**Amendments to Governance Motion**

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**Amendment to the Governance Review motion**

*Submitted by the Welsh Young Liberals*

*Proposer: Cadan ap Tomos*

*Summator: Callum James Littlemore*

Add new *Conference believes 3*:

That the voices of young members are valued, that they should continue to be heard in every part of the party’s activity, and that this should be guaranteed within any proposed structure.

Add new *Conference resolves 1* and re-number accordingly:

To make the following changes to the proposed new constitution:

In Section G:

Under 1.a, add a new bullet point: “*Representative of the SAO representing youth and/or students*”

Add new 1.e: “*The Representative of the SAO representing youth and/or students will be chosen by that SAO in accordance with their own internal procedures*”, and renumber accordingly

Add new 3.a.III: “*one representative of the SAO representing youth-* accordingly

Add new 4.V: “*one representative of the SAO representing youth and/or students, chosen in accordance with their own internal procedures*”, and renumber accordingly

Add new 5.V: “*one representative of the SAO representing youth and/or students, chosen in accordance with their own internal procedures*”, and re-number accordingly

Add new 6.V: “*one representative of the SAO representing youth and/or students, chosen in accordance with their own internal procedures*”, and renumber accordingly

Add new 7.III: “*one representative of the SAO representing youth and/or students, chosen in accordance with their own internal procedures*”, and renumber accordingly

Amend point 11.b to read: “*one representative of the SAO representing youth and/or students, chosen in accordance with their own internal procedures*”

In Section I:

Add new 2.h: “*An invited representative of the party’s SAO representing youth and/or students, chosen in accordance with their own internal procedures, who will have speaking but not voting rights”*

In what becomes *Conference resolves 2*, replace the word “detailed” with “amended”.

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*Submitted by Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire Liberal Democrats*

"3. In view of the much needed changes that this motion will bring about in the governance of the Welsh Party:-

a)   The new governance structure will commence on 1st January 2019, with the October 2018 internal party elections seeing the new members and officers being elected for the forthcoming 2 year period.

        b)  The NEC's successor body (The Welsh Board), in conjunction with the new Scrutiny Panel that would be set up, undertakes to keep the working of the new governance structure under review and will bring a report to the Spring 2020 Conference, at the latest. That report will highlight what is working and, if it appears that elements are not bringing about the strategic change required, any area where further change may be necessary so that members may give it due consideration."

**Section F, The Conference.**

*The Deputy President (or the Deputy President's nominee from the Welsh Board) arranges and Chairs the Local Party Officers Liaison Forum at each Conference. Each Local Party being entitled to send up to 2 representatives. The Local Party & Campaigns Co-Coordinator attends to follow up issues.*

**Amendments to The Governance Review Motion**

Submitted by South Wales East Valleys Local Party

Conference believes:

[Insert] 3. That any new structure should be, where reasonably practicable,

democratic in nature and ultimately accountable to the members, through the

conference and the newly formed Welsh Board.

[Insert] 4. A lot of hard work has been put in to developing a new governance

structure to this stage, and the Governance Review Team are owed a debt of

gratitude. However this is a first step in a long process in order to develop the

most suitable structure for the future of our party, and that any further work should

include consultation with Rhl Cymru.

Conference resolves:

[Delete 1. and 2., and replace with]

1. To adopt the revised governance structure as detailed in the flow chart of the

attached structure document (with exception to the points below) and task the

National Executive Committee (NEC) to immediately set in motion transitional

processes to adopt the new structure as follows:

a. As part of the transitional process the NEC shall produce a timeline for

full implementation of the new structure within 6 weeks of acceptance of

this motion (I.e. by the 31st of May 2018), to be made available on the

party website, and communicated to all members that it is available.

b. Two further progress reports shall be made available to members via the

party website, and its availability communicated to members by email at

2 month intervals from the date of timeline being made available (i.e. the

29th June and the 28th September).

c. Through the transitional process the NEC shall be authorised to make

suitable steps to transition the party to the new governance structure.

For example this may include moving the current governance structure

from a flat structure to one that is hierarchical, or implementing a

Disciplinary and Grievance Panel. Such decisions shall made clear to

the membership through the reports discussed above.

d. The Chair of NEC and the President shall appoint a suitable team from

the Current committee members, Rhl Cymru and the membership at

large within 2 weeks of acceptance of this motion to manage the

transitional process.

e. The NEC may pause the process of the transition to the new structure

only in the case of a snap general election. Such a pause in the process

may last no longer than 6 weeks, and in doing so shall delay the Autumn

2018 conference by the same timescale.

f. Any failing to meet the requirements and timescales in 1.a. and 1.b. shall

give automatic justification for a Special Conference, with the only

exception given in 1.e., and subject to the president (in lieu of a Chief

Executive) receiving a request from 20 or more members as per the

current constitution.

2. The new governance structure shall:

a. include a Board as successor to the existing National Executive

Committee and this Board shall have ultimate responsibility for the good

management and performance of all aspects of the Welsh Liberal

Democrats over and above other committees, groups, etc. of the Welsh

Liberal Democrats.

b. Within 2 months of the acceptance of the motion (i.e. by the 15th. June

2018) a new interim amalgamated Welsh Board shall be formed of the

voting members of the NEC and Finance and Management Committee.

c. Require that members that are appointed to positions or committee do

not serve on any other Welsh party committee. This requirement is

already true for those members of the appeals panel, but should

extended to all appointed positions such as the Discipline and Grievance

Panel (required under proposed changes from the Federal Party) and

the leadership team so that there is not a conflict of interest.

d. Recognising the Leader may appoint advisers, mentors, consultants or

others to assist her or him with the work of the Leader of the Welsh

Liberal Democrats, however the new governance structure shall treat

such appointees as ex officio to the Welsh Liberal Democrats and shall

not confer any voting rights, responsibilities or privileges on these

appointees. (This point effectively removes the note under the

leadership team in the proposed structure’s responsibilities section)

e. Require the President to chair the ‘Staffing & Resources Group’

(described as HR and Resources group in the structure document), and

as such be the person ultimately responsible for employed staff under

employment law. As such the President shall take on the responsibilities

normally given to a Chief Executive, and may delegate these

responsibilities as necessary (such as the Acting Returning Officer) until

such time as the party is in a position to employ a Chief Executive.

f. Require the Treasurer to Chair the fundraising Group.

g. Require that the Appeal panel be accountable directly to conference,

and be made up of a member from each region. No member shall hear

complaints involving members from within their own region. The

Appeals panel shall elect a chair from its own numbers who shall act as

Returning Officer for elections.

3. After appointment/election in Autumn 2018 the new committees shall

immediately set about creating Standing orders for their respective committee

in consultation with the board. The new committees will officially take post in

January 2019 and will work to the new standing orders until they can be ratified

by the conference in Spring 2019.

4. The Governance Review Panel shall present to Autumn 2018 Conference

completed proposals for the recall of elected positions within the Welsh Liberal

Democrats such that a petition signed by 50 members with no more than 20

from any 1 region shall cause a re-election to a specific elected position within

the Welsh Liberal Democrats at the next Welsh Liberal Democrat conference.

5. Any necessary constitutional changes required to enact the transition to the

new governance structure shall be undertaken by the Constitution Review

Panel at the request of the Team appointed to manage the transition. Such

changes shall made clear in the reports detailed in 1.b. and shall be put forward

to conference in Autumn 2018 for ratification or amendment. As such the

current constitution shall remain as the one published Nov 2015 except for

amendments already passed subsequently by conference. All changes to the

constitution that are to be ratified by conference shall be done in a format that

clearly identifies the changes.