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## -The progressive agenda for Conference-

### Priorities Ballot: How to vote

In today's priorities ballot, CLPs and the unions can *each* choose four subjects for debate. The subjects chosen should help the Party present itself as united, moving forward and preparing policy to form the next government.

The unions have already agreed which subjects they will prioritise (see box, right). These issues will be discussed by Conference.

**CLP delegates should not vote for any of the four subjects chosen by the trade unions.** The CLPs' votes can select an *additional* four topics for debate (giving eight debates in total).

CLP delegates are urged to vote for these topics (highlights from the motions on the topics follow).

● **Housing:** It's one of the most pressing issues facing the country: building council houses to meet the desperate housing need must be an absolute priority of the next Labour Government.

● **Schools:** we need a more robust policy of opposition to the continuing academisation of schools in England, reflecting the work of our Labour-controlled authorities which have resisted academisation.

● **Windrush:** the leadership has exposed the cruel and discriminatory "hostile environment" policy and forced the resignation of a Tory Home Secretary. Labour's policy is to end the policy, fully compensate victims, and demand that the Government makes immediate interim hardship payments. Labour must also scrap the Immigration Act of 2014 which enshrined the "hostile environment" in law.

### CLP Priorities

Vote for the following subjects.

- Housing
- Schools
- Windrush
- Palestine

● **Palestine:** We must support the leadership in taking a principled position of solidarity with Palestinians. Conference must prioritise calling for a freeze of UK Government arms sales to Israel and an immediate and unconditional end to the illegal blockade and closure of Gaza.

Voting to prioritise these four subjects recommended for the CLPs would help focus Conference discussions on a progressive agenda.

● A number of motions have been submitted on aspects of Brexit. The trade unions have ensured this will be prioritised and constituency parties' contemporary motions on that subject will be composited with it.

● **To vote in the priorities ballot you go to the ballot area in the Conference Centre between 10.30am and 3pm.**

**After the priorities ballot, compositing meetings on successful topics will be held from 6.30pm. Delegates must attend and need to agree composites which establish clear policies taking forward Labour's policy.**

### Trade Union Priorities

The trade unions will back the following subjects. That means they *will* be debated and CLP delegates do NOT have to vote for them in the priorities ballot. If you do vote for these subjects you are wasting your vote.

**DO NOT vote for these subjects.**

- Brexit
- An economy for the many
- Government contracts
- In-work poverty

**Support CAC reference back: BAME and Disabled delegates must be heard!**

As it has been set out, the agenda means that rule changes on BAME and Disabled members' representation will be heard in the same short time slot as other completely unrelated changes to NEC composition.

BAME and Disabled members should not be sidelined or undermined. All rule changes concerning BAME and Disabled members, both from the Democracy Review and those submitted by CLPs, should be scheduled alongside each other to allow proper debate.

● Support reference back!

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# The Democracy Review's rule changes

Today we have the opportunity to make significant democratic changes to our rulebook. These will give members more say at a local, regional and national level. They make progress in representation of BAME and disabled members and promise much more in relation to the long overdue democratisation of our women's and youth structures. Importantly, they enshrine a Charter of Members Rights in the rulebook - a longstanding demand of CLPD. It will be easier to swap between GCs and all-member meeting structures, and other measures will strengthen local structures.

These are just some of the recommendations of Jeremy Corbyn's Democracy Review. Katy Clark, along with NEC members Claudia Webbe and Andy Kerr, have been up and down the country listening to members and affiliates and coming up with proposals to support our growing Party becoming more democratic and inclusive. The report, on the party website, is well worth a read. It will be up to the incoming NEC to take forward many more recommendations to improve our local govern-

ment structures and ensure members can be genuinely involved in policy making. By opening up our Party, engaging and inspiring our growing membership, we will be best placed to achieve the Labour government this country desperately needs.

Members should vote for recommendations on individual members' rights and on local, regional and national structures. These will be a huge step forward.

On leadership nominations, when there is a vacancy, the Democracy Review recommended reducing the threshold for nominations from the PLP from 10% to 5% - alongside either 10% of CLPs or affiliates. It is disappointing therefore that the NEC decided to keep the minimum threshold of 10% of the PLP.

This would make it difficult for an MP sharing Jeremy's political positions - which have turned Labour into a mass movement and helped us avoid the decimation faced by our sister parties in Europe - to get on the ballot paper. CLPD will ensure that we return to the Democracy Review's recommendations in the future.

## Last night at the NEC

**The NEC had quite a bit of unfinished business concerning the conference.**

### ●Rule Change re Trigger Ballots to be proposed by the NEC

If either one third or more of party branches or one third or more affiliated branches vote for a selection to take place, a selection will then proceed.

### ●Democracy Review Part II

In the case of a vacancy for Leader or Deputy Leader, each valid nomination must be supported by 10% of the PLP/EPLP and either 5% of CLPs or at least 3 affiliates comprising 5% of affiliated membership.

●Whether our Party should retain "registered supporters" was referred to an NEC review, as was the procedure for local affiliations from Affiliated Organisations.

●Rules Changes from CLPs that were submitted in 2017, under the one year delay come up this week. Many will fall if the NEC proposed rule changes are carried. Those remaining on the agenda will be opposed by the NEC, except the proposal that the NEC draw up standing orders for party conference;

the rule change removing the one year's delay re rule changes; the rule change proposing there be two deputy leaders, one a woman.

### ●Special Election of additional members to the National Constitutional Committee

The NEC will propose a rule change increasing the NCC from 11 seats to 25 seat - eight new seats elected by the trade unions and six elected by the CLPs (both gender balanced).

The elections will take place as soon as possible after Conference, as a one-off arrangement. Each candidate must have five years continuous party membership and be nominated by at least 10 CLPs including their home CLP and at least 5 CLPs from outside their home region.

### ●Selection of candidates for the following three seats

Sheffield Hallam will select from an all-women shortlist. Barrow-in-Furness and Birkenhead will select from open shortlists.

Tomorrow's bulletin will carry a report of yesterday's Labour Women's Conference.

### CLPD Youth

●**Today** is Young Labour day at Conference and there are loads of great events being put on all day at Auditorium 1C in the ACC. In the evening, Young Labour are hosting a rally from 6pm onwards in Hall 2G, followed by a social from 7:45pm. Details of all Young Labour-hosted events are on Young Labour's Facebook page.

●**Tomorrow** (Monday) CLPD Youth will be holding a social at the Baltic Fleet, Wapping, L1 8DQ (five minutes walk from ACC) from 7.45pm onwards. We'll be discussing the Democracy Review as it relates to Young Labour and inevitably lots more. All Young Labour members are welcome and details are on the CLPD Youth Facebook page.

Sunday, 23 Sep, 5.30pm

Room 11B - ACC

Labour Assembly

Against Austerity

### **Winning For Labour - How We End Tory Austerity**

John McDonnell MP,

Diane Abbot MP,

Richard Burgon MP,

Huda Elmi, NEC-elect

Chair: Steve Turner - Unite

Monday, 24 Sep, 6.30pm

Quaker Meeting House,

22 School Lane, L1 3BT

### **CLGA Round Table**

Your chance to question CLGA

supported reps on national

committees including Jean

Crocker and Teresa Clarke

(Women's Conference CAC)

plus reps from

NEC/CAC/NPF/NCC

Chair: Claudia Webbe

NEC member

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