

Conference Daily

Sunday 17 September



Autumn Conference 2017 Bournemouth



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Please note that timings are approximate only. Some items of business may occur earlier than indicated. Members wishing to speak are requested to submit a speaker's card as soon as possible.

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F2	Report: Federal Conference Committee	Approved. Vote to suspend standing orders passed
F3	Report: Federal Policy Committee	Approved
F4	Policy motion: Learning to Communicate in English	Passed (Amendment One passed)
F6	Policy motion: The Paris Agreement and UK Climate Change Policy	Passed
F8	Policy motion: The Impact of Brexit on Public Services	Passed (Amendment One passed)
F10	Policy motion: Natural Environment Policy	Passed (Amendment One passed)
F11	Report: Federal Board	Approved
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F13	Membership Subscription	Passed

Emergency motions: Implementation of Universal Credit will be debated as item F23 at 09.00 on Monday; UK Government Treatment of Disabled People will be debated as F31A at 09.40 on Tuesday; and Recruitment and Retention of Teachers will be debated as F31B at 10.25 on Tuesday.

For the text of motions and amendments, please refer to the Autumn 2017 Conference Agenda and Conference Daily for Saturday 16 September 2017.

BIC security

The security team at the BIC will be carrying out additional checks on arrival, including on large bags; so, to avoid delays, please do not bring large bags into the conference centre.

BIC closing times

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Spokespeople Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Q&A sessions during conference, where you can ask questions of our Spokespeople on the issues relating to their responsibilities.

Sessions on Sunday 17 will be held in the BIC, Meyrick Suite. Sessions are open to all, but Party members will be given priority.

15.00–16.00

Transport and Environment
with Jenny & Kate Parminter

16.30–17.30

Home Affairs
with Ed Davey, Brian Paddick & Jonathan Marks



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F15 Report of the Parliamentary Parties

Q1. Submitted by: Christopher Hudson

Can Conference have a commitment that our parliamentary parties will always follow up motions passed at Federal Conference and seek to deliver the policy changes or initiatives agreed as party policy by Conference, and in particular what action has been taken and will be taken to make sure that the policy in Motion F17 on Associate Citizenship of the EU agreed at York 2017 Federal Conference is agreed between the UK and the EU before March 2019?

Q2 Submitted by: Keran Kerai

How will we help women get into boardrooms when there are big issues with them needing to take time out of work more often? Could we create flexible work times by having them start later with childcare provided by employers or is it harder to create a good balance between work and private life?

F16 Armed Forces Personnel: Recruitment, Retention and Welfare

Amendment One

Beaconsfield and Young Liberals

Mover: Thomas Hughes

Summation: Abbie Llewelyn

- 1 *After h) (line 49), insert:*
- 2 i) A review into mental health exclusions in the Armed Forces' medical criteria for recruitment.

Background Briefing

This motion develops and updates policy on armed forces welfare. In particular it makes new policy on meeting accommodation needs and on an expansion of the Career Transition Partnership. Existing policy is set out in the 2017 General Election Manifesto *Change Britain's Future*, the 2015 General Election Manifesto *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* and policy paper 112, *Defending the Future – UK defence in the 21st Century* (2013).

F17A Opposing Brexit

20+ members

Mover: Stephen Crosher

Summation: Ryan Mercer

- 1 Conference notes that:
- 2 I. On the 23rd June 2016, the United Kingdom voted via a referendum by a margin of 52–48 to
- 3 begin the process of leaving the European Union.
- 4 II. The Liberal Democrats campaigned to remain in the European Union.
- 5 III. The lack of a clear plan for Brexit from the Leave side meant that there was no clear
- 6 agreement on what final destination was being voted on.



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7 Conference believes that:

8 i) The United Kingdom is safer and more prosperous as a member of the European Union as it:

- 9 a) Facilitates essential cooperation on international challenges including climate change
10 and terrorism.
- 11 b) Supports the UK economy by facilitating movement of people and cross border trade
12 under a common framework of regulation.
- 13 c) Enables greater collaboration on research and exchange of ideas.
- 14 d) Enriches the UK culturally through collaboration and cultural exchange.
- 15 e) Enhances and protects the rights of UK citizens both within the UK and abroad.
- 16 f) Strengthens the UK's position on the world stage, for example in negotiations over trade.

17 ii) To leave the European Union is detrimental to the UK's fundamental national interests.

18 iii) Continued membership of the European Union would better serve the UK's national interest
19 than any alternative arrangements that could be negotiated through the Article 50 process.

20 Conference further notes with concern the following developments which have occurred
21 subsequent to the June 2016 referendum:

- 22 A. The significant fall in the value of the pound and resulting raising inflation, leading to a
23 further squeeze on living standards.
- 24 B. The Governor of the Bank of England's appraisal of the cost of Brexit and the resulting black
25 hole this will create in the public finances.
- 26 C. Reports that a range of businesses, including one third of manufacturing firms, are moving
27 or are considering moving some of their operations out of the UK.
- 28 D. Reports that UK based researchers are being hindered from participating in EU-funded
29 research projects in anticipation of Brexit and UK research institutions being unable to play
30 leading roles in multinational research projects.
- 31 E. That the number of nurses from the EU registering with the Nursing and Midwifery Council
32 fell by 96% between June 2016 and April 2017.
- 33 F. That as of February 2017, the number of EU students applying to UK universities had fallen
34 by 7% since June 2016.
- 35 G. The rise in hate crimes following the referendum, with the number recorded between July
36 and September 2016 increasing to 14,295 from 10,793 during the same period in 2015.

37 Conference condemns the shambolic and deeply divided approach of the Conservative
38 Government to the negotiations, and the Labour Party's support for leaving the Single Market and
39 the Customs Union.

40 Conference calls for:

- 41 1. The Government to seek to reverse the triggering of Article 50 of the Lisbon treaty at the
42 earliest opportunity and for the UK to retain its current status as a member of the European
43 Union.
- 44 2. The Liberal Democrats to continue to campaign for Britain to remain a member of the
45 European Union.
- 46 3. The Liberal Democrats to commit to seeking to reverse the triggering of Article 50 in the
47 event of a Liberal Democrat-led Government being formed prior to the UK leaving the
48 European Union and to construe their election as a democratic mandate for doing so.



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Applicability: Federal.

Mover: 7 minutes; summation of motion and movers and summation of any amendments: 4 minutes; all other speakers: 3 minutes. For eligibility and procedure for speaking in this debate, see page 4 of the Agenda.

In addition to speeches from the platform, voting members will be able to make concise (maximum one-minute) interventions from the floor during the debate on the motion. See page 4 of the Agenda for further information.

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *After f) (line 16), insert:*
- 2 g) Secures the unique relationship between Ireland and the United Kingdom including free
- 3 movement of people and goods across the Irish border.

Amendment One

Federal Policy Committee

Mover: Tom Brake MP

Summation: Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP

- 1 *After line 39, insert:*
- 2 Conference further condemns the Leave campaign for making so many claims which have since
- 3 been proven false and/or undeliverable.
- 4 *Delete 1., 2. and 3. (lines 41–48) and insert:*
- 5 1. The Government to admit that the Brexit deal will not deliver the promises of the Leave
- 6 campaign.
- 7 2. An ‘exit from Brexit’ referendum (in which 16- and 17-year olds, EU Citizens resident in the UK,
- 8 and British Citizens resident overseas will be able to vote) to be held once the outcome of the
- 9 UK-EU negotiations is known, for the public to choose between ‘the deal’ or Britain remaining
- 10 a full member of the EU.
- 11 3. As leading champions of Britain’s membership of the EU, the Liberal Democrats to continue to
- 12 campaign for Britain to remain a full and active member of the European Union.

Background Briefing

This motion develops policy on Britain and the EU. Existing policy for a future deal negotiated by the government to be put to a referendum of the British people, with the option to vote to remain in the EU, is set out in the 2017 General Election Manifesto *Change Britain’s Future* and policy motions *Britain and the EU: negotiating the Future – Next Steps for Brexit* (2017) and *Britain in the European Union* (2016).

F19 Q&A session with Rt Hon Vince Cable MP

Aide: James Holt. Hall Aide: Susan Juned.



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F21 Safe Building Standards for all Homes

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendments to the motion:

- 1 In B. (line 9), delete 'Britain' and insert 'the UK'.
- 2 In 7. b) (line 44), after 'renovation' insert ', and take any necessary enforcement action'.

Amendment One

Wokingham

Mover: Imogen Shepherd-DuBey

Summation: Prue Bray

- 1 In 3. (lines 29–30), delete 'by the Fire Service' and insert 'by persons on a professional register who
- 2 meet the competency criteria established by the Fire Risk Assessment Competency Council'.

Amendment Two

Southwark

Mover: Caroline Pidgeon AM

- 1 After 3. (line 32), insert:
- 2 4. Central government to now comply with the recommendations of the Coroner who
- 3 investigated the Lakanal tower block fire in 2013, and provide clearer guidance on the extent
- 4 to which fire safety regulations apply to residential blocks.

Background Briefing

This motion substantially updates and develops policy on building safety in light of the Grenfell Tower tragedy. In particular it creates new policy on fire checks and fire evacuation drills, electrical safety tests and a review of building regulations. Existing policy is set out in policy paper 104, *Decent Homes for All* (2012).

F22 Centenary of the Balfour Declaration

Chair: Geoff Payne (Vice Chair, Federal Conference Committee). Aide: Zoe O'Connell (Vice Chair, Federal Conference Committee). Hall Aide: Alex Hegenbarth.

Background briefing

The motion creates new policy on the recognition of a State of Palestine. Existing policy on Israel and the Palestinian Territories is set out in the 2017 General Election Manifesto *Change Britain's Future*, the 2015 General Election Manifesto *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* and policy motion *Israel and Palestinian Territories* (2007).

