

**APPENDIX with NEC Rule Changes**

**CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE  
REPORT 1 to Conference 2016**

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## Made by Members: NEC Organisational Constitutional Amendments

Throughout the year the NEC have been consulting on a number of organisational changes to better reflect the concerns of our local communities and to ensure that our party activity is focused on activity, not bureaucracy.

There has been a high level of engagement in this consultation process. There have been many opportunities for party members, CLPs and other party units to feedback via questionnaires on the Party website and via regionally and locally organised consultation events.

These measures give greater support to our members – our women members, under-represented members and our councillors, and greater autonomy to Scotland and Wales. Other rule changes on this paper are tidying up rule changes in the light of situations which have arisen in the last 12 months.

The National Executive Committee has agreed the following package of constitutional amendments for debate and decision at Conference 2016.

The rule change debate will take place on Tuesday morning.

Chapter and clause	Current Wording	NEC Amendment
Chapter 4 Clause II.2.B  Election of Leader and Deputy Leader  Page 14	ii. 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.	ii. 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.  <b>The sitting Leader or Deputy Leader shall not be required to seek nominations in the event of a challenge under this rule.</b>

<p>Chapter 7 Clause IX</p> <p>The General Meeting</p> <p>Page 31</p>	<p>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>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. <b>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.</b></p>
<p>Chapter 2 Clause 1.4</p> <p>Conditions of Membership</p> <p>Page 8</p>	<p>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: 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</p>	<p>D. Where a member has been convicted of a serious criminal offence <b>or subject of a serious ruling from HM Courts and Tribunals Service</b>, the NEC shall 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</p>

	<p>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>conviction for a serious offence <b>or subject of a serious ruling from HM Courts and Tribunals Service</b>, 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>Chapter 3 Clause IV</p> <p>National Annual Women's Conference</p> <p>Page 13</p>		<p><b><u>National Annual Women's Conference</u></b></p> <p><b>The NEC will issue procedures for holding a national annual women's conference which has a formal role in the policy making process.</b></p>
<p>Chapter 13 Clause VI.</p> <p>Group Executive</p> <p>Page 49</p>	<p>1. Where the Labour group chooses to appoint a group executive, the group shall do so at its annual meeting in accordance with the group standing orders, and in a manner that ensures equality of opportunity and encourages under-represented groups to come forward. As a minimum, the gender balance of the Labour group executive will reflect the gender balance of the Labour group as a whole. Any deviation from this will require consent from your RD(GS).</p>	<p>1. Where the Labour group chooses to appoint a group executive, the group shall do so at its annual meeting in accordance with the group standing orders, and in a manner that ensures equality of opportunity and encourages under-represented people to come forward. As a minimum, the gender balance of the Labour group executive will reflect the gender balance of the Labour group as a whole. Any deviation from this <b>without explicit consent of the RD(GS) may lead to disciplinary action.</b></p>

<p>Chapter 13 Clause II 2. A</p> <p>Aims and Values</p> <p>Page 48</p> <p>Insert new sub clause v</p>		<p><b>v. Members of the Labour group in administration must comply with the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and subsequent revisions and shall not vote against or abstain on a vote in full Council to set a legal budget proposed by the administration. Members of the Labour Group shall not support any proposal to set an illegal budget. Any councillor who votes against or abstains on a Labour group policy decision in this matter may face disciplinary action.</b></p>
<p>Chapter 5 Clause II</p> <p>Rights and Responsibilities of elected members</p> <p>Page 21</p>	<p>4. Police Commissioners A. Labour Police Commissioners (PCCs) are expected to meet the highest standards of probity and to take a lead in the Party's campaigning and community engagement work both locally and nationally. B. PCCs will work closely with their respective national or regional office to maintain regular contact with Labour Party organisations and members in the areas which they represent.</p>	<p><b>4. Combined Authority Mayors and Police Commissioners A. Labour Combined Authority Mayors (CAMs) and Police Commissioners (PCCs) are expected to meet the highest standards of probity and to take a lead in the Party's campaigning and community engagement work both locally and nationally. B. CAMs and PCCs will work closely with their respective national or regional office to maintain regular contact with Labour Party organisations and members in the areas which</b></p>

	<p>C. PCCs shall be responsible to the NEC as an elected representative of the Labour</p>	<p><b>they represent, including but not limited to regular reports to CLPs, Labour Groups and affiliates. At the discretion of the RD(GS), CAMs and PCCs may be asked to give a report to Labour’s national and regional conferences or specially convened annual meetings organised by the regional office.</b></p> <p><b>C. CAMs and PCCs shall be responsible to the NEC as an elected representative of the Labour Party.</b></p> <p><b>D. Any appointments in the gift of Labour CAMs and PCCs should give fair consideration to Labour’s commitment to increase diversity and representation for under-represented people.</b></p>
<p>Chapter 13 Clause III Membership of the group Page 48</p>	<p>2. Members of the Labour group shall pay an annual levy to the Party of 2 per cent of their total income from council and joint body sources, in line with all elected representatives of the Party. The elected representative levy shall be paid through a group contribution by a continuous payment method from group funds, the deduction being the figure notified to the Party by the group secretary by 6 September each year and</p>	<p>2. Members of the Labour group shall pay an annual levy to the Party of 2 per cent of their total income from council and joint body sources, in line with all elected representatives of the Party. <b>For a Labour Group with ten or more members, or with an allowance amount of £1,000 or more, the elected representative levy shall be paid through a group contribution by a continuous payment method from group funds, the deduction being the figure notified to the Party by</b></p>

	<p>taken in 5 instalments commencing September or a single payment in December.</p>	<p><b>the group secretary by 6 September each year and taken in 5 instalments commencing September. Labour Groups with fewer than 10 members or an allowance of less than £1,000 may choose to pay either by a continuous payment method described above, or make a single payment in December.</b></p>
<p>Chapter 1 Clause VIII  The National Executive Committee  Page 5</p>	<p>1. The NEC shall comprise: A. 24 members elected in such proportion and under such conditions as may be set out in rules Chapter 3.III below and Chapter 4.III below. B. the leader and deputy leader of the Party C. the leader of the EPLP D. the treasurer of the Party E. three frontbench Members of Parliament, at least one of whom must be a woman, nominated by the Cabinet (or Shadow Cabinet in opposition) F. one youth member elected at the national Young Labour Conference who must be a woman at least every other term. G. one member elected by the BAME Labour at its conference as laid down in the rules of the socialist society. This member to be</p>	<p>1. The NEC shall comprise: A. 24 members elected in such proportion and under such conditions as may be set out in rules Chapter 3.III below and Chapter 4.III below. B. the leader and deputy leader of the Party C. the leader of the EPLP D. the treasurer of the Party E. three frontbench Members of Parliament, at least one of whom must be a woman, nominated by the Cabinet (or Shadow Cabinet in opposition) F. one youth member elected at the national Young Labour Conference who must be a woman at least every other term. G. one member elected by the BAME Labour at its conference as laid down in the rules of the socialist society. This member to be elected once the individual membership of the socialist</p>

	<p>elected once the individual membership of the socialist society has reached 2,500 and at least one third of eligible trade unions have also affiliated to the socialist society.</p>	<p>society has reached 2,500 and at least one third of eligible trade unions have also affiliated to the socialist society.  <b>H. One frontbench member of the Scottish Parliament nominated by the Leader of the Scottish Labour Party</b>  <b>I. One frontbench member of the National Assembly of Wales nominated by the Leader of the Welsh Labour Party</b></p>
<p>Chapter 1 Clause V  Party Programme  Page 3</p>	<p>3. When in Government the NEC, the seven backbench members of the Parliamentary Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party ('PLP') plus the Chair of the PLP, the Cabinet, the Chair and three vice Chairs of the NPF, two CLP members of the NPF to be elected by CLP delegates to the NPF, and eight Trade Union members of the TULO Contact Group, shall decide which items from the Party programme shall be included in the manifesto which shall be issued by the NEC prior to every general election. The joint meeting shall also define the attitude of the Party to the principal issues raised by the election which are not covered by the manifesto.</p>	<p>3. When in Government the NEC, the seven backbench members of the Parliamentary Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party ('PLP') plus the Chair of the PLP, the Cabinet, <b>the Leaders of the Scottish and Welsh Labour Parties</b>, the Chair and three vice Chairs of the NPF, two CLP members of the NPF to be elected by CLP delegates to the NPF, and eight Trade Union members of the TULO Contact Group, shall decide which items from the Party programme shall be included in the manifesto which shall be issued by the NEC prior to every general election. The joint meeting shall also define the attitude of the Party to the principal issues raised by the election which are not covered by the manifesto.</p>



	<p>4. When not in Government the NEC, the Shadow Cabinet, the Parliamentary Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party ('PLP') and the Chair and three vice Chairs of the NPF shall decide which items from the Party programme shall be included in the manifesto that shall be issued by the NEC prior to every general election. The joint meeting shall also define the attitude of the Party to the principal issues raised by the election which are not covered by the manifesto.</p>	<p>4. When not in Government the NEC, the Shadow Cabinet, the Parliamentary Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party ('PLP'), <b>the Leaders of the Scottish and Welsh Labour Parties</b>, the Chair and three vice Chairs of the NPF <b>and eight Trade Union members of the TULO Contact Group</b> shall decide which items from the Party programme shall be included in the manifesto that shall be issued by the NEC prior to every general election. The joint meeting shall also define the attitude of the Party to the principal issues raised by the election which are not covered by the manifesto.</p>
<p>Chapter 5 Clause IV</p> <p>Selection of Westminster parliamentary candidates</p> <p>Page 22</p>	<p>1. The NEC shall issue procedural rules and guidelines and the timetable for the selection of candidates for Westminster Parliament elections. CLPs shall be responsible for implementing these guidelines in line with the rules detailed in Clause I.1 above and following. CLPs must agree their procedures and timetable with the appropriate RD(GS) or other designated officer approved by the NEC.</p>	<p>1. The NEC, <b>Scottish and Welsh Executive Committees</b> shall issue procedural rules and guidelines and the timetable for the selection of candidates for Westminster Parliament elections. <b>The Scottish and Welsh Executive Committees will be responsible for administering the selection of Westminster Parliamentary Candidates in Scotland and Wales subject to rules detailed in 2-11 below.</b> CLPs shall be responsible for implementing these guidelines in line with the</p>

		rules detailed in Clause I.1 above and following. CLPs must agree their procedures and timetable with the appropriate RD(GS) or other designated officer approved by the NEC.
Chapter 5 Clause VI.  Selection of Candidates for devolved Institutions  Page 24	<p>1. With respect to selections for candidates for the Scottish Parliament or Welsh Assembly, the NEC shall draw up a detailed procedural document in consultation with the Scottish or Welsh Executive Committee as appropriate, based on principles detailed in Clause I and Clause IV above</p> <p>2. The NEC shall also draw up detailed procedural guidance with respect to selections for the Greater London Authority or other such regional body in England, based on principles detailed in Clause I above. Regional selections boards, representative of the given area and reflecting a balance of CLPs and affiliates will administer the process. Regional/national bodies must agree their procedures and timetable with a designated officer approved by the NEC.</p> <p>3. The NEC shall also draw up detailed procedural guidance with respect to selections for</p>	<p><b>1. With respect to selections for candidates for the Scottish Parliament or National Assembly of Wales, the Scottish and Welsh Executive Committees shall draw up a detailed procedural document, based on principles detailed in Clause I and Clause IV above</b></p> <p>2. The NEC shall draw up detailed procedural guidance with respect to selections for the Greater London Authority or other such regional body in England, based on principles detailed in Clause I above. Regional selections boards, representative of the given area and reflecting a balance of CLPs and affiliates will administer the process. Regional/national bodies must agree their procedures and timetable with a designated officer approved by the NEC.</p> <p>3. The NEC, <b>Scottish Executive Committee and Welsh Executive Committee</b> shall also draw up detailed procedural guidance with respect to selections for directly elected leaders of regional</p>

	<p>directly elected leaders of regional administrations and local authorities based on principles detailed in Clause I above. Regional (or Scottish or Welsh) selections board, representative of the given area and reflecting a balance of CLPs and affiliates, will also administer these processes.</p> <p>4. Any exceptions to rules 1–3 above can only be made with the approval of the NEC or an officer exercising the powers given to them by the NEC.</p>	<p>administrations and local authorities based on principles detailed in Clause I above. Regional (or Scottish or Welsh) selections board, representative of the given area and reflecting a balance of CLPs and affiliates, will also administer these processes.</p> <p>4. Any exceptions to rules 1–3 above can only be made with the approval of the NEC or an officer exercising the powers given to them by the NEC.</p>
<p>Chapter 5 Clause III.</p> <p>Selection of local government Candidates</p> <p>Page 21</p>	<p>1. The NEC shall issue procedural rules and guidelines for the selection of local government candidates. Local Campaign Forums, established in accordance with Chapter 12 of these rules, shall be responsible for implementing these guidelines in line with the rules detailed in Clause I.1 above and following. Local Campaign Forums shall agree their procedures with the appropriate RD(GS) or other designated officer approved by the NEC.</p>	<p>1. The NEC, <b>Scottish Executive Committee and Welsh Executive Committee</b> shall issue procedural rules and guidelines for the selection of local government candidates. Local Campaign Forums, established in accordance with Chapter 12 of these rules, shall be responsible for implementing these guidelines in line with the rules detailed in Clause I.1 above and following. Local Campaign Forums shall agree their procedures with the appropriate RD(GS) or other designated officer approved by the NEC.</p>
<p>Chapter 4 Clause II</p> <p>Procedural rules for elections for national officers of the Party</p>	<p>7. Election of the Leader of the Scottish Labour Party</p> <p>A. The Leader of the Scottish Labour Party shall be elected</p>	<p>7. Election of the Leader <b>and Deputy Leader</b> of the Scottish Labour Party</p> <p>A. The Leader <b>and Deputy</b></p>

<p>Page 16</p>	<p>according to the procedural rules set out by the Scottish Executive Committee.</p> <p>8. Election of the leader of the Labour Group in the Welsh Assembly.</p> <p>A. The leader of the Labour Group of the Welsh Assembly shall be elected according to the rules framework for the leader and deputy leader of the Party set out in Chapter 4 B.2 above, subject to any guidelines issued by the NEC from time to time.</p>	<p><b>Leader</b> of the Scottish Labour Party shall be elected according to the procedural rules set out by the Scottish Executive Committee.</p> <p>8. Election of the <b>Leader and Deputy Leader of Welsh Labour</b></p> <p><b>A. The Leader and Deputy Leader of Welsh Labour</b> shall be elected according to the procedural rules set out by the Welsh Executive Committee.</p>
<p>Chapter 7 Clause VII</p> <p>Management</p> <p>Page 30</p>	<p>Chapter 7 Clause VII</p> <p>2. This CLP adopts the rules and procedures for CLPs and branches set out in the appendix to these rules and such amendments thereto as may be agreed by Party conference or made by the NEC in accordance with the powers conferred upon it under Chapter 1 Clause X of the constitutional rules. This CLP shall have power to make changes to these rules, subject to the specific prior approval in writing of the NEC and providing that such changes do not contravene the spirit and intention of the</p>	<p>Chapter 7 Clause VII</p> <p>2. This CLP adopts the rules and procedures for CLPs and branches set out in the appendix to these rules and such amendments thereto as may be agreed by Party conference or made by the NEC in accordance with the powers conferred upon it under Chapter 1 Clause X of the constitutional rules. This CLP shall have power to make changes to these rules, subject to the specific prior approval in writing of the NEC, <b>Scottish or Welsh Executive Committees</b> and providing that such changes do not contravene</p>

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