



**Please read this notice carefully before
completing any nomination forms.**

Notice of Elections & By-Elections 2015

Notice is hereby given that, as required by the Constitution of the Welsh Liberal Democrats, elections will be held in conjunction with the meeting of Conference which is to take place on Saturday, 14 November 2015 at the Dylan Thomas Centre in Swansea.

Nominations are invited for the following Officers and Committee places.

Officers of the Welsh Liberal Democrats

- • President
- • Deputy President
- • Treasurer

Nominations open on Friday, 9 October 2015 and shall close at the close of the Autumn Conference on Saturday, 14 November 2015. Where necessary, ballot papers will be distributed by post to all members not later than Friday, 27 November 2015 and must be returned by first post on Friday, 18 December 2015. The cut-off point for members to be eligible to vote in these elections shall be the close of nominations.

NB Members of Parliament and Assembly Members are ineligible to stand for the position of President or Deputy President (Section E.2 of the Welsh Liberal Democrat Constitution).

By-Elections to Welsh Party Committees

- • Two Members of the National Executive Committee
- • One Member of the Campaigns and Candidates Committee
- One Member of the Finance and Management Committee

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Committee By-Elections and the Election of the Party Treasurer

Each Candidate shall be nominated by five members of the Party and nominations shall be on the prescribed form, of which a copy is enclosed; this may be copied if required. Only one nomination form needs be completed for a candidate who wishes to stand for more than one position.

Every nomination must show the Name (in PRINT), Membership Number, Local Party and Signature of the Member nominating the candidate, together with the Candidate's Local Party, Address and Telephone number. The form must be countersigned by the candidate as consent to nomination.

Additional forms may, if necessary, be obtained from the Deputy Acting Returning Officer, to whom any enquiries regarding these elections should be addressed.

As required by the Election Rules for Committee elections, each candidate shall send to the Deputy Acting Returning Officer with the nomination form a manifesto. The Manifesto shall cover no more than one side of an A5 piece of paper (two sides if one is a direct translation into English/Welsh of the other; a photograph may be included and any artwork must be the same in both languages) for distribution with the ballot papers. This should preferably be submitted in PDF format.

Candidates shall be permitted to campaign for election. Such campaigning shall be limited to spoken communication, either via telephony or face to face contact, or via electronic communication including the use of social media, email and the internet.

Election of the President and Deputy President:

For the posts of President and Deputy President the nomination is by no less than thirty members of the Party of whom not more than five shall be members of the same Local Party.

Every nomination must show the Name (in PRINT), Membership Number, Local Party and Signature of the Conference Member nominating the candidate, together with the Candidate's Local Party, Address and Telephone number. The form must be countersigned by the candidate as consent to nomination.

Additional forms may if necessary, be obtained from the Deputy Acting Returning Officer, to whom any enquiries regarding these elections should be addressed.

Each Candidate for the post of President or Deputy President shall be entitled to up to two sides of an A4 sheet of paper in the English Language and up to two sides of an A4 sheet of paper in the Welsh Language. Each should be a direct translation of the other and any photographs or artwork should be the same in both languages.

Artwork should be submitted with the nomination papers or as soon as possible after the close of nominations and should preferably be in PDF format.

Election expenses are limited by the Welsh Party's Constitution to £5,000. No candidate or their Agent, shall exceed this limit in the production of publicity material or any other expenditures connected with the campaign not including travel and subsistence. All donations to their campaign above £500 must comply with the provisions of Schedule 7 of PPERA.

Similarly, each Candidate, and/or their Agent, shall complete and lodge with the Chief Executive an election expenses return form. This form must include all receipts or invoices for all campaign expenditure and must be lodged with the Chief Executive by midday 35 days following the declaration of the Election Result.

Completed Nomination Forms & Candidate Manifestos:

Completed nominations papers and candidates Manifestos should be handed to the Deputy Acting Returning Officer by the close of nominations or posted to:

The Deputy Acting Returning Officer, Welsh Liberal Democrats, 38 The Parade,
Cardiff, CF24 3AD - ian.walton@welshlibdems.org.uk

Nomination forms which are returned by post should be received by the Deputy Acting Returning Officer not later than noon on Thursday, 12 November 2015.



Ian Walton
Deputy Acting Returning Officer



Nomination Form:

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

_____ eMail: _____

Position PRESIDENT / DEPUTY PRESIDENT
(delete as appropriate): _____

Local Party: _____

	Membership Number	Name	Local Party	Signature
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Please continue on a separate sheet - you can make as many copies of this form as required. Candidates are strongly advised to exceed the number of nominations required.

Members may only sign one nomination form and **no more than five members** from any one Local Party may sign any one nomination form.

For the Candidate's Consent to Nomination, please see overleaf.

Consent to Nomination

I, the above named, hereby consent to nomination for the position of **President / Deputy President** [delete as appropriate] of the Welsh Liberal Democrats and agree to abide by the rules pertaining to this election outlined in the Calling Notice for Election and the Constitution of the Welsh Liberal Democrats.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Completed forms should be returned, with manifesto artwork, to the Deputy Acting Returning Officer, Ian Walton, not later than the close of the Welsh Liberal Democrat Conference, 14 November 2015, or by post (to arrive not later than noon on Thursday, 12 November 2015) to:

The Deputy Acting Returning Officer
Welsh Liberal Democrats
38 The Parade
CARDIFF
CF24 3AD



Nomination Form

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ eMail: _____

_____ Local Party: _____

Position /
Committee: _____

	Membership Number	Name	Local Party	Signature
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I, the above named, hereby consent to the above nomination and agree to abide by the rules pertaining to this election outlined in the Calling Notice for Election and the Constitution of the Welsh Liberal Democrats.

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