

Agenda Addendum

Addendum to the published Agenda for the Liberal Democrats Autumn Conference 2017

The following motion, which was submitted but not selected for debate by the Federal Conference Committee, will be the subject of the suspension of standing orders procedure under Standing Order 11.6.

The vote to suspend standing orders will be moved following the FCC Report to Conference at 09.05 on Saturday 16 September.

If the vote to suspend standing orders is successful, the motion will be debated as Agenda Item F17 in place of the Europe consultation session on Sunday 17 September 10.45–12.30.

To allow time for party members to consider amendments, this motion is being published now and amendments may be submitted to it to a later deadline of 09.00 on Friday 8 September. If the suspension of standing orders is not successful then the amendments will fall with the main motion.

F17A Opposing Brexit

20+ members

Mover: Stephen Crosher

Summation: Ryan Mercer

- 1 Conference notes that:
 - 2 I On the 23rd June 2016, the United Kingdom voted via a referendum by a margin of 52–48 to
 - 3 begin the process of leaving the European Union.
 - 4 II. The Liberal Democrats campaigned to remain in the European Union.
 - 5 III. The lack of a clear plan for Brexit from the Leave side meant that there was no clear
 - 6 agreement on what final destination was being voted on.
- 7 Conference believes that:
 - 8 i) The United Kingdom is safer and more prosperous as a member of the European Union as it:
 - 9 a) Facilitates essential cooperation on international challenges including climate change
 - 10 and terrorism.
 - 11 b) Supports the UK economy by facilitating movement of people and cross border trade
 - 12 under a common framework of regulation.
 - 13 c) Enables greater collaboration on research and exchange of ideas.
 - 14 d) Enriches the UK culturally through collaboration and cultural exchange.
 - 15 e) Enhances and protects the rights of UK citizens both within the UK and abroad.
 - 16 f) Strengthens the UK's position on the world stage, for example in negotiations over trade.
 - 17 ii) To leave the European Union is detrimental to the UK's fundamental national interests.
 - 18 iii) Continued membership of the European Union would better serve the UK's national interest
 - 19 than any alternative arrangements that could be negotiated through the Article 50 process.
- 20 Conference further notes with concern the following developments which have occurred
- 21 subsequent to the June 2016 referendum:

- 22 A. The significant fall in the value of the pound and resulting raising inflation, leading to a
23 further squeeze on living standards.
- 24 B. The Governor of the Bank of England's appraisal of the cost of Brexit and the resulting black
25 hole this will create in the public finances.
- 26 C. Reports that a range of businesses, including one third of manufacturing firms, are moving
27 or are considering moving some of their operations out of the UK.
- 28 D. Reports that UK based researchers are being hindered from participating in EU-funded
29 research projects in anticipation of Brexit and UK research institutions being unable to play
30 leading roles in multinational research projects.
- 31 E. That the number of nurses from the EU registering with the Nursing and Midwifery Council
32 fell by 96% between June 2016 and April 2017.
- 33 F. That as of February 2017, the number of EU students applying to UK universities had fallen
34 by 7% since June 2016.
- 35 G. The rise in hate crimes following the referendum, with the number recorded between July
36 and September 2016 increasing to 14,295 from 10,793 during the same period in 2015.
- 37 Conference condemns the shambolic and deeply divided approach of the Conservative
38 Government to the negotiations, and the Labour Party's support for leaving the Single Market and
39 the Customs Union.
- 40 Conference calls for:
- 41 1. The Government to seek to reverse the triggering of Article 50 of the Lisbon treaty at the
42 earliest opportunity and for the UK to retain its current status as a member of the European
43 Union.
- 44 2. The Liberal Democrats to continue to campaign for Britain to remain a member of the
45 European Union.
- 46 3. The Liberal Democrats to commit to seeking to reverse the triggering of Article 50 in the
47 event of a Liberal Democrat-led Government being formed prior to the UK leaving the
48 European Union and to construe their election as a democratic mandate for doing so.

Applicability: Federal.

Mover: 7 minutes; summation of motion and movers and summation of any amendments: 4 minutes; all other speakers: 3 minutes. For eligibility and procedure for speaking in this debate, see page 4 of the Agenda.

In addition to speeches from the platform, voting members will be able to make concise (maximum one-minute) interventions from the floor during the debate on the motion. See page 4 of the Agenda for further information.

The deadline for amendments to this motion is 09.00, Friday 8th September; see page 6 of the Agenda. Amendments selected for debate will be printed in Saturday's Conference Daily.

The deadline for requests for separate votes is 09.00 Saturday 16th September; see page 3 of the Agenda.