



## ***CLPD proposal for motions to CLPs for January 2020 meetings***

This CLP believes that the only kind of Labour leader worth having is a leader that is determined to challenge the status quo. For the last four years, Jeremy did exactly that and was therefore subjected to relentless attacks, from all sides, and to an unprecedented extent.

The 2017 election cannot be allowed to be erased from our discussions over the coming weeks – it proved that a radical socialist programme can win popular support. We won more votes in 2017 than the winning party of every election between 2001-2015.

Since the 1980s, a sense of alienation has been growing in ex-industrial regions and coastal communities, many of which voted to leave in 2016. New Labour failed in 13 years of government to enact the irreversible shift in wealth and power promised for such communities this time, and the 2016 Referendum became a lightning rod for their accumulated discontent.

At the same time, the party came under intense pressure from many staunchly Labour Remain areas. Recognising that the real divide in Britain is not between the 52% and the 48%, but between the many and the few, the only solution seemed to be to reach out to both sides, as Jeremy tried and as the CLPD-sponsored motion to Conference sought to do.

But the anger in many deprived working-class communities, particularly in the North and the Midlands, crystallised around the political establishment's failure to enact the 2016 result – an establishment which our Brexit policy made it difficult to distinguish ourselves from.

We must defend our core programme – not just because of its broad popular appeal, but because it is what the country needs.

We support Jeremy's call for a period of calm reflection rather than intense turmoil, and his intention to remain in post until a new leader has been chosen.

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