference
1	Removal of British Citizenship	
2	Youth Crime and Youth Services	

Please return this ballot paper to the ballot box in the auditorium in the York Barbican between 09.00 and 12.50 on Saturday 16 March.

Please note that you will need to show your voting member's photo pass when submitting the ballot paper.

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Catering

There are extra food vans outside the venue: Little Yorkshire Coffee Co. for great tasting coffee and Hacking Hill Farm for locally sourced gourmet burgers, as well as the Fishergate Restaurant and Foyer Bar in the York Barbican.

Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Q&A sessions on Saturday 16 March where you can ask questions of our spokespeople. All sessions take place in the York Barbican, Lendal Room.

11.00–12.00: Home Affairs

With Baroness Lorely Burt, Sir Ed Davey MP and Lord Jonathan Marks tbc.

12.00–13.00: Transport and Infrastructure

With Baroness Jenny Randerson, Jamie Stone MP and Lord Andrew Stunnell.

15.00–16.00: Brexit

With Tom Brake MP, Lord Dick Newby tbc and Baroness Sarah Ludford tbc.

Left Luggage

On Sunday 17 March please store your luggage at your hotel after check out.

Alternatively, there is a secure, complimentary luggage service in operation at the Novotel in Meeting Rooms 5 & 6. There will be a charitable box if you wish to donate to one of the hotel's chosen charities. Please note that no large suitcases or bags are allowed into York Barbican.

