BUSINESS MOTION

Constitutional Amendment: Removing References to the EU

Proposed by the Constitutional Affairs Committee

Conference notes with regret that the United Kingdom left the European Union on 31st January 2020.

Conference ratifies the decision of the Constitutional Affairs Committee to make the following amendment to the Constitution of the Welsh Liberal Democrats:

1. In the Constitution of the Welsh Liberal Democrats

   a. In clause A.5.c delete “and Members of the European Parliament for the Wales Region”

   b. In clause B.2 delete “of the European Parliament;”

   c. In clause B.11 delete “, European Parliamentary”

   d. In clause C.5 delete “A member who is an MS, MP, MEP, prospective Senedd, Parliamentary or European Parliamentary candidate or member of a Local Authority may re-register as of right in a relevant Local Party” and replace with “A member who is an MS, MP, prospective Senedd or Parliamentary candidate, or member of a Local Authority may re-register as of right in a relevant Local Party.

   e. In C.7.c delete “standing against the candidate of the Party in any Senedd, Parliamentary or European Parliamentary election” and
replace with “standing against the candidate of the Party in any Senedd or Parliamentary election”

f. Delete clause E.1.f and renumber all subsequent clauses.

g. In clause E.2.a delete both occurrence of “European Parliament,”

h. In clause E.2.b delete “or Elections to the European Parliament” and delete “European Parliament,”

i. In clause E.2.c delete “European Parliament,”

j. Delete all of clause E.5 and renumber subsequent clauses.

k. In clause E.10 delete “Officers of the Party other than the Leader of the Party, the Leader of the UK Parliamentary Group, the Leader of the National Assembly Group and the Leader of the European Parliamentary Group shall be liable to removal from office” and replace with “Officers of the Party other than the Leader of the Party, the Leader of the UK Parliamentary Group or the Leader of the Senedd Group shall be liable to removal from office”

l. In clause F.1.c delete “including a report from the Party’s Senedd Group, Westminster Group and MEPs” and replace with “including a report from the Party’s Senedd and Westminster Groups”

m. In clause F.2 delete “, the Group of Welsh Liberal Democrat Members of the European Parliament”

n. In G.2.3.a delete “, European”

o. In G.13 delete “The Representatives of the group in the Senedd, the group in the UK Parliament and the group in the European Parliament” and replace with “The Representatives of the group in the Senedd and the group in the UK Parliament”
p. In clause J.1 delete “Senedd, the House of Commons and the European Parliament” and replace with “Senedd and the House of Commons”

q. In clause J.5 delete “Prospective Candidates of the European Parliament,”

r. In clause J.6 delete “for the Welsh European region,”

s. In clause J.9 delete “European candidates and”


u. In clause L.5 delete “MEP,”

2. In the Rules for ballots of the whole party section of the Election Rules annex:

a. In Section A delete “MEPs,”

b. In Clause B.2.a delete “MSs, MPs and MEPs” and replace with “MSs and MPs”

c. In Clause D.2 delete “MEP,”

3. In the Membership Rules annex:

a. In clause G.2 delete “the European Parliament,”

4. In the Candidate Selection Rules annex:

a. In the second paragraph of “Introduction and the Constitutional Position” delete “for the Welsh European Region,”
5. In the Rules for the Selection of List Candidates section of the Candidate Selection Rules annex:

a. In the title delete “AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT”

b. In the first paragraph of the introduction delete “and Wales Regional List Candidates for the European Parliament” and delete “or European”.

c. In the second paragraph of the introduction delete “(at a UK level for the Senedd or at a European Level for the European Parliament)”

d. In the third paragraph of the introduction delete “or European Parliament Election”

e. In the fifth paragraph delete “For the Senedd,” and delete the whole of the sixth paragraph.

f. In clause 3 delete “or the Welsh Party (if a European Selection)”

g. In clause 6 delete “or the Welsh Party (if a European Selection)”

h. In clause 7 delete “, save that the European Returning Officer may be a member of the Welsh Liberal Democrats”

i. In clause 10 delete “or the Welsh Party (if a European Selection)”

j. In clause 12 delete “, or, in the case of a European Selection, Wales and the Welsh Party,”

k. Delete all of clause 16 and renumber subsequent clauses

l. In clause 20 delete “for Senedd list selections and a minimum of three formal members’ meetings for European Parliament list selections”

m. Delete all of clause 21 and renumber subsequent clauses
n. Delete all of clause 27 and renumber subsequent clauses

o. Delete all of clause 28 and renumber subsequent clauses

p. In clause 37 delete “or European Parliament Elections,”

q. In clause 38 delete “or European Parliament Elections”

r. In clause 40 delete “For European Parliament Selections this rule shall not apply.”

s. In clause 41 delete “For European Selections, this rule shall not apply.”

t. In clause 45.e delete “For European Selections, this rule shall not apply.”

u. In clause 60 delete “or Wales as whole, in the case of European Candidate Selections”

v. In clause 64.e delete “save that employees of the Welsh Liberal Democrats shall remain neutral at all times during a European Candidate Selection”

w. In clause 70 delete “There shall be a minimum of three, and a maximum of five, formal members’ meetings for the selection of European Candidates.”

x. In clause 90 delete “or the European Parliament”

y. In clause 91 delete “save for any provisions in the Federal Constitution for the filling of vacancies to the European Parliament”

z. In clause 92 delete “or to the European Parliament”

6. In Conference Standing Orders:
a. In the definition of Federal Members delete “or its sister Parties in the wider liberal family as defined by either ELDR (European Liberal Democrats) or Liberal International (LI),”

b. In clause A.1.1 delete “including a report from the Party's Senedd Group, Westminster Group and MEPs” and replace with “including a report from the Party's Senedd and Westminster Groups”

c. Delete sub-clause B.1.4.c and renumber subsequent subclauses of clause B.1.4

d. In clause C.1.1 delete “the Group of Welsh Liberal Democrat Members of the European Parliament”

e. In clause I.1 delete “selections for the European Parliament List,”

f. In clause I.5 delete “MS/MP/MEP” and replace with “MS or MP”

7. In the Model Constitution for Local Parties:

a. In clause 3.1.c delete “UK Members of the European Parliament,”

b. In clause 4.2.c delete “MEP,” and delete “or European”