

# Autumn Conference

## Conference Daily

### Tuesday 17th September 2013



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Social Market Foundation

Tuesday 17 September 2013  
6.30pm

Shuna Room, Crowne Plaza Glasgow  
With drinks and canapés

# Report back for Monday 16th September

F18	Policy motion	A New Liberal Democrat Approach to Race Equality	Passed
F19	Policy motion	Strengthening the UK Economy	Passed (Amendment One lines 5–15 passed; Amendment One lines 1–4 and Amendment 2 defeated)
F20	Policy motion	Cohabitation Rights	Passed
F22	Report	Diversity Engagement Group	Approved
F23	Report	Campaign for Gender Balance	Approved
F26	Policy motion	<i>Fairer Taxes</i> (Tax Policy Paper)	Passed (Option A passed; Amendment Two passed; Amendment One defeated; line 16 and line 36 retained)
F27	Policy motion	Making Housing Benefit Work for Tenants in Social Housing	Passed (Amendment One passed)

## Conference Calling

Join us in the **The Lomond Auditorium in the SECC** for free tea and biscuits, and to play your part in making a great Party news story.

- 10am - 11am - Monday, Tuesday
- 3:30pm - 5pm - Monday, Tuesday
- 11am - 12:30pm - Wednesday



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# Tuesday 17th September

*Additions and updates to the Agenda and Conference Extra for Tuesday 17th September.*

## **F28 Topical Issue discussion: The Latest Developments In Syria**

Introduction: Martin Horwood MP (Co-Chair, Parliamentary Party Committee on International Affairs)  
Response: Lord Wallace of Saltaire  
Summation: Dr Julie Smith (Vice Chair, Federal Policy Committee)

## **F29 Policy motion: Recognising a Legal Status for British Sign Language**

*See Conference Extra for drafting amendment.*

### **Background briefing**

This motion develops policy on the recognition of sign language as an official language of the UK. It calls for the achievement of better awareness of the information needs and services for BSL users, and builds on existing party policy for those who come into contact with members of the public in a social and caring capacity, specifically Communication Support Workers and Teachers of the Deaf to achieve NVQ Level 3 standard of BSL proficiency.

Existing party policy on BSL is set out in policy paper 34, *Breaking Down Barriers* (1999).

## **F30 Policy motion: Preventing and Tackling Sexual and Domestic Violence**

Chair: Geoff Payne (Vice Chair, Federal Conference Committee)

*See Conference Extra for Amendment One.*

### **Background briefing**

This motion updates party policy on a range of issues including gender inequality, harassment, keeping safe online, the protection of victims, and renews calls for raising awareness of these issues through the education of children in relationships and consent as part of sex education teaching in schools. It also includes proposals to run community based Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programmes in place of anger management for all types of court cases involving domestic violence.

Existing party policy on gender equality, preventing sexual and domestic violence and helping victims is set out in conference motion *Tackling Violence Against Women* (2011) and policy paper 91, *Real Women* (2009).

### **Ministerial Q&A sessions**

*Party Matters*

with Tim Gordon and Tim Farron MP

***(Closed session – members only)***

**Tuesday 14.30–15.30**

**SECC, Alsh 1**

*Devolution*

with Don Foster MP, Michael Moore MP and  
Baroness Randerson

**Tuesday 16.00–17.00**

**SECC, Alsh 1**

### **Left luggage**

A left luggage facility will be available  
at the Campanile Hotel  
(see map of Glasgow in the Directory)  
between 08.00 and 18.00  
on Wednesday 18th September.

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available on a first-come first-served basis.

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or suitcases be allowed into the SECC.***

# Tuesday 17th September continued

## F32 Policy motion: *Defending the Future – UK Defence in the 21st Century* (Defence Policy Paper)

See Conference Extra for Amendment One.

There will be a separate vote to delete the words from ‘which reserves’ to ‘be achieved’ in ii) (lines 13–15).

### Background briefing

This motion and the accompanying policy paper 112, *Defending the Future – UK Defence in the 21st Century*, significantly update party policy on Trident and the nuclear deterrent, disarmament and the armed services. It calls for the end of Continuous-at-Sea-Deterrence, greater integration of EU and NATO Europe military capabilities, a review of the legal framework surrounding defence procurement and reiterates support for the Military Covenant.

Existing party policy on Trident and nuclear deterrence is set out in conference motion *Trident* (2010), the 2010 General Election Manifesto *Change That Works for You* and conference motion *The Future of Britain's Nuclear Deterrent* (2007).

## F33 Policy motion: *Dignity at Home: Transforming Home Care*

Aide: Cllr Paul Tilsley

See Conference Extra for Amendment One.

### Background briefing

This motion builds on existing policy on adult social care by calling for a stronger Care Quality Commission, and proposes a range of measures to improve its accountability and communication channels, such as ensuring a better, more user-friendly website and improved whistleblowing procedures. It also calls for the status of care workers to be raised through better staff training, career progression, commensurate reward and improved employment practice by bringing the care sector more in line with normal employment standards.

Existing party policy on the social care system and standards of care is set out in conference motions *Adult Social Care* (2011) and *Updating the NHS: Personal and Local* (2011) and in the 2010 General Election Manifesto *Change That Works for You*.

### FRINGE UPDATE

Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

**Note change of venue:**

**pteg**

*Liveable cities – can transport make the difference*  
Chair, Lord Shipley. Speakers: Norman Baker, Under Secretary of State for Transport; Philip Matthews, Transform Scotland; Philip Darnton, Bicycle Association; David Brown, Chair of pteg.

**Crowne Plaza, Barra & Jura**



### FRINGE UPDATE

Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

**Note change of venue:**

**Carers UK and CentreForum**

*Women's work is never done?: Supporting the 'sandwich generation'*

How services and workplaces can help families to juggle childcare, work and ageing parents. Speakers: Jo Swinson MP, Minister for Employment Relations, Women and Equalities; Professor Stephen Lee, CentreForum; Ian Peters, British Gas; Heléna Herklots, Carers UK.

**Crowne Plaza, Staffa**



# Tuesday 17th September continued

## F35 Policy motion: *Prosperous, Sustainable and Secure* (Europe Policy Paper)

Aide: Baroness Brinton (Vice Chair, Federal Conference Committee)

See Conference Extra for Amendment One.

### Background briefing

This motion and accompanying policy paper 113, *Prosperous, Sustainable and Secure*, reiterates the party's support for the European Union and maintains that membership of the European Union is in the vital interest of the United Kingdom. It develops party policy on the single market, international action on climate change and cross-border crime as well as proposing measures to tackle concerns about the accountability and efficiency of European cooperation.

Existing party policy on the European Union is set out in the conference motion *Europe* (2012), the 2010 General Election Manifesto *Change That Works for You* and policy paper 87, *Shaping Our World Through a Strong Europe* (2008).

## F36 Policy motion: *Impact of the Private Finance Initiative on the National Health Service*

### Background briefing

This motion condemns many of the Private Finance Initiative deals entered into by the last Labour Government and further develops existing party policy in a range of areas such as long term affordability and flexibility of government contracts for future health care needs as well as the funding of healthcare and calls for the identification and publication of all contractors who initially entered into PFI deals with the NHS.

Existing party policy on the NHS and in particular on Trust deficits, the health budget and local control of services is set out in conference motion *Updating the NHS: Personal and Local* (2011), the 2010 General Election Manifesto *Change That Works for You*, policy paper 85, *Empowerment, Fairness and Quality* (2008) and conference motion *NHS Trust Deficits and Threats to Local Services* (2006).

## F37 Policy motion: *High Street Gambling*

See Conference Extra for Amendment One.

### Background briefing

This motion creates new policy on the specific issue of the planning use class of betting shops and reinforces our general approach to local regeneration and economic development.

Existing party policy on local economic and social regeneration, and decentralisation of the planning system, is set out in policy paper 77, *Green and Prosperous Communities – Local Regeneration for the 21st Century* (2007).

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When? Tuesday 17th September,  
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**Time:** 20:00-21:15

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza – Barra

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**Speakers:**

Fiona Hall MEP: Leader of the Liberal Democrats in the European Parliament

Gordon Birtwistle MP: Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Party Committee  
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Steve Elliott: Chief Executive, Chemical Industries Association

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