

Labour Party Annual Conference 2016  
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Addendum to the

# Delegates' Report

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Annual Conference 2016

From the Conference Arrangements Committee

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## **Conference Arrangements Committee**

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## Introduction

This addendum to the Delegates' Report contains the following additional information for all delegates to Conference:

- Revised Ballot Schedule
- Constitutional amendments tabled by the National Executive Committee
- Constitutional amendments submitted by CLPs which will be debated at Conference.
- Constitutional amendments submitted by CLPs and affiliated organisations this year which will be noted by Conference 2016 and debated next year provided they comply with Party rules
- Statements of the 3 candidates standing for election as National Auditors. This ballot takes place on Monday.

## Revised Ballot Timetable

Voting will take place in **the Ballot Area in the Exhibition Hall**. Delegates' passes will be scanned at the entrance to the Ballot Area.

The National Executive Committee has decided to cancel the NPF Priorities for the Year ballot which was scheduled for Monday.

Candidates' statements for the National Constitutional Committee ballot can be found in the main Delegates' Report. Statements for the Auditor candidates are on page 12 of this report.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Ballot</b>
<b>Sunday 25 September</b> <i>10.30am – 3.00pm</i>	<b>Priorities Ballot - Contemporary Motions</b> <i>All delegates</i>
<b>Monday 26 September</b> <i>9.00am – 4.00pm</i>	<b>National Auditors</b> <i>All delegates</i>
<b>Tuesday 27 September</b> <i>9.00am – 4.00pm</i>	<b>National Constitutional Committee – CLP Section</b> <i>CLP delegates</i>

## NEC Constitutional Amendments

These rule changes have been tabled by the National Executive Committee and will be debated on Tuesday morning.

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>Membership - Chapter 2 Clause 1.6</b>  D. Where a member has been convicted of a serious criminal offence the NEC shall have the right to impose the appropriate disciplinary action from the following options:</p> <p>i. Suspension from membership or from holding office and representation of the Party for the duration of any prison sentence imposed, including a suspended sentence.  ii. Referral of disciplinary case to the NCC  iii. Where the NEC determines it is appropriate and based on a conviction for a serious offence, resolve that a member is ineligible to be or remain a Party member, subject to the provisions of Chapter 6.1.2 below of the disciplinary rules.</p>	<p><b>Chapter 2 Clause 1.6</b>  D. Where a member has been convicted of a serious criminal offence or subject of a serious ruling from HM Courts and Tribunals Service, the NEC shall have the right to impose the appropriate disciplinary action from the following options:</p> <p>i. Suspension from membership or from holding office and representation of the Party for the duration of any prison sentence imposed, including a suspended sentence.  ii. Referral of disciplinary case to the NCC  iii. Where the NEC determines it is appropriate and based on a conviction for a serious offence or subject of a serious ruling from HM Courts and Tribunals Service, resolve that a member is ineligible to be or remain a Party member, subject to the provisions of Chapter 6.1.2 below of the disciplinary rules.</p>
<p><b>Affiliations – Chapter 7 Clause IX.</b>  The General Meeting  1. Annual Meetings  A. The annual meeting of this CLP shall be held in {} of each year or, in the event of such meeting not being held in that month for any reason, as soon thereafter as possible. The annual meeting should not normally be held before May in any year.  B. Affiliation fees due to this CLP for the previous year ended 31 December must have been paid to this CLP a clear 35 days before the date of the annual meeting.</p>	<p><b>Chapter 7 Clause IX.</b>  The General Meeting  1. Annual Meetings  A. The annual meeting of this CLP shall be held in {} of each year or, in the event of such meeting not being held in that month for any reason, as soon thereafter as possible. The annual meeting should not normally be held before May in any year.  B. Affiliation fees due to this CLP for the previous year ended 31 December must have been paid to this CLP a clear 35 days before the date of the annual meeting.  C. New affiliations accepted at least 60 days prior to the AGM in the current year shall have all rights associated with attendance at the AGM.</p>

## Constitutional Amendments from CLPs

These are the constitutional amendments (rule changes) submitted by CLPs and affiliates last year which satisfy the rules of the Party and will be debated at Conference 2016. The rule change debate is scheduled for Tuesday morning. These rule changes will be printed again in Tuesday's CAC Report.

CLP	Chapter and clause	Amendment
Bury North Exeter Blackpool North and Cleveleys	<b>CHAPTER 3</b> Clause III, 2C <i>Priorities Ballot</i> Page 13	<b>Third sentence</b> <b>After:</b> At least the four priorities selected by CLPs will be time-tabled for debate, as will at least the first four priorities selected by Trade Unions and other affiliated organisations.  <b>Insert:</b> The affiliates' ballot will be scheduled earlier so that the topics prioritised by the affiliates will not appear on the ballot papers for the delegates.
Mid-Bedfordshire Mid-Norfolk Orpington South Derbyshire South West Devon Torridge and West Devon Uxbridge and South Ruislip	<b>CHAPTER 3</b> Clause III, 2C <i>Submissions to Conference - organisations may submit a motion and a rule change</i>	<b>Sixth sentence:</b> <b>Delete:</b> "Alternatively" and add "Also"
Sheffield Heeley	<b>CHAPTER 3</b> <b>Clause III, 2G</b> <b>Right to refer back any part of a policy document</b> Page 13	<b>Amendment:</b> <b>after</b> 'strategy' end the sentence and insert 'Conference has the right to refer back part of any document without rejecting the policy document as a whole. Conference shall also consider '.....
Wimbledon	<b>CHAPTER 3</b> Clause III, 2C <b>Submissions to Conference</b> Page 13	<b>Amendments:</b> <b>First sentence:</b> before 'motion' delete 'contemporary' and after 'motion' delete 'which is not substantially addressed by reports of the NEC or NPF to conference' and replace with 'on a matter of policy, campaigning or party organisation and finance'. <b>Second sentence:</b> after 'The CAC shall' delete 'determine whether the motions meet these criteria and'.

		<b>Final sentence:</b> delete 'contemporary'
Erewash	<b>CHAPTER 7</b> <b>Clause VIII, Sub-clause 4</b> <b>Rules for CLPs (Officers)</b> <b>Page 30</b>	<b>Amendment:</b> <b>After 'technology' insert ' , small business liaison</b>

## Constitutional Amendments 2016

These are the constitutional amendments submitted by CLPs and affiliates in 2016 which will be noted by Conference 2016 and timetabled for debate and decision at the 2017 Conference provided they are in compliance with party rules.

CLP/affiliate	Chapter & Clause	Amendment
Kingswood	All	Remove the term and entitlement of Registered Supporters from the Rule Book
Socialist Health Association	CHAPTER 1 Clause IV <i>Constitutional Rules</i> <i>Page 3</i>	<b>Delete all and replace with:</b> Labour is a democratic socialist party working for a fairer, healthier and more equal society
Folkestone & Hythe Hendon	CHAPTER 2 Clause I, Section 4 <i>Membership Exclusions</i> <i>Page 7</i>	<b>Insert new paragraph:</b> Where a member is responsible for a hate incident, being defined as something where the victim or anyone else think it was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on disability, race, religion, transgender identity, or sexual orientation, the NEC have the right to impose the appropriate disciplinary action from the following options:  i. suspension from membership or from holding office and representation of the Party for the duration of any prison sentence imposed, including a suspended sentence. ii. referral of disciplinary case to the NCC iii. where the NEC determines it is appropriate and based on a conviction for a serious offence, resolve that a member is ineligible to be or remain a Party member, subject to the provisions of Chapter 6.I.2 below of the disciplinary rules.

<p>Finchley &amp; Golders Green</p>	<p>CHAPTER 2 Clause I, Section 4 <i>Membership Exclusions</i> Page 8</p>	<p>Add a new paragraph D, and restyle current paragraph D as paragraph E: A member of the Party engaging in conduct which is motivated by hostility or prejudice based on gender; sexual identity; ethnicity or faith; age or disability; or other personal characteristic, shall automatically be ineligible to be or remain a Party member, subject to the provisions of Chapter 6, Clause 1 below of the disciplinary rules.</p> <p>Amend Section 8 as follows: insert after first sentence: No member of the Party shall engage in conduct which in the opinion of the NEC is racist, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, or otherwise expressing hostility or prejudice based on gender; sexual identity; ethnicity or faith; age or disability; or other personal characteristic. Add at end of last sentence except in cases of conduct which in the opinion of the NEC is racist, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic or otherwise expressing hostility or prejudice based on gender; sexual identity; ethnicity or faith; age or disability; or other personal characteristic.</p> <p>Amend Appendix 6, Procedural guidelines in disciplinary cases brought before the NCC as follows: Insert new paragraph 19, and renumber paragraph 19 as paragraph 20:</p> <p>19. Where a panel has found a charge of conduct that is racist or expressing prejudice under Chapter 2, 4, D, expulsion is required by the terms of the rule unless the panel is satisfied that an unqualified undertaking in the form required by the NEC has been given, in which case a disciplinary measure short of expulsion may be imposed.</p>
<p>Hastings &amp; Rye</p>	<p>CHAPTER 2 Clause I, Section 8 <i>Conditions of membership</i> Page 9</p>	<p>At the end of Section 8 add: "A member of the Party who in the opinion of the NEC engages in intentional anti-Jewish or racist abuse in public or in writing shall be deemed to have engaged in conduct prejudicial to the Party. Where there is a case to answer within objective criteria and the party's values, a clear dividing line shall be maintained between</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) investigation to establish the full facts; and</li> <li>b) informed judgment on their political implications Hatred of Jews shall not be evidenced by non-abusive words or actions regarding Israel or Zionism that are part of legitimate political discourse. If the Party seeks Jewish or other community views or advice on definitions, these shall be sought from all</li> </ol>

		sections of that community as deemed appropriate, and any alternative views that are offered from that community shall be heard."
Bury South Chipping Barnet Hertsmere Jewish Labour Movement Manchester Withington Streatham Warrington South	CHAPTER 2 Clause I, Section 8 <i>Conditions of membership</i> Page 9	After the first sentence add a new sentence: A member of the Party who uses anti-semitic, Islamophobic, racist language, sentiments, stereotypes or actions in public, private, online or offline, as determined by the NEC, shall be deemed to have engaged in conduct prejudicial to the Party.  Add at the end of the final sentence after "opinions" . except in instances involving antisemitism, Islamophobia or racism  Insert new paragraph E: Where a member is responsible for a hate incident, being defined as something where the victim or anyone else think it was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on disability, race, religion, transgender identity, or sexual orientation, the NEC may have the right to impose the appropriate disciplinary options from the following options: [same as D]
York Outer	CHAPTER 2 Clause III, Section 6 <i>Membership subscriptions</i> Page 10	Replace existing Section 6 with: An NEC approved statement shall be produced setting out the basis on which membership fees shall be allocated, including from January 2017 a minimum cash allocation of 10% of each paid up member's subscription and a guaranteed minimum package of support for all CLPs.
Cheltenham	CHAPTER 3 Clause I, Section 4F <i>Party Conference - delegations</i> Page 12	Add at new sentence at the end of Section 4F as follows: Any exceptions to this rule can only be made with the approval of the NEC or an officer exercising the powers given to them by the NEC.
Blackley & Broughton Exeter	CHAPTER 3 Clause III, Section 2C <i>Party Conference - submissions by CLPs and affiliates</i> Page 13	At the start of the last sentence delete "Alternatively" and replace by "Also"



Bracknell Burnley City of Durham Colne Valley Solihull Wealden	CHAPTER 3 Clause III, Section 2G <i>Policy documents</i> Page 13	Amend the first sentence as follows: after "strategy" end the sentence and insert: "Conference has the right to refer back part of any policy document without rejecting the policy document as a whole. Conference shall also consider"
Brighton Pavilion	CHAPTER 3 Clause III, Section 2C <i>Conference Motions</i> Page 13	Amend the first sentence as follows: delete "contemporary" and delete "which is not substantially addressed by reports of the NEC or NPF or Conference." and replace the latter with "on a matter of policy, campaigning or Party organisation and finance".  Amend the second sentence: delete "determine whether the motions meet these criteria and"  Amend the last sentence: delete "contemporary".
Filton & Bradley Stoke Newport West	CHAPTER 3 Clause III, Section 2H <i>Constitutional Amendments - debated in year of submission</i> Page 13	Add a new sub-clause 2I at end: All constitutional amendments submitted by affiliated organisations and CLPs that are accepted as in order shall be timetabled for debate at the first party conference following their submission.
New Forest East	CHAPTER 3 Clause III, Section 2D <i>Women's Conference to submit motions to Conference</i> Page 13	Add a new Section D as follows and re-number rest of Section 2 accordingly: The annual women's conference may submit to conference up to two motions not substantially addressed by reports to the NEC or NPF or contemporary motions already put forward as a result of the ballot process.
Birmingham Hall Green Cardiff North Crewe & Nantwich Devizes South West Devon	CHAPTER 4 Clause II, Section 2b (i) - <i>Election of Leader - nominations required - Page 14</i>	Replace "15 per cent" with "5 per cent"
Bath Brentford & Isleworth Brighton Kemptown Chingford & Woodford Green Christchurch East Devon Eastleigh Forest of Dean	CHAPTER 4 Clause II, Section 2B (ii) <i>Election of Leader - incumbent on ballot paper</i> Page 14	Replace existing 2B (ii) with the following: Where there is no vacancy, nominations may be sought by potential challengers each year prior to the annual session of Party conference. In this case any nomination must be supported by 20 per cent of the combined Commons members of the PLP and members of the EPLP. Nominations not attaining this threshold shall be null and void. In the event that a potential challenger attains the threshold and that an election will take place, the incumbent (Leader or Deputy Leader) will be

<p>Gateshead Great Grimsby Hampstead &amp; Kilburn Hereford &amp; South Herefordshire Hornsey &amp; Wood Green Houghton &amp; Sunderland South Islington South &amp; Finsbury Luton South Mid Bedfordshire Mid Norfolk Mid Sussex North East Cambridgeshire North West Cambridgeshire North West Durham Rayleigh &amp; Wickford Sefton Central Sheffield Heeley Stretford &amp; Urmston Southampton Test South Northamptonshire Thornberry &amp; Yate Tottenham</p>		<p>automatically included on the ballot paper if they inform the General Secretary in writing they wish to be a candidate in the election.</p>
<p>Daventry</p>	<p>CHAPTER 4 Clause III <i>Elections to National Committees - voting system</i> Page 16</p>	<p>Amend introductory paragraph as follows: Delete "the conduct of" (after "other matters relating to") and Insert: "which shall be conducted using the Single Transferable Vote system with, where appropriate, constraints to ensure gender balance" at the end of the paragraph.</p>
<p>Caerphilly</p>	<p>CHAPTER 4 Clause II, Section 2C (vi) <i>Election to national committees and officers - entitlement to vote</i></p>	<p>Delete the words "affiliated supporters and registered supporters" and insert the words "Voting shall be cast in a single section of fully paid Labour members"</p>

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Huddersfield	CHAPTER 4 Clause II, Section 2C (vi) <i>Election to national committees and officers - entitlement to vote</i> <i>Page 14</i>	Replace existing sub-clause with:  Only paid up members of the Labour Party are entitled to vote in elections for the Leader and Deputy Leader of the party.
Ashfield	CHAPTER 7 Clause III, 1A and Clause 1V,1A <i>Rules for CLPs – Affiliated Organisations</i> <i>Page 28</i>	Amend as follows:  In sub-clause A, after “subsections of branches” insert “including retired member sections/associations”  Amended 1A would read:  1. Organisations may affiliate to the Party at constituency level if they fall within the following categories:  A. trade unions or branches thereof affiliated to the Trades Union Congress or considered by the NEC to be bona fide trade unions affiliated to the Party nationally. Where provided by the structure of an affiliated organisation, subsections of branches retired member sections/associations may affiliate separately at the discretion of the RD(GS) of the Party in agreement with the appropriate authority of the affiliated trade union  Consequential rule change to support the rule amendment – payment of affiliation fees. Amend Clause IV, 1A as follows:  after “branches of trade unions” insert “retired member sections/associations of trade unions”
Blackpool North & Cleveleys	CHAPTER 11 Clause V <i>Young Labour Rules</i> <i>Page 39</i>	Add at the end after Sub-clause 3, a new Sub-clause 4 as follows:  Young Labour shall have its own constitution and standing orders, to be determined by the Young Labour AGM.
Enfield North Leyton & Wansted	CHAPTER 12 Clause IV <i>Local Campaign</i>	Delete all and insert new sub-clauses as follows:  1. The membership of the LGC shall consist 75% of delegates from the local CLP(s) and 25% from affiliates. At least 50% of delegates from each group shall be

	<p><i>Forums</i> Page 44</p>	<p>women.</p> <p>2. Additionally, CLP campaign co-ordinators shall be ex officio members of the LGC. Any sitting MP, AM, MSP, MEP, PCC and/or PPC may attend their LGC. Where a Co-operative Party council exists for the area concerned and they sponsor candidates in local elections they shall be entitled to appoint a member to the LGC.</p> <p>3. The LGC shall meet at least four times per year with representatives of the Labour group where one exists.</p> <p>Consequential amendments - elsewhere replace LCF by LGC</p>
<p>Leicester South</p>	<p>CHAPTER 13 Clauses XIV and XVII <i>Reporting to and consulting with the Party</i> Page 51</p>	<p>Replace existing Clause XIV, Section 1 with the following:</p> <p>1. Members of the Labour group are entitled and encouraged to attend meetings of their constituency party and appropriate local party units. The group standing orders shall specify how the group and council leadership including the City Mayor and Deputy City mayor shall report to and consult with the appropriate local party on a regular basis; the leader and deputy leader of the Labour Group, or other Group officer as determined by the Group shall be members of the LCF and its Executive Committee. The party expects the group leadership including the City Mayor and Deputy City mayor to give a minimum of reports and hold a number of policy consultations within the year, to keep the party informed of budgetary and service delivery issues, and other policy areas.</p> <p>Replace existing Clause XVII, Section 1 and 2 with the following:</p> <p>1. Labour groups on joint boards, committees, on regional bodies and on local government associations shall adopt appropriate rules and standing orders in consultation with the party's Local Government Unit and with the prior approval of the NEC.</p> <p>2. The rules contained in Chapter 13 are minimum requirements for the operation of Labour groups and the conduct of Labour councillors including the City Mayor and Deputy City Mayor. Due account must be taken of the resources for member development and the guidance approved by the NEC and of such advice as may be issued from time to time by the NEC.</p>

Richmond (Yorks)	Appendix 8 Clause III, 1A <i>Membership subscriptions - portion allocated to CLPs</i> Page 83	Reasoning:  Given that far too small a percentage of the membership fee is allocated to Constituency Labour Parties, we call on Labour Party NEC to increase the share of the subscription that is returned to CLPs to enable more and better campaigning by constituency parties and branches Thus the amendment would read as does the current statement but the figure of £1.50 per member would be increased to £2.50, (and the example given would be changed accordingly.)
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## Election of National Auditors

**Two** to be elected to serve a term of two years. The ballot will take place on Monday 26 September and all delegates may vote.

Candidate	Nominated by
Chris KITCHEN	<i>NUM, UCATT, USDAW</i>
Sina Lari	<i>BECTU, BFAWU, MU</i>
John PARK	<i>Community, UCATT, USDAW</i>

## Candidate statements

### Chris KITCHEN

National Union of Mineworkers

I am requesting your support for the position of National Auditor because I have shown that I have developed an understanding over the years of this important role. I was supported for this position by the NUM when David Hopper retired from this position.

As NUM National Secretary responsible for finances, Trustee to 2 pensions schemes and Chairman of one I have gained the experience necessary to help check our Party's financial records to make sure they are accurate and that our procedures are working efficiently.

Knowledge and experience are all very well but I feel that to gain a proper understanding of finances they have to be explained in simple terms. I am not afraid to ask any questions that may seem obvious in order to get a simple understanding.

I have demonstrated over the years my dedication to the Labour and Trade Union movement and I feel that I have the qualities to carry out the duties of a National Auditor of the Labour Party and ask for your support.

## **Sina LARI**

Having had the experience of serving CLPs and affiliates as a voluntary party officer, I'm delighted to have been nominated by so many organisations for Party Auditor.

As a Scientist I focus on data analysis of Malaria parasites and tropical diseases. I'm a member of my UCU branch, and as a Musician I'm also a proud member of the MU. I believe that our party must be strongly grounded in organised labour and I will use my experience to ensure the voices of trade union members and extraordinary party activists are heard above all.

As a member of the Socialist Societies Executive, a CLP Secretary and Branch Campaign Co-Coordinator, I've been at the frontline fighting for our movement's representation in times good and bad.

I'm standing to deliver my experience as a political administrator and campaigner for the benefit of our movement.

As Auditor I promise to:

- Provide reports back to members to uphold highest standards of accountability.
- Lobby for rights of members and affiliates to have a greater say in our policy-making process.
- Welcome new members and fight for internal democracy.
- Defend our Trade Union Link.
- Fight for a Party that is anti-austerity and united against the Tory government.

## **John PARK**

As an active trade unionist of 27 years, I have held office across the labour movement and now serve as Assistant General Secretary of Community.

The position of Auditor is an important role in ensuring good governance of the Labour Party. Having served in this role for two years, I am standing for election again. While the need for political unity within our movement has never been greater, it is equally important to ensure the continued good management of our party's organisation and finances.

I would be delighted to continue to serve my party in this way and ask my fellow delegates from CLPs, trade unions and socialist societies to elect me once again as a Labour Party Auditor.