

Britain in the World Policy Working Group Remit

The FPC is commissioning a working group to update party policy and produce proposals for Britain's role on the international stage, including identifying the issues and problems that will form the basis for our foreign policy interventions, setting out a positive and inspirational vision for the world we want to build, and defining a realistic, focussed role for Britain in helping bring that world into being, reinforcing our overall liberal vision of creating opportunity for everyone regardless of background. The group is particularly directed to identify strong campaigning issues for use in foreign policy campaigns. The group is also expected to consider and address Liberal Democrat principles on diversity and equalities in developing their proposals. The process should build on past policy, particularly Policy Papers 113, *Prosperous, Sustainable, and Secure* (2013); 97, *Accountability to the Poor* (2010); 86, *Security and Liberty in a Globalised World* (2008); and 74, *Britain's Global Responsibilities* (2006). It should also take into account our existing policies on the European Union and the motion passed at autumn conference 2016 in Brighton.

In the course of its work the group should consider:

1. What a Liberal Democrat vision for the global community and Britain's role in the global community looks like
2. Identifying and reviewing the greatest issues and challenges facing the international community, assessing the UK's ability to respond meaningfully, and what the global community's response should be
3. What international responsibilities Britain has or should have, particularly with regards to global challenges such as tackling climate change, defending and advancing human rights, and the ongoing refugee crisis, and how these international responsibilities are affected by potential changes to our position in the EU
4. The position that Britain should have in Europe and the European Union post-referendum, including developing the policy agreed by party conference in Brighton
5. The impact of the vote to leave the EU on Britain's ability to play a meaningful role in the world
6. Britain's world role with regards to other international institutions such as the UN, including the scope to strengthen such relationships in light of the referendum result
7. How Britain can achieve the greatest impact with the resources at our disposal? This should include priorities, strategic objectives, concrete targets, and consideration of international frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals

8. Britain's traditional means of wielding influence: defence, diplomacy, development and trade. Given our vision and objectives, what is the purpose of our military, or our overseas development assistance? How are these affected by our changing situation with the EU?
9. The extent and strength of Britain's soft power, including the BBC World Service and the links of British residents with international diasporas, and what we can do to nurture it.

The group will take evidence and consult widely from both within and outside the party. This evidence should inform the group's proposals, which will be presented alongside an analysis of costs and an Equality Impact Assessment.

A policy paper of no longer than 10,000 words should be produced for debate at Autumn Conference 2017. Prior to that a consultative session should be held at Spring Conference 2017, and a draft policy paper should be presented to the Federal Policy Committee by June 2017.