



# West Midlands Liberal Democrats AGM & Regional Conference Saturday 19 November 2016



\* Old Joe, the University's iconic clock tower is affectionately named after its first Chancellor, Joseph Chamberlain

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Richard Vos, Chair of  
Regional Conference Committee

### ▶ 10am AGM

The Federal Conference decision to move to one-member-one-vote (OMOV) has proved intrinsically more demanding to fulfil and seems set to become a centralised English Party responsibility. That means we are not able to hold elections for Regional Officers at this conference. Current officers have been extended to January 31. There will still be officers annual reports and members will be able to ask questions or raise issues..

### ▶ 10 30am MAYORAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

#### Beverley Nielsen - FIGHTING FOR THE WEST MIDLANDS

Since she was selected in September as the party's candidate in the WMCA Metro Mayor election (*which involves more than half of the region*), Beverley has been meeting voters, visiting key businesses and organisations. She has also been quietly building a very strong campaign team and honing her set of policies.

Today she lays out her aims and objectives



### ▶ 2pm-3 10pm Training and Discussion groups

MEDIA



CAMPAIGNING CONNECT FUND-RAISING

CONFERENCE OFFICE 55 Ely Street,  
Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6LN  
(0)1789 295 970

### ▶ Speaking



### Listening ◀ ▶ Relaxing



Lunch: 12 30pm  
in CAFE AROMA



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**BOOKING  
PACK**

**VENUE STAFF HOUSE University of Birmingham Edgbaston B15 2TT**

## Provisional Agenda *Further speakers will be announced.*

- 09 00am REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS
- 09 45am Welcome and AGM (chair Martin Turner): reports & accounts plus Q&As with key officers
- 10.30am Beverley Nielsen: launch of Mayoral campaign
- 11.20am Policy Debate (motions invited)
- 12 noon Policy Debate (motions invited)
- 12.40pm Lunch (*PLUS \*members soapbox*) *\*We supply the soapbox, you supply a three-minute topic. The stopwatch starts when you step up!*
- 1.40pm GUEST SPEAKER: Protecting the Rural West Midlands:  
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England
- 2.00pm Training, Discussion Groups and new members Q & A
- 3.10pm Tea & Cake CONFERENCE SPECIAL
- 3.30pm The Jonathan Webber Award/s presented by Kathryn Ball
- 3 50pm GUEST SPEAKER *Inside the NHS* with Paul Jennings, CEO of Gloucester Care Services
- 4.40pm Appeal by Baroness Lorely Burt
- 5.00pm Farewell & Closing Thanks



### Register to attend

Complete the **RED** registration form, and post cheque in enclosed pre-paid envelope or **register and pay online** at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/294864](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/294864)

### Local party chairs

Check the **BLUE** page to see if your local party has notified us of its voting representatives for the conference. If not, please complete the form or email [conference@wmlibdems.org](mailto:conference@wmlibdems.org) straight away with details. Don't forget you can book an exhibition stand too!

### Submit a motion or amendment

Read the **PINK** page which explains the process for submitting a motion or amendment to the Conference. This includes an explanation of who is entitled to submit a motion or amendment, and of how these are considered for inclusion on the agenda.

### Book an exhibition stand

Businesses, voluntary organisations, party bodies, local parties - all are welcome to apply for exhibition space at our conference. Please complete the **GREEN** exhibition stand booking form and return to the Regional Conference Office [conference@wmlibdems.org](mailto:conference@wmlibdems.org)

### Internal party elections

The implementation of the Federal Conference decision to move to OMOV means that it's all change at this regional conference: there are no nominations, no hustings, no elections. They are postponed until later and current officers are extended until January 31. Info will follow shortly.

University of Birmingham November 19 **'Debate and discussion, chat and catch-up'** BOOK EARLY - go online and register NOW



## REGISTRATION FORM



Our regional conference this year takes place in the very heart of the country's Second City at Birmingham University. The venue is Staff House, the facilities are superb and with excellent road, rail and bus connections and ample free parking, this is the perfect location. This one-day event will include our AGM & officers reports, policy debates, training, discussion groups and this year, a new 'Speakers Corner' feature!

Don't forget you can also book and pay online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/294864](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/294864)

### (1) MY DETAILS

Name

Address

Email

Phone number

Local party

Party membership number

### (2) SPECIAL DIETARY ARRANGEMENTS

- Vegetarian
- Gluten-free
- Allergy (please specify)
- Other (please specify)
- Access or other special needs

### (4) PAYMENT

I enclose my registration fee per online payment [www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/294864](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/294864) or by cheque payable to 'West Midlands Liberal Democrats':

- £30 (before Wednesday 16 November)  £15 \*claimant rate (before Wednesday 16 November) *This fee includes registration fee, refreshments on arrival, light lunch, afternoon tea & coffee and training/breakout sessions*
- £25 (before Wednesday 16 November)  £12 50p \*claimant rate (before Wednesday 16 November) *This fee includes registration fee, refreshments on arrival, afternoon tea & coffee and training/breakout sessions. Lunch is not included*

Advance booking will close on TUESDAY November 15; the on-the-day registration fee will rise to £40 for all categories, including claimants. This includes registration, refreshments on arrival, light lunch, afternoon tea & coffee and training/breakout sessions  
*Note: Light refreshments will also be on sale during the day*

\*You are entitled to the claimant rate, if at the time of conference you are in receipt of one of the below benefits or are a full-time student

\*Universal Credit

\*Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

\*Income Support

\*Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

\*Pension Credit

\*Personal Independence Payment (PIP) – replacing Disability Living Allowance

Please return with your payment (if by cheque) to: Regional Conference Office,  
Stratford Liberal Democrats, 55 Ely Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6LN. Thank you.



## INFORMATION FOR LOCAL PARTY CHAIRS

### ENTITLEMENT TO REPRESENTATION AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The number of voting representatives you can send depends on your membership:

MEMBERS	VOTING REPS
♦ 30-50	8
♦ 51-75	9
♦ 76-100	10
♦ 101-150	11
♦ 151-200	12
♦ 201-250	13
♦ 251-300	14
♦ 301-350	15
♦ 351-400	16
♦ 401-450	147

Any member can attend in a non-voting capacity.

Any paid-up member of the Liberal Democrats in the West Midlands is entitled to attend the Regional Conference and to speak in any debate subject to the ruling of the Chair.

However, only those members who have been elected as voting representatives by their local party or council group, or fulfil the other criteria set out in the registration form, may vote.

Please note that council group leaders, while automatically granted voting representative status at Federal Conference, do not have this right at Regional Conference. **If a council group leader wishes to vote at the Regional Conference, they will need to be elected as a voting representative by their local party or council group.**

Please do encourage as many of your members as possible to attend the regional conference - it's a great place to meet people, hear speakers and find out more about how to get involved and active in the party.

### PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO YOUR VOTING REPRESENTATIVES ARE

Please ensure the appropriate person in your local party - usually your data officer - has used the party's online membership system (*Salesforce*) to enter a full list of your local party's voting regional conference representatives. Your local party's total voting representative allocation must not exceed your entitlement (shown in the chart above).

### HOW DO YOU CHANGE YOUR REPRESENTATIVES?

If your local party wishes to

- add a new voting representative
- remove an existing voting representative
- change its voting representatives

please do so via *Salesforce* no later than **Monday October 31**. Any changes after this will cause delays at the registration desk



## SUBMITTING A MOTION OR AMENDMENT

### (1) WHO MAY SUBMIT A MOTION OR AMENDMENT?

Motions for the Regional Conference, and amendments to motions, may be submitted by

- two voting members of Regional Conference
- Local Parties
- Specified Associated Organisations of the Liberal Democrats
- recognised Council Groups on principal local authorities in the West Midlands
- or by the Regional Executive or the Regional Policy Committee.

### (2) WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS?

- Motions and constitutional amendments: noon Saturday October 22 2016
- Amendments to motions: noon Saturday November 12 2016
- Emergency motions: Friday November 18 2016 noon

### (3) HOW DO I SUBMIT A MOTION OR AMENDMENT?

If you wish to submit a motion or amendment, please check that you are eligible to do so, and that you are within the deadline, as set out above.

If the answer to both of these is Yes, please

- **email** your motion or amendment to [policy@wmlibdems.org](mailto:policy@wmlibdems.org)
- **post** your motion or amendment to Regional Conference Office, West Midlands Liberal Democrats, 55 Ely Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6LN. Please make clear at the time of submission your qualification to submit your motion or amendment (see 1 above). Please also specify the name of the person who will be proposing the motion or amendment and (if a motion) the name of the person summing up at the end of the debate.

The likelihood of your motion or amendment being selected for debate will be increased considerably if it is legible, clearly worded, concise, and relevant.

### (4) HOW CAN I GET DRAFTING ADVICE?

Advice on drafting your motion is an excellent way of increasing its chances of being selected for debate. Members are strongly encouraged to email a draft of their motion to Regional Policy Chair **David Murray** ([policy@wmlibdems.org](mailto:policy@wmlibdems.org)) for advice and constructive comment before submitting it to the Regional Conference Committee.

### (5) HOW ARE MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS CHOSEN FOR DEBATE?

The choice of motions and amendments for debate is the responsibility of the Regional Conference Committee (in conjunction with the Regional Policy Chair). The Committee meets to consider motions and amendments, and takes into account factors including the time available on the agenda, and the relevance and interest of the motion or amendment.



## EXHIBITION STAND BOOKING FORM

The exhibition at regional conference is a very popular part of the day. It's a great way for conference goers to meet your organisation, and for you to meet possible helpers or customers.

### (1) MY DETAILS

Organisation

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Contact name

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Postal address

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Email address

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Telephone number

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Telephone number on the day (if different)

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### (2) MY EXHIBITION STAND REQUIREMENTS

- Single table (approx 2m)    or     Double table (approx 4m)  
 Electricity supply **PLEASE NOTE** Exhibitors should provide own extension leads/any back boards etc
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### (3) PAYMENT

- £25 (local party or other internal party body, includes non-voting pass for 1 person)  
 Other organisations - fee by arrangement (please apply to Conference Office - see note below)

Cheques payable to 'West Midlands Liberal Democrats'

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### NOTES

- ◆ All organisations including local parties and other internal party bodies should contact the Regional Conference Office [conference@wmlibdems.org](mailto:conference@wmlibdems.org) to discuss rates.
  - ◆ The venue will supply your table(s) plus one or two chairs.
  - ◆ Unloading will take place from 08:00 and must be completed by 09:00
  - ◆ Payment must be made in advance and received by the Conference Office no less than 14 days before the date of the event.
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**Please return with your payment to:** Regional Conference Office, West Midlands Liberal Democrats, 55 Ely Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6LN. Thank you.