

autumn conference



conference extra

brighton 22nd–26th september 2012

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Monday 24 September 13:00 – 14:00

Hilton Hotel, Clarence Room

Chair: **Richard Garner**, Education Editor, The Independent

Speakers:

Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families

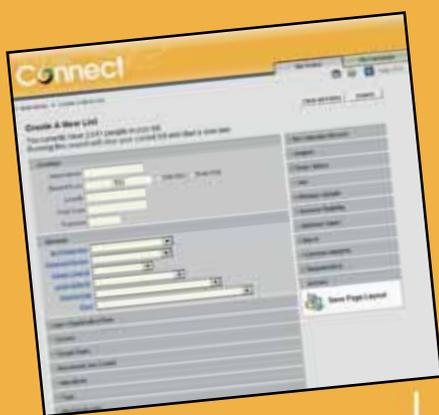
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conference information

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All sessions take place in the **West Bar** on the first floor of the **Brighton Centre** and are scheduled as follows:

Coalition and the Economy

with Danny Alexander
15.00–16.00, Saturday 22nd September

International Affairs

with Lynne Featherstone and William Wallace
16.30–17.30, Saturday 22nd September

Business and Banks

with Vince Cable and Jo Swinson
09.45–10.45, Sunday 23rd September

Justice and Human Rights

with Tom McNally
09.30–10.30, Monday 24th September

Older People

with Norman Lamb and Steve Webb
14.30–15.30, Monday 24th September.

Education

with David Laws
16.30–17.30, Monday 24th September

The Environment

with Ed Davey, Norman Baker, Don Foster and David Heath;
15.30–16.30, Tuesday 25th September

Party Communications – party members only

with Tim Gordon
16.30–17.30, Tuesday 25th September

Communications Data Bill

with Jeremy Browne and Julian Huppert
11.00–12.00, Wednesday 26th September

Sessions (except Party Communications) are open to all, but party members will be given priority.

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Supporting your campaigns

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- Meet campaign suppliers with a record of working with Lib Dems
- Ask your Connect questions - drop-in: Sun-Tues, 10am - 6pm.

Get the inside track from industry experts

Mail-merge and Focus printing

- Presented by Midshires, leading supplier of Risographs to Liberal Democrat campaigns
- Sat: 3pm, 5pm; Sun-Tues: 10.30am, 1.30pm, 5pm; Wed: 10am.



Producing your direct mail campaigns more efficiently, and cutting the cost of your postage

- Presented by OnePost: provider of low cost postal solutions used by Lib Dem campaigns
- Sat: 3.30pm, 5.30pm; Sun-Tues: 12pm, 2pm, 4.30pm; Wed: 10.30am.



Election literature production made easier: a guide to digital, litho and mailing

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- Sat: 4pm; Sun-Tues: 11.30am, 3pm



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- Presented by Print and Digital Associates: leading supplier of tabloid-style leaflets.
- Sat: 2.30pm, 4.30pm; Sun-Tues: 10am, 12.30pm, 4pm; Wed: 9.30am.



Serving your print needs

- Presented by Bishops Printers: leading supplier of full-colour printing for Lib Dems
- Sun-Tues: 11am.



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Sunday - Tuesday

15 minute bite-size campaigns sessions to help you win

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- 1pm: Direct Mail
- 2.30pm: Action Days
- 3.30pm: Social Media
- 5.30pm: Leaflets

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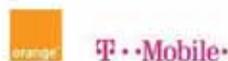
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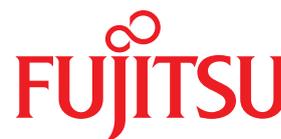
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fringe saturday 22nd september

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saturday late evening 22.00–23.15

The following event has moved from the Kings Terrace to the Victoria Terrace:

Liberal Democrat Forum for Africa

Proud of Africa, from Africa, love Africa...

This is the networking event for all who have African Heritage, and who know and love Africa. Hosted by Cllr Michael Bukola, music entertainment, discussion. Come along and get involved – join the Forum on facebook: Liberal Democrat Forum for Africa.
The Grand, Victoria Terrace

London Liberal Democrats

London Region Reception

Drinks and canapés reception for London members, MPs and Peers with short words of welcome from: President, Baroness Susan Kramer; Chairman, Jonathan Fryer; and Sponsor, Howard Dawber, Canary Wharf Group.

The Grand Hotel, Charlotte

fringe sunday 23rd september

sunday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

The following event has been cancelled:

Refugee Council

No fate like home: Why refused asylum seekers do not return

The Grand, Alexander

Unions 21 and Social Liberal Forum

Pay without borders: Creating fair pay throughout the UK

Our panel will discuss whether public sector staff who have the same skills and qualifications should be paid differently simply because of where they live? Speakers: Lesley Mercer, President of the TUC; Chris Keates, General Secretary of NASUWT; John Pugh MP; Janice Turner, Social Liberal Forum.

Brighton Grand, Consort Room



sunday mid evening 20.00–21.15

The following event was listed in the Directory for Monday mid evening:

BOND

Beyond Aid – A Liberal Democrat approach to International Development

The UK must continue to play a leading role in ensuring justice and equity for poor people around the world. How has the Liberal Democrat policy on development evolved and what can we expect from the party?

Note: this event will end at 21.30

Holiday Inn, Ashdown Suite 1



key to fringe listings



Refreshments provided



BSL signer provided



Hearing loop provided



By invitation only

fringe sunday 23rd september continued

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sunday late evening 21.45–23.00

The following event was listed in the Directory for Sunday late evening, but is actually taking place

Monday late evening:

West Liberal Democrats

South West Joint Regional Reception

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar

fringe monday 24th september

monday morning 07.15–08.30

Campaign for Integrating London's Air-Road-Rail Transport Systems

The third way to improve London's hub capacity – joined up transport infrastructure.

Plan B – a new infrastructure project to create a multi-airport hub connected to the UK's existing railway network. Only an elevated light rapid transit system around the M25 can reach into existing terminals and stations and improve hub capacity.

The Grand, Kings Terrace

monday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Liberal Democrat Friends of Turkey and Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats

How can EU and Turkey help the transition in the MENA region?

Two years after the onset of the Arab Spring, there is still a long way to go politically, economically, and socially. The EU and Turkey have a large stake in this democratization drive succeeding. We will discuss how we can help.

The Grand, Albert



The following event was listed in the Directory for Monday lunchtime, but is actually taking place Tuesday lunchtime:

Health Hotel: British Society of Gastroenterology and the British Liver Trust

How to challenge the UK's drinking culture?

Hilton Metropole, Buckingham

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monday mid evening 20.00–21.15

ADS and Total Politics

Manufacturing the UK's Future: GKN, BAE Systems, Rolls-Royce, EADS

Reception to mark the important role that the aerospace, defence and security industries play in supporting manufacturing and skills in the UK.

Speakers: Rees Ward, Chief Executive Officer of ADS; and Nick Harvey MP, Defence Minister.

The Grand, Empress



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The Grand, Kings Terrace

The following event, listed in the Directory for Monday mid evening is actually taking place

Tuesday mid evening:

Liberal Reform

The Big Free School Debate

Hilton Metropole, Durham Gallery

The listing in the Directory for the following event did not indicate the correct start time:

The Royal British Legion

Launch of the Legion's Community Covenant Best Practice Guide

An opportunity for MPs and local Councillors to find out how local authorities and communities can bring the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant to life locally.

Note: this event will start at 20.30 and end at 21.45
Hilton Metropole, Osborne



The following event was listed in the Directory for Monday mid evening, but is actually taking place Sunday mid evening:

BOND

Beyond Aid – A Liberal Democrat approach to International Development

Holiday Inn, Ashdown Suite 1

monday late evening 21.45–23.00

The following event was listed in the Directory for Sunday late evening:

South West Liberal Democrats

South West Joint Regional Reception

Members of Devon & Cornwall and Western Counties Regions are warmly invited to a reception in the 106 Bar, Hilton Metropole. Come and join friends from across the two regions. Cash Bar.

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar

left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available on Wednesday 26th September from 08.00–18.00, at Brighton Seafront Office, Arch 137, 141 King's Road (across the road from the Brighton Centre – see map on back cover).

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There will be a charge of £1 per item.
100 items max – first-come first-served.

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fringe tuesday 25th september

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tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

The following event was listed in the Directory as taking place Monday lunchtime:

Health Hotel: British Society of Gastroenterology and the British Liver Trust

How to challenge the UK's drinking culture?

Different drinking cultures in the UK are each problematic to health. The discussion will look at ways to reduce admissions and better support people. Speakers include: Baroness Northover; Emily Robertson, Alcohol Concern; Andrew Langford, BLT; Dr Nick Sheron, BSG.

Hilton Metropole, Buckingham



tuesday early evening 18.15–19.30

Big Brother Watch and the Open Rights Group

The Draft Communications Data Bill: A snoopers' charter or a matter of life and death?

The Grand, Alexandra

The following is a correction to the details listed in the Directory:

Employment Related Services Association (ERSA)

Welfare to work: Under strain or on the road to success?

This session will explore what we have learned so far from the Coalition Government's welfare to work programmes, including the Work Programme. Speakers include: Lord Archy Kirkwood; Stephen Lloyd MP (invited); Kirsty McHugh, ERSA; Stuart Vere, Avanta.

The Grand, Napoleon



UNISON, the British Medical Association and the Royal College of Nursing

Regional Pay in the NHS? Proposals from the South West Pay Cartel

Hear from professional leaders and affected staff about the impact of the 'South West Pay Cartel' on the NHS. Speakers include: Dr. Paul Flynn, BMA; Christina McAnea, UNISON; Josie Irwin, RCN; Mark Wareham, Salisbury Trust.

Hilton Metropole, Buckingham

tuesday mid evening 20.00–21.15

Abellio and TotalPolitics

The Abellio Reception

The Abellio Reception will bring together senior representatives from Abellio and our rail companies Northern Rail, Merseyrail and Greater Anglia. Speakers: Dominic Booth, Managing Director, Abellio and Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport. Invitation only event, please contact adam.lake@totalpolitics.com

The Grand, Empress



The following event was listed in the Directory for Monday mid evening:

Liberal Reform

The Big Free School Debate

Free Schools – a liberal reform to be proud of, an expensive distraction or a well-intentioned failure? Toby Young, founder of the West London Free School, and Dr Evan Harris debate. Baroness Claire Tyler moderates.

Hilton Metropole, Durham Gallery



saturday 22nd september

F2 Report: Federal Conference Committee

Q1. Submitted by Cllr Gareth Epps

What discussions and actions has the Federal Conference Committee taken to implement the resolution of Federal Conference in Autumn 2011 *Accreditation For Party Conference*?

Q2. Submitted by Zoë O'Connell

In 2011, conference called upon FCC to “negotiate security arrangements for future conferences which protect the privacy of members’ personal data and which respect the party’s constitution and internal democracy”.

- a) What actions has the FCC taken in this regard in respect of:
 - i) Negotiating on the necessity of accreditation itself.
 - ii) Obtaining guarantees for the security of personal information held by the police and third parties such as Eventsforce.
- b) What actions will FCC now take to avoid accreditation at future conferences?
- c) How many people were refused accreditation for this conference?

Q3. Submitted by Andrew Hudson

Why are representatives no longer able to register for both the Spring and Autumn Conferences at the same time?

Q4. Submitted by Cllr Julie Smith

Will FCC undertake to work with the Conference Office to end the apparent policy of giving priority for booking fringe venues to organisations from outside the party, so that SAOs, AOs and other party bodies will stand a better chance of booking affordable, appropriately sized rooms for their conference events?

F4 Speech: Rt Hon David Laws MP, Minister of State for Schools

Please note the change of speaker.

F5 Early Years

Amendment One

Lewisham & Beckenham North

Mover: Emily Frith

Summation: Alex Feakes

saturday 22nd september continued

1 *After E. (line 12), insert:*

2 F. Children in multiple birth households are more likely to be in a low-income, working household
3 ('in work poverty' for short) than other children, and that the rate at which mothers of multiples
4 return to work is slower when compared to others.

5 G. Parents of multiple birth children experience greater financial hardship than other families; for
6 example, the cost of childcare for multiple households is generally double that of households
7 with one pre-school age child.

8 *After d) (line 36), insert:*

9 e) A feasibility study to consider ways in which parents of multiples (twins, triplets or more) could
10 be supported to return to work earlier through additional childcare vouchers or tax credits.

11 *After 4. (line 53), add:*

12 5. Work towards building a cross-party consensus on properly funding childcare for the future.

Amendment Two

Merton Borough

Mover: Simon McGrath

Summation: To be announced

1 *After e) (line 39), insert:*

2 f) A study of best practice in other EU countries to see what lessons can be learned that would
3 allow high quality childcare at lower costs, in particular by changing the mandatory ratios of
4 child carers to children.

F6 Getting the Most Out of Schools

Summation: James Kempton

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendments to the motion:

1 *After i) (line 28), insert:*

2 ii) All students to be offered the free choice to take both academic and vocational courses, as
3 the student sees fit.

4 *After iv) (line 37), insert:*

5 v) The Government to encourage young people to consider the education, training and career
6 development opportunities available across the European Union, for example, through the
7 EU lifelong Learning Programme or bilateral partnerships between education institutions and
8 industry.

saturday 22nd september continued

Amendment One

15 conference representatives

Mover: Andrew Bridgwater

Summation: Cllr Liz Green

1 *After 4. (line 8), insert:*

2 5. That the stakeholder model of governing bodies was retained in the Education Act 2011.

3 *After V. (line 17), insert:*

4 VI. The stakeholder model of governing bodies of community schools ensures local democratic
5 accountability which is not wholly present in other types of publicly funded schools, notably
6 academies and free schools.

7 *After c) (line 49), insert:*

- 8 d) All school governors to have initial mandatory training, all paid clerks to be accredited with
9 appropriate training and a change in the law so that all publicly-funded schools are required to
10 have all stakeholders represented on their governing body and that no one group can have a
11 majority.
12 e) A reaffirmation of local authorities' scrutiny roles for all publicly funded schools within their
area.

Amendment Two

Merton Borough

Mover: Simon McGrath

Summation: To be announced

1 *Delete a) (lines 42–44), and insert:*

- 2 a) The assessment of pupils leaving primary education to be carried out through both internal
3 and external procedures, and results made available to those pupils' parents, the secondary
4 school to which they will transfer, OFSTED and the Department for Education.

F7 Reform of the House of Lords

Amendment One

12 conference representatives

Mover: Duncan Hames MP

Summation: To be announced

1 *After C (line 11), insert:*

- 2 D. That full, democratic reform of the House of Lords is vital to improve the ability of Parliament as
3 a whole to hold the executive to account.
4 E. That a reduction in the size of the House of Commons should not go ahead until the second
5 chamber has been strengthened by the force of democratic legitimacy.

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6 F. That meaningful reform of the House of Lords is contingent on the introduction of direct
7 elections to determine its membership.

8 *In the original D. (line 12), delete 'this view is' and insert: 'these principles are'.*

9 *After the original E. (line 15), insert:*

10 I. Failure to implement one major plank of the Coalition programme must necessarily have
11 consequences for other parts of the agreement, in order for a partnership government to
12 operate effectively.

13 *After c) (line 35), insert:*

14 d) Is deeply disappointed with the failure of the Conservative party to uphold the Coalition
15 Agreement, by supporting their own Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer in
16 maintaining the Conservative manifesto commitment to reform of, and elections to, the Lords.

17 e) Is equally disappointed by the shameful opportunism of the Labour party in claiming to
18 support reform and elections for the House of Lords in principle, while refusing to support the
19 necessary procedures in Parliament to deliver it in practice.

20 f) Regrets that some senior Liberal Democrat peers spoke out against reforms of, and elections
21 to, the House of Lords, a fundamental principle on which they had previously stood for
22 election.

23 *Before line 36, insert:*

24 Conference therefore supports Nick Clegg's decisions to:

25 I. Withdraw Liberal Democrat support for proposed boundary changes as a consequence of the
26 Conservative failure to deliver on elections to the House of Lords.

27 II. Refuse to waste any government time and effort on minimal reforms such as those contained
28 in the Steel Bill which do not address the basic lack of democracy in the Lords and indeed
29 would serve only to entrench it.

30 *In line 36, before 'calls for', insert: 'further'.*

31 *Delete 1 and 2 (lines 37–40) and insert:*

32 1. Liberal Democrats to reaffirm our commitment to a directly-elected second chamber in our
33 2015 General Election manifesto.

34 2. The implementation, in full, of the Coalition Agreement commitment that appointments to the
35 House of Lords should be made on the basis of ensuring the balance of that House reflects the
36 vote shares received by the political parties in the last General Election

37 3. That such appointments should be made to improve gender balance in the Liberal Democrat
38 parliamentary party in the House of Lords, and to reflect the diversity of the country as a whole

39 *At end (line 43), add:*

40 4. All Liberal Democrats appointed to the House of Lords to make a public commitment prior to
41 appointment in support of meaningful democratic reform at every available opportunity.

sunday 23rd september

F11 A Sustainable Future for Aviation

This motion should stand in the name of 12 conference representatives, not Watford.

Summation: Caroline Pidgeon AM (London)

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendments to the motion:

2 *In B. (line 27) after 'half of', insert: 'airport', and delete 'relating to air travel'.*

2 *After G. (line 42), insert:*

3 H. The Government has announced an independent Commission to identify 'options for
4 maintaining this country's status as an international hub for aviation', and welcomes the
5 commitment from the Government 'to take full account of the social, environmental and other
6 impacts of any expansion in airport capacity'.

7 *Delete 7. (lines 76–77), and insert:*

8 7. The Commission's report and the response to it to be based on the five key principles set out
9 in 4 above, and to include:

10 *In 7. a) (line 79) after 'airport', insert: ', should one be identified'.*

11 *In 7. b) (line 80), delete 'UK' and insert: 'which serve the South-East of England'.*

12 *After d) (line 83), add:*

13 e) Proposals for low carbon public transport access to any new hub airport, should one be
14 identified.

Amendment One

Medway

Mover: Peter Welsh

Summation: To be announced

1 *After 1 (line 44), insert:*

2 2. Rejection of all plans to build an airport in the Thames Estuary.

Amendment Two

Twickenham & Richmond

Mover: Cllr Sir David Williams

Summation: To be announced

1 *In 2 (line 45), delete: 'opposition to an extension of night flights' and insert: 'end night flights*
2 *between 23.00 and 06.00 except for emergencies'.*

sunday 23rd september continued

F14 International Cooperation on the Environment

Mover: Rt Hon Edward Davey MP (Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change)
Summation: Martin Horwood MP

Amendment One

12 conference representatives

Mover: Duncan Brack
Summation: To be announced

1 *After 5. (line 52), add:*

- 2 6. Work through the EU to phase out the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons
3 (HFCs; the fastest growing category of greenhouse gases), by adopting an ambitious revised
4 EU F-Gas Regulation, including a ban on new HFC-containing equipment no later than 2030,
5 and by seeking to include HFCs in the control schedules of the Montreal Protocol.

F15 Good Food Shouldn't Cost the Earth

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendments to the motion:

1 *In line 3 after 'that', insert: 'all levels of'.*

2 *In 4 (line 20), delete 'Cities' and insert: 'Councils'.*

3 *There will be a separate vote on 'including adopting a timetable to achieve a minimum of 30 per*
4 *cent organic food' in lines 23–24.*

F17 Empowering the IPCC

Amendment One

Twickenham & Richmond

Mover: Baroness Doocey
Summation: To be announced

1 *Before a) (line 2), insert:*

- 2 a) That the IPCC was originally set up to restore public confidence in the police, because the
3 police were no longer trusted to investigate themselves.

4 *After line 11, insert:*

5 Conference further believes that the IPCC's practice of delegating most investigations to the police
6 themselves negates the original concept of the IPCC.

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7 *After 4. (line 22), add:*

8 Conference further calls on the Coalition Government to ensure that the IPCC ends the practice
9 of delegating to the police investigations into serious complaints, and instead requires the IPCC to
10 investigate such complaints itself and provides the IPCC with adequate resources to do so.

F19 Equal Citizenship – Supporting Independence for Sick and Disabled People

Amendment One

11 conference representatives

Mover: James Sandbach

Summation: To be announced

1 *After 9. (line 73), add:*

2 10. Liberal Democrats in Government to resist, in all spending review decisions that take place
3 within the remainder of this Parliament, any further cuts to welfare expenditure which may fall
4 disproportionately on the incomes, independence and well-being of sick and disabled people.

F20 Medically Assisted Dying

Amendment One

14 conference representatives

Mover: Cllr Julie Smith

Summation: George Kendall

1 *After d) (line 12), insert:*

2 e) There are many Liberal Democrats with deeply held and opposing views on this issue who are
3 equally valued within the party.

4 *In lines 13–15, delete ‘Conference reaffirms...’ to ‘...prevent abuse.’*

5 *Delete lines 18–23, and insert:*

6 Conference resolves that the issues of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide should be conscience
7 issues, on which the party takes no position, but should be decided by a free vote in Parliament.

8 Conference believes that this is a complex issue of great public concern. Conference further
9 believes that to sustain or modify the law should be preceded by the public engagement that would
10 follow the appointment of a Royal Commission, or body of equal standing, to investigate the issue
11 in depth.

12 Conference therefore calls for a Royal Commission to report back by the end of 2014, having
13 examined the implications of:

- 14 1. The current legal framework.
- 15 2. Potential changes to the legal framework.

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Amendment Two

11 conference representatives

Mover: Dr Evan Harris

Summation: To be announced

- 1 *In 1. (line 19) after 'subject', insert: ', allowing Parliament the opportunity to consider, as a minimum,*
2 *the legalisation of those who are terminally ill to have assistance to die with dignity, subject to*
3 *safeguards'.*

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F21 Developing a Future – Policies for Science and Research

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendments to the motion:

1 *After 2. (line 31), insert:*

2 3. Maximum use is made of EU research funding and mobility opportunities.

3 *After 7. (line 43), insert:*

4 8. The Liberal Democrat commitment to basing public policy on evidence of the highest standard
5 is strengthened by endorsing the framework for using randomised controlled trials (RCTs) of
6 public policy published in the Cabinet Office paper *Test, Learn, Adapt*.

F22 Mutuels, Employee Ownership, and Workplace Democracy Policy Paper

Amendment One

Merton Borough

Mover: Simon McGrath

Summation: To be announced

1 *Delete 3. a) (lines 35–36), and insert:*

2 a) Giving employees in publicly-listed companies with more than 250 employees the right to
3 require an all-employee share scheme covering 5% of the shares if more than 10% of the
4 employees (or a trade union that represents them) request it.

F23 Generating Growth and Jobs in a Time of Austerity

Amendment One

13 conference representatives

Mover: Ed Randall

Summation: Linda Jack

1 *Delete lines 1–7 and insert:*

2 Conference acknowledges that there are many difficult decisions that still have to be made by the
3 UK government in order to enable the UK economy to generate new jobs and recover from past
4 economic failures. Conference also notes that it would be a mistake to attribute record low public
5 sector borrowing costs to accelerated fiscal consolidation rather than to a flight to relative safety.

6 Conference therefore welcomes announcements by the Coalition Government which signal a
7 change of direction in economic policy and are intended to stimulate the UK economy and promote
8 employment as well as contribute to the development of a more sustainable economy, including:

9 *In line 26, delete 'within its fiscal mandate'.*

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10 *After 3. (line 36), insert:*

11 Conference also calls on the Coalition to adopt further measures, which reflect established party
12 policy, aimed at supporting economic recovery in the UK and striking a fairer balance in the UK
13 economy between rich and poor, including measures to:

14 *Relabel 4. (line 37) as i), and relabel 5. (line 39) as ii).*

Amendment Two

34 conference representatives

Mover: Duncan Brack

Summation: To be announced

1 *In B. (line 21), after 'growth', insert: ';* in particular, conference condemns the repeated attempts
2 *by the Chancellor to inhibit growth in renewable energy, currently one of the UK's most successful*
3 *industries'.*

4 *Delete 2. a) (lines 31–32), and insert:*

5 a) Expanding the Green Investment Bank's scale and remit as fast as possible, including
6 relaxing the restriction on its ability to borrow before total public sector debt begins to fall.

7 *After 2. b) (line 34), insert:*

8 c) Giving energy efficiency equal value to energy supply, to access the huge potential for
9 energy efficiency.

10 d) Scrapping the review in 2014 of the fourth carbon budget target imposed by the
11 Chancellor, thereby establishing long-term certainty for investors in low-carbon technology
12 and infrastructure.

F25 Sustainable Prosperity and Jobs Policy Paper

Amendment One

15 conference representatives

Mover: Linda Jack

Summation: To be announced

1 *After 6 b) (line 69), add:*

2 7. Further support small businesses by:

3 a) Increasing the prospects for rescuing businesses in difficulty through an amendment to
4 the Insolvency Act 1986, to prevent insolvency being used by utilities as a sole reason for
5 the termination of supply or increase in tariffs to businesses, while retaining the right to
6 require a personal guarantee, as well as being able to withdraw supply should payments
7 cease; thereby providing a lifeline for businesses and the people that work for them,
8 ensuring that many more survive to contribute to economic growth in the future.

9 b) Streamlining processes to allow the Insolvency Service to be more efficient in enforcing
10 the existing regime for disqualification of directors.

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Amendment Two

10 conference representatives

Mover: Fiona Hall MEP

Summation: To be announced

- 1 *In 5 c) (line 62) after 'products', insert: 'including by applying public procurement provisions to all*
2 *levels of public authority, in line with the EU Energy Efficiency Directive.'*

F27 20 is Plenty – Saving Lives on the Road

Amendment One

Cambridge

Mover: Cllr Tim Ward

Summation: Cllr Chris White

- 1 *Delete 2. (lines 36–37), and insert:*
- 2 2. Local authorities to give active consideration to introducing 20 mph limits in existing residential
3 and other suitable roads over the next few years, with schemes to be designed in consultation
4 with local residents.
- 5 *In 4. (lines 40–41), delete 'put in charge of the national' and insert: 'responsible for working with the*
6 *relevant local authorities on the'.*

F28 Report: Federal Executive

Q1. Submitted by Cllr Gareth Epps

What discussions and actions has the Federal Executive taken to implement the resolution of Federal Conference in Autumn 2011 *Accreditation For Party Conference?*

Q2. Submitted by Simon McGrath

Following the launch of the Government's Social Mobility Strategy in 2011 and the comments by the Deputy Prime Minister asking employers not to use unpaid interns what steps have the Federal Executive taken to stop the use of unpaid interns in the Party?

It is Party policy to introduce the use of 'name blind' job applications – is this used for jobs under the control of the Federal Executive?

Q3. Submitted by Paula Keaveney

The Federal Executive report says that "we need to support our leadership as they fight for Lib Dem values in Government, and tell them when we think they're mistaken". Are there any concrete examples of the FE raising "mistakes" and if so what's happened as a result?

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F29 Membership Subscription and Federal Levy

Mover: Duncan Greenland (Chair, Federal Finance and Administration Committee)
Summation: Peter Dunphy

F30 Report: Federal Finance and Administration Committee

Q1. Submitted by Cllr Gareth Epps

What discussions and actions has the Federal Finance and Administration Committee taken to implement the resolution of Federal Conference in Autumn 2011 *Accreditation For Party Conference*?

Q2. Submitted by Zoë O'Connell

Why did FFAC ignore the wishes of the FCC in accepting accreditation and what actions will FFAC now take to avoid accreditation at future conferences?

Q3. Submitted by Linda Jack

At Spring Conference Cllr Ron Beadle asked FFAC to provide the total membership of the party for each quarter from May 2010 to March 2012, expressed by region and state parties. Duncan Greenland (Chair, FFAC) replied that they could but would strongly prefer not to, as to do so would provide very valuable electoral intelligence to our rivals. In addition to this, membership is a state issue. Membership figures are released to state and regional parties on a monthly basis for their information (and action!).

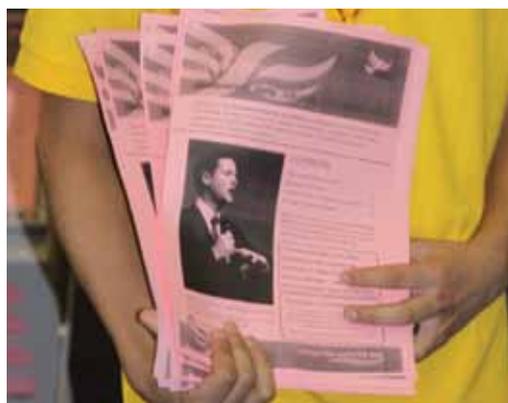
Cllr Beadle asked a supplementary question: "I've heard conflicting answers to this question – can I have some clarification on whether you will answer this question fully?" Duncan Greenland's reply was "My view is that we would not do so and not provide a detailed answer to that question for the reasons I have just given – that it would provide our rivals with too great a degree of information. No other party would dream of doing so."

Why was this answer given when the FE knew that it would be submitting the full federal figure for December 2011 (48,934 i.e. a drop of 25% in one year) to the Electoral Commission? If this information is good enough to be submitted to the Electoral Commission then why is it not good enough for it to be discussed at Conference?

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F31 Constitutional Amendment: Compliance with Equalities Act 2010

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendment to the motion:

1 *In line 20, delete 'Article 14.4 (a)' and insert: 'Article 14.1 (a)'.*

F33 Rehabilitation Revolution

Mover: Mike Crockart MP

Amendment One

Yeovil

Mover: Cllr Jill Shortland OBE

Summation: Cllr Joe Leach

1 *After F. (line 12), insert:*

2 G. Sentencing reforms passed in Canada in 1996 explicitly incorporated Restorative Justice
3 Programmes into the sentencing phase of the criminal process resulting in far fewer custodial
4 sentences.

5 H. The introduction of Restorative Conferences in Chard and Sheffield has helped bring about
6 drastically reduced reoffending rates.

7 *After III. (line 18), insert:*

8 IV. Restorative justice conferences tackle reoffending more effectively than short-term sentences
9 because they ensure that offenders face up to their actions and engage with their communities.

10 *Delete b) (line 22), and insert:*

11 b) The wider incorporation of restorative justice principles into the sentencing process following
12 the Canadian example; that would allow the court, on the application of either party, or of its
13 own motion, to adjourn sentencing for a limited amount of time to allow a restorative justice
14 conference to take place, provided that the victim and offender were willing to engage.

15 c) The court to be required to take into account both the outcome of any conference and the
16 willingness or otherwise of an offender to engage with the restorative justice process when
17 determining sentence.

18 d) Where restorative justice sentences are available, efforts to increase uptake to show how
19 effective they are.

20 *After e), (line 28), insert:*

21 f) Local authorities to have a right to be consulted over the selection on service providers,
22 encouraging localism and preventing the duplication of service provision.

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F35 Tackling Inequality at its Roots (Inequality Policy Paper)

Amendment One

Wakefield & Morley

Mover: David Smith

Summation: Helen Flynn

- 1 *In 1. (line 29) after 'inequality', insert: ';* it is important that existing work on such an index is
- 2 further developed to give full weight to social and community capability as well as economic and
- 3 governance capabilities'.

Amendment Two

Vauxhall and 30 conference representatives

Mover: George Turner

Summation: Lord Oakeshott

- 1 *In 5 (line 52) after 'wealth', insert: ';* starting with an annual Mansion Tax on the excess value of
- 2 residential properties over £2 million as a first step towards wealth taxation designed to reduce
- 3 inequality'.

F39 Fair Pay for Public Sector Workers Across the UK

Mover: Eluned Parrott, AM (Wales)

F40 Report: Parliamentary Parties of the Liberal Democrats

Q1. Submitted by Cllr Gareth Epps (To the Parliamentary Parties in the Houses of Commons and Lords)

What discussions and actions have the Parliamentary Parties in the Commons and the Lords taken to implement the resolution of Federal Conference in Autumn 2011 *Accreditation For Party Conference*?

Q2. Submitted by Zoë O'Connell (To the Parliamentary Party in the House of Commons)

In 2011, conference called upon the Parliamentary Party and Liberal Democrat ministers to "question the current police guidance on accreditation and to seek to persuade the Home Office to change guidance on current practice to reflect the rights of association and assembly and the internal democracy of all political parties." What actions have MPs and ministers taken to carry out this resolution?

Q3. Submitted by Zoë O'Connell (To the Parliamentary Party in the House of Commons)

Following the increased sharing of the equalities portfolio with Conservative MPs in the latest reshuffle, what assurances can the Parliamentary Party and Ministers give that they are still championing diversity and equality within Whitehall?

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Q4. Submitted by Christine Headley

What has happened to the proposal to move to BST in winter and possibly to double BST in summer?

Q5. Submitted by Christine Headley

Why, as reported, are Liberal Democrat Members of Parliament being whipped on Equal Marriage legislation whilst our Coalition partners are not?

Q6. Submitted by Simon McGrath (To the Parliamentary Party in the House of Commons)

Following the launch of the Government's Social Mobility Strategy in 2011 and the comments by the Deputy Prime Minister asking employers not to use unpaid interns why are Lib Dem MPs still using unpaid interns?

Q7. Submitted by Cllr Julian Cooper (To the Parliamentary Party in the House of Commons)

Can conference be told why significant amounts of money has been authorised under the 'gateway process' for the replacement of the nuclear missile programme?

F41 No Government Above the Law

Islington, Beckenham and 12 conference representatives

Summation: Baroness Sarah Ludford MEP

Amendment One

Ten conference representatives

Mover: Lord Marks QC

Summation: To be announced

1 *Delete lines 41–48 and insert:*

2 Conference calls on Liberal Democrats in Parliament to:

- 3 1. Secure that the principles of open justice and natural justice are respected and protected.
- 4 2. Ensure that closed material proceedings can only be used as a last resort in cases that would
- 5 otherwise be incapable of being tried.
- 6 3. Limit the use of closed material to those issues which could not be effectively determined
- 7 without the use of such material and to the bare minimum necessary to safeguard national
- 8 security.

F42 Addressing Underprovision in Mental Health

Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendment to the motion:

1 *In b) (line 9), delete: '7 million' and insert: '700,000'.*

Amendment One

Lewisham & Beckenham North

Mover: Emily Frith

Summation: Chris Gee

1 *After line 4, insert:*

2 Conference also notes the high prevalence of co-occurring conditions and problems associated
3 with mental ill-health, particularly affecting those from deprived backgrounds, which include, but
4 are not limited to: substance misuse, homelessness, unemployment, low educational attainment,
5 family breakdown and offending behaviour.

6 Conference further notes the *Count Me In* Census Results 2010 showing that 23% of mental health
7 inpatients were from BME communities.

8 *After e) (line 15), insert:*

9 Conference is also concerned that people with mental health conditions associated with other
10 complex needs are the least likely people to access appropriate support, and are most likely to end
11 up in prison or in Accident and Emergency services, at a high cost to the taxpayer.

12 *In 1 (line 28) after 'IAPT', insert: ', whilst continuing to fund other vital services such as assertive
13 outreach which can accessed outside of GP pathways'.*

14 *After 6. (line 36), add:*

15 7. Clinical commissioning groups to work closely in partnership with local authorities through
16 Health and Wellbeing boards to ensure that services are joined up and able to proactively
17 support people with complex needs.

18 8. The Government to undertake a review into funding for outreach mental health services such
19 as assertive outreach and supported living services, with a view to making recommendations
20 for Health and Wellbeing boards to take account of in Joint Strategic Needs Assessments.

21 9. A new strategy to tackle the ways in which people from certain BME communities come
22 into contact with mental health services to reduce racial inequalities and improve the level of
23 services delivered to these communities.

There will be a separate vote on 8 (lines 18–20) in Amendment One.

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F44 *Decent Homes for All* (Housing Policy Paper)

Amendment One

39 conference representatives

Mover: Cllr Gareth Epps

Summation: Cllr Tony Vickers

1 *After 3. d) (line 63), add:*

- 2 e) Give local authorities the power to incentivise the development of under-used and vacant
3 developable land, particularly in urban areas, through a Vacant Land Tax on a site-value basis,
4 levied no sooner than twelve months after planning consent has been granted.

Amendment Two

Bermondsey & Old Southwark

Mover: To be announced

Summation: To be announced

1 *After 3. d) (line 63), add:*

- 2 4. Conference calls on Liberal Democrat ministers to press within government to:
- 3 a) Protect the principle of, and reaffirm its preference for, mixed communities, comprising
4 social and private housing, across the UK as diversification within a community has clear
5 benefits in improving social cohesion, integration and the sustainability of communities.
- 6 b) Reject the recommendations of the Policy Exchange report published in August 2012,
7 *Ending Expensive Social Tenancies*, which suggested that councils and housing
8 associations should sell off their social housing stock in high value areas and replace this
9 stock with properties in areas where land is cheaper.

Amendment Three

Vauxhall Liberal Democrats

Mover: To be announced

Summation: To be announced

1 *After 3. d) (line 63), add:*

- 2 Conference notes with concern the government decision to give developers a Section 106 holiday
3 from building affordable housing in cases where this requirement is preventing development.
- 4 Conference further notes that:
- 5 i) Financial viability appraisals submitted to planning authorities by developers which state the
6 case for the financial viability of a site are confidential and are unable to be scrutinised by the
7 public.
- 8 ii) There are many cases where developers have attempted to claim that Section 106 obligations
9 make sites unviable and this claim has subsequently been demonstrated to be false.
- 10 iii) Financial viability appraisals are often published in the course of planning appeals.

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11 iv) The Section 106 holiday has the potential to further lower the transparency and accountability
12 of developers who claim that they are unable to provide affordable housing as part of their
13 developments by giving them a route to challenge local authorities decisions outside of the
14 planning appeals process.

15 Conference calls on the coalition government to ensure that all financial appraisals of developments
16 submitted by developers are published in cases where a developer wishes to take advantage of the
17 Section 106 holiday.

18 Conference also calls on the government to bring forward proposals to improve financial
19 transparency in all planning applications for developments which are subject to Section 106
20 agreements or the community infrastructure levy.

F45 Speech: Jo Swinson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs

Please note the change of speaker.

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Emergency Motion 1: Abolition of the Requirement to Hold Qualified Teacher Status for Teachers Employed by Academies

11 conference representatives

- 1 Conference notes that:
- 2 1. During the parliamentary recess the Secretary of State for Education unilaterally changed the
 - 3 rules governing teacher qualification.
 - 4 2. Academies as well as free schools will be allowed to employ unqualified staff as teachers.
 - 5 3. Following on from his abolition of the General Teaching Council, this move has weakened
 - 6 the right of parents to ensure that those teaching their children have reached a satisfactory
 - 7 minimum standard of preparation.
 - 8 4. This move further risks a lowering of standards in these schools.
- 9 Conference further notes that the Secretary of State made the ruling whilst earlier this year raising
- 10 the degree threshold for those entering teacher training courses
- 11 Conference notes this inconsistency of approach will confuse parents.
- 12 Conference particularly notes the risk of using untrained staff with children struggling to learn
- 13 against a background of special educational needs.
- 14 Conference calls for Liberal Democrat parliamentarians to press for the re-establishment of
- 15 the General Teaching Council to oversee teacher qualifications and the re-introduction of the
- 16 requirement for all state funded schools to employ only those with Qualified Teacher Status.

Emergency Motion 2: Holding Banks to Account

Ten conference representatives

- 1 Conference recognises the manipulation of LIBOR rates by leading banks as yet another example
- 2 of banks and bankers operating a system for their benefit at the expense of the wider economy.
- 3 Conference believes a system in which bankers are held personally responsible for misdeeds is
- 4 necessary to ensure strong and healthy banks, trusted by customers, supports the UK economy.
- 5 In addition, Conference notes that leading economists have identified the lack of available domestic
- 6 credit as a serious barrier to renewed growth in the UK economy.
- 7 In light of the ongoing LIBOR setting scandal, Conference calls for:
- 8 a) The necessary resources to be made available to the Serious Fraud Office to prosecute, to the
 - 9 full extent, suspected breaches of the law by bankers.
 - 10 b) The necessary resources to be made available to the Financial Services Authority to impose
 - 11 the maximum possible penalties on banks for regulatory breaches and particularly on individual
 - 12 bankers found to have breached the trust of their customers.

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- 13 c) Liberal Democrats to fully support for the work of the Wheatley Review, reviewing the workings
14 of LIBOR setting.
- 15 d) Liberal Democrat parliamentarians to continue their support for the Parliamentary Commission
16 on Banking Standards to do everything in its power to improve banking standards and to
17 establish what measures must be taken to ensure a flow of credit to individuals and SMEs in
18 the UK economy.
- 19 e) The Coalition Government to consider establishing a professional body of bankers to ensure
20 best practices are followed across the industry.

21 Conference furthermore calls for:

- 22 1. Banks to increase net lending, including making use of Funding for Lending scheme introduced
23 by the Coalition Government.
- 24 2. The Coalition Government to ensure banks follow a transparent and consistent lending
25 decision-making process, as set out in policy paper 105, *Sustainable Prosperity and Jobs*.
- 26 3. Liberal Democrat MPs to support constituents whose businesses have been refused credit by
27 writing to banks to seek an explanation for their refusal to lend and to report instances of unfair
28 lending decisions to the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards.

Emergency Motion 3: Julian Assange

Ten conference representatives

1 Conference notes that:

- 2 i) Julian Assange, having previously entered the Ecuadorian Embassy, was granted asylum by
3 Ecuador on the 16th August 2012.
- 4 ii) Sweden is seeking the extradition of Mr Assange to face allegations about rape and sexual
5 assault.
- 6 iii) The United States of America also wishes to question Mr Assange regarding a number of
7 incidents linked to the WikiLeaks website of which Mr Assange is the founder, specifically the
8 publication in 2010 of sensitive United States Government cables.
- 9 iv) Mr Assange has stated that he is willing to return to Sweden if he is guaranteed to be safe
10 from extradition to the United States; he also insists that he is innocent of the allegations of
11 rape and sexual assault made in Sweden.
- 12 v) The UK Foreign Office wrote to the Ecuadorian government regarding the status of its embassy
13 in London.
- 14 vi) The US has not requested the extradition of Mr Assange from the UK, and has given no
15 indication that it would attempt to extradite him from Sweden if transferred there.
- 16 vii) Under the provisions of the European Arrest Warrant, Sweden is not free to prosecute Mr
17 Assange for a different category of offence and would need UK consent to extradite Mr
18 Assange to the US.

19 Conference believes that:

- 20 a) Sweden was within its legal rights to request the extradition of Mr Assange: the allegations
21 made against him are very serious and he should return to Sweden to face them, there being
22 no basis for arguing that while in Sweden he would face any persecution.
- 23 b) It is important to recognise the rights of those who have made accusations against Mr
24 Assange.
- 25 c) Ensuring respect for the diplomatic status of our own embassies is a strong UK interest.

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26 Conference calls for:

- 27 1. The British Government to continue to work towards a solution which satisfies all interested
28 parties including the Ecuadorian Government and legal advocates of Mr Assange and ensures
29 that Mr Assange answers to the accusations of rape and sexual assault.
- 30 2. The British Government to maintain its position that that he will be arrested if he leaves the
31 embassy so that the European Arrest Warrant for his return to Sweden, as upheld by UK
32 courts, can be enforced.
- 33 3. The British government to engage in an active dialogue with the Swedish government,
34 including to remind it that Mr Assange cannot be prosecuted in Sweden for different types of
35 offence from those specified in the current European Arrest Warrant and cannot be extradited
36 to the US without its consent.

Emergency Motion 4: Relaxation of Planning Laws

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1 Conference notes:

- 2 a) The recent announcement by the coalition government of the proposal to relax certain
3 planning laws relating to housing for a three-year period.
- 4 b) That this announcement includes the intention to allow extensions of up to eight metres to
5 be permitted development and the proposal to waive rules and existing commitments on
6 affordable housing from proposed housing developments in certain circumstances.

7 Conference believes that:

- 8 1. The current planning laws are not the reason for a failure to proceed with existing approved
9 housing developments.
- 10 2. These proposals go against the spirit of the Localism Act 2011 which encourages more local
11 control of planning policies.
- 12 3. These proposals ignore local democracy, will fail to protect local communities and will
13 encourage more neighbourhood disputes.

14 Conference therefore calls on the Coalition Government to withdraw these proposals.

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