

AGENDA

1. Welcome & apologies
2. Chair's report
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. 2016 Accounts - predecessor parties
 - b. 2016 update
4. Conference report
5. Motion: Wandsworth Development (see below)
6. Guest speaker

Motion: Wandsworth Development

This meeting recognises that:

1. There is an opportunity for the Liberal Democrats to develop an increased presence in Wandsworth politics following:
 - a. The rapid increase of membership since 2015 to become one of the largest local parties in the country;
 - b. The liberal values of a large proportion of Wandsworth residents; and
 - c. Anger at Brexit after 75% of the Borough voted Remain
2. There is a particular opportunity in Putney due to:
 - a. Stronger electoral results for the Liberal Democrats than other parts of the borough; and
 - b. The presence of the Putney Development fund (with remaining funds of £80,000) arising from the sale of the Putney HQ.
3. The local party infrastructure needs to be developed so that the party can sustain a level of activity more in line with its membership numbers and potential.

This meeting endorses the following political priorities for the Wandsworth Liberal Democrats:

- A. To present a full slate of 60 candidates in all Wandsworth wards in the council elections in May 2018;
- B. To promote a Liberal Democrat prospective parliamentary candidate across Putney for the next General election, after an open candidate selection process under party rules, following the council elections in May 2018;
- C. To develop target wards across the borough as local interest and resources allow; and
- D. To select and promote prospective parliamentary candidates in the Battersea and Tooting constituencies as capacity allows.

In order to meet these objectives, the meeting agrees that the local party should employ a paid Campaigns and Infrastructure Manager, 75% funded by the Putney Development Fund and 25%

by other local party funds, for an initial period of 2 years, subject to a review of progress by the Executive after the elections in May 2018, and at the 2018 AGM. The priorities of this manager should include:

- i. Assisting with setting up local party campaigning organisations, with particular focus on Putney;
- ii. Assisting with the production campaigning literature and training in campaigning techniques
- iii. Developing the local party's fundraising capacity

In order to provide access to the Putney Development Fund, this meeting resolves to change the constitution of the Wandsworth Liberal Democrats by deleting the current article 8.3 and replacing it with the following:

To spend funds each year in accordance with a budget presented to and approved by the Annual General Meeting.

This meeting further resolves that:

1. The amount to be released from the Fund in the year 2018 should be £30,000 budgeted as follows:
 - £27,000 towards the cost of employing a full-time manager
 - £3,000 for other campaigning expenses.
2. The Executive will establish appropriate governance processes for campaigning in each of the parliamentary constituencies in accordance with the local party constitution.

Section 8 of the Wandsworth Liberal Democrats Constitution reads as follows:

8. The Putney Liberal Democrats Development Fund

- 8.1 At the creation of Wandsworth Liberal Democrats, the residual money from the sale of the Putney Liberal Democrat Headquarters, after donations and expenditure, shall be vested in the Putney Liberal Democrats Development Fund ('the Fund').
- 8.2 The purposes of the Fund shall be to develop the membership, standing and electoral prospects of the Wandsworth Liberal Democrats in their wards lying within the Putney constituency; and in respect of the Putney constituency as a whole during general elections.
- 8.3 In accordance with a resolution passed by the 2012 Putney Liberal Democrat AGM and adapted by the 2013 AGM, 80% of the vested money shall be invested long term, with the income from interest and dividends available for use for the Fund's purposes. The remaining 20% will be available for expenditure on the Fund's purposes within a period of not less than 8 years from the date

of the Fund's creation on the merger of the two predecessor parties.

- 8.4 The conduct of the Fund shall be supervised by a Supervisory Board, composed of the Wandsworth Treasurer and between 2 and 4 Local Party members living in the Putney constituency. The Supervisory Board's approval shall be required for investments and expenditures, which may be planning and executed by a Putney subcommittee to the Local Party's Executive, or by any other body authorised by the Local Party's Executive to do so.
- 8.5 The members of the Supervisory Board shall be appointed by the Local Party's Executive after considering recommendations from the Putney subcommittee (or any successor committee). Local party members living in the Putney constituency may be consulted, by means of consultation arrangements about the membership of a Putney subcommittee, or otherwise.
- 8.6 This article, with any necessary adaptations, shall apply in respect of any successor to the Putney constituency after boundary changes.