

Conference Daily

Saturday 15 September 2018

Autumn Conference Brighton



Information from the Federal Conference Committee for Saturday 15 September. Please read in conjunction with the *Agenda* and *Directory* and *Conference Extra*.

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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.

LIB DEMS AT 30

The Legacy Society Reception

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ON

Saturday 15th September 2018

8.15pm Doors open from 8pm.

AT

The Lancaster

Hilton Metropole Brighton, Kings Road, Brighton BN1 2FU

Join us to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Liberal Democrats, with **the launch of the new Legacy Society** - open to all members who have left a legacy gift to the party, large or small.

Lord Paddy Ashdown will host this memorable evening for anyone who has left a legacy, or would like to know more about how to.



RSVP at the **Legacy Information Point** in the Exhibition (**Stand H4**)

South East Region stand (H16) at the Brighton Centre

Get to know Brighton the Lib Dem way ... deliver some leaflets!!

Please come to the our stand (H16) on the first floor where Brighton & Hove Liberal Democrats will give you a bundle of leaflets, a map and a warm welcome. No more than an hour of your time needed.

**Join our Pro-EU demo at 4.15pm today starting at the
Angel of Peace statue, Hove, BN3 2WN**

In conjunction with other pro-EU groups in the city we will march from the Angel of Peace statue on Hove seafront to the Brighton Centre to display our support for the EU. The theme is a "Carnival of Rights", celebrating all that the UK has gained from its membership of the European Union.

Dress in bright colours, particularly blue and yellow; bring placards and EU flags; and wear your biggest smiles! If you need to borrow a prop, just ask at stand H16.

**Brighton & Hove Lib Dem Women in Science Fringe meeting,
1pm Tuesday 18th September, Hilton Metropole**

We are organising a fringe meeting at The Ambassador Room at the Metropole hotel on Tuesday 18th September at 1pm with our education spokesperson **Layla Moran MP**. The theme is 'Women in Science' and if you have views on this subject please come along and express them!



Brighton & Hove Liberal Democrats **A LIBERAL VOICE FOR A LIBERAL CITY**



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F2 Report of the Federal Conference Committee

Q1. Submitted by: Adam Bernard

Is it considered remarkable for FCC to select a motion for debate without having had sight of the policy paper which that motion endorses?

Q2. Submitted by: Theo Butt Philip

Why has the FCC limited questions to reports to just 25 words? What proportion of questions submitted to previous conferences were within this arbitrary and

Q3. Submitted by: Richard Gadsden

If a special conference is requested by Federal Board to consider Vince's recent proposals, can other topics be added to the agenda if sufficient signatures are collected, or would such action trigger a separate conference? If it would trigger a separate conference, could that be on the same date at the same venue to minimise costs?

F3 Report of the Federal Policy Committee

Q1. Submitted by: Mark Hall

Will you consider doing more to campaign for the rights of leaseholders? Currently there are many people paying excessive charges and receiving a poor service from freeholders. This is the kind of issue missed by the two main parties.

Q2. Submitted by: Mark Hall

Should the Lib Dem policy on criminal justice differentiate more between violent and non-violent crime, for example, whilst calling for shorter or non-custodial sentences for non-violent crimes, we could call for significantly longer sentences for the most violent offences which would bring the policy more into line with wider public opinion?

Q3. Submitted by: Clive Lever

Domestic abuse is a terrible crime that inflicts horrendous damage on the lives of women and they need far more support than they get. It is often forgotten that the crime seriously damages the lives of male victims, and support available to them falls even further short of the need. How does the party propose to ensure that in future, both female and male victims and their children can get access to an appropriate level of support when they need it?

Q4. Submitted by: Adam Bernard

Is it considered remarkable for a policy paper not to be supplied to FCC in time for consideration with the motion which endorses it?

Q5. Submitted by: Stewart Reddaway

Should the Working Group on Climate Change take into account carbon embedded in imports and exports?



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F4 Improving Animal Welfare

We are trialling electronic submission of speaker's cards in debates F4, F15, F24, F33A and F33B. To submit a card online, go to www.libdems.org.uk/speakers-card. Electronic submissions are open until one hour before the start of the debate. Cards can also be submitted in person as usual before and during the debate.

Background Briefing

This motion substantially updates and develops policy on animal welfare, in particular it creates new policy on taking animal welfare into account in public procurement, preventing unnecessarily painful practices in farming, establishing an independent horse welfare regulatory body, and banning the use of glue traps. Existing policy is set out in policy paper 129, *A Rural Future: Time to Act* (2017), the 2017 General Election Manifesto *Change Britain's Future*, and policy paper 61, *Respecting All Animals* (2003).

F5 Righting Wrongs: Restoring the Rights of the Windrush Generation

Background Briefing

This motion creates new policy in response to the 'hostile environment' policy of the Conservative Government.

F6 Establishing Real Freedom of Choice

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

- 1 In 1 (line 48) after 'safe abortion' insert '; any changes to the legislation would incorporate the
- 2 existing 24 week term limit'.

Background Briefing

This motion creates new policy.

Consultative sessions

Climate Change and the Low-Carbon Economy Policy Working Group

Chair: Duncan Brack. Rapporteur: Christian Moon. Hilton, Buckingham Room.

Race Equality Policy Working Group

Chair: Merlene Emerson. Rapporteur: Jonathan Everett. Hilton, Clarence Room.

Vince Cable: Opening up the party

Chair: Liz Barker. Rapporteur: To be announced. Hilton, Balmoral Room.

The FPDC Supporters' Scheme consultative session has been rescheduled to 18.15–19.15, Sunday 16 September.

FB and FCC Helpdesk

The Federal Board and Federal Conference Committee helpdesk will be located on the First Floor at the top of the stairs towards the East Bar.



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F8 Power for People and Communities

Amendment One

14 members

Mover: Michael Kilpatrick

Summation: Andrew Haldane

1 *Delete 1. d) and 1. e) (lines 42–47).*

2 *After 3. d) (line 82) add:*

3 Conference, however, rejects the specific proposals in the paper on a devolved tier within England.
4 Conference instead calls for the Federal Party to consult and engage with the English Regional
5 Parties to establish a process by which a regional tier of government across England may be
6 designed and implemented, on the basis that it should:

- 7 I. Be a fully inclusive process combining top-down oversight and locally-led design so as to
8 provide all parts of England with viable devolved government.
- 9 II. Allow a geographic makeup reflecting local opinion and identity, economic units and travel-to-
10 work areas.
- 11 III. Prevent first-come-first-served or self-selective devolution and allow no power of veto by
12 individual local authorities.
- 13 IV. Devolve substantial powers from Westminster uniformly as much as practicable to avoid a
14 multitude of 'West Lothian Questions'.
- 15 V. Operate with pluralistic, elected assemblies.

16 In the long run we will develop a model for a written constitution for the UK entrenching the
17 place of all devolved governments so that they cannot simply be swept away at the whim of central
18 government.

Amendment Two

South Gloucestershire

Mover: Claire Young

Summation: Louise Harris

1 *After 2. f) (line 70) insert:*

- 2 g) Reforming the Combined Authorities so that they are more representative of their
3 communities, by ensuring that they do not simply consist of council mayors and leaders
4 alongside the elected Mayor, but instead have a membership where each party in the
5 relevant area is represented in proportion to its number of representatives on the
6 relevant councils.

Background Briefing

This motion and the accompanying policy paper substantially develop and update policy on devolution, localism and community empowerment within England. In particular, they develop policy on making it easier to set up Parish or Town Councils, on establishing a tier of devolved government within England, on



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improving transparency and accountability in local government and on supporting the work of voluntary community groups.

Existing policy is set out in the 2017 General Election Manifesto *Change Britain's Future*, policy paper 117, *Power to the People* (2014), and policy paper 79, *The Power to be Different* (2007).

F10 After Alderdice – Delivering Race Equality in the Liberal Democrats: RDC and Vice President BaME

Mover: Dinesh Dhamija.

F11 Reforming our Party's Disciplinary Processes

Amendment One

13 members

Mover: April Preston

Summation: Rebecca Plenderleith

1 *After 11. (line 127) add:*

- 2 12. Routes should be set up to adopt a system so that complainants can log reports anonymously
3 to the party, with the reports being accessible to the complainant, the Standards Officer, or
4 such person who may replace the Standards Officer in any future version of the disciplinary
5 procedure. The Standards Officer must identify multiple reports about the same person or
6 persons, and should draw them to the attention of the Lead Adjudicator. The Lead Adjudicator
7 should then determine whether or not to advise complainants, so that they can consider
8 whether or not to waive their anonymity thus allowing further investigation.

Amendment Two

Young Liberals

Mover: Tara Copeland

Summation: Aria Dinakara Babu

- 1 *In 10. (line 120) after 'respondents' insert ', including referrals to counselling services where*
2 *appropriate,'.*

F12 Reforming our Party's Disciplinary Processes

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

- 1 *In line 39, delete 'paragraph' and insert 'sentence'.*
2 *In line 42, after 'in accordance with' insert 'the guidance published under'.*
3 *In line 53, after 'in accordance with' insert 'the guidance published under'.*



Advance notice for Monday 17 September

F24 Europe motion: Stopping Brexit

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

- 1 *In i. (line 25) after 'EU Commission' insert ';* many UK nationals living outside of the UK were excluded
- 2 *from participation in the referendum despite the result substantially affecting their lives'.*

- 3 *After i. (line 25) insert:*

- 4 J. The status of EU citizens regarding their right to stand and vote in local elections is unclear,
- 5 despite frequent requests for the government to clarify the matter and despite the hard work
- 6 of councillors who are EU citizens and their valued contribution to civic life.

- 7 *After J. (line 27) insert:*

- 8 K. The Electoral Commission's finding of overspending and illegal operations made by the Leave
- 9 Campaign, which may lead to criminal prosecution.

- 10 *In iv) (line 39) after 'living in the UK' insert 'and UK citizens living in the EU'.*

- 11 *In 3. (line 62) after 'UK referendums' insert ', Local Elections'.*

- 12 *After 4. (line 66) insert:*

- 13 5. The UK Government to engage with the European Commission and the member states to
- 14 grandfather the rights of UK citizens, their families and their dependents living and/or in the
- 15 remaining member states of the European Union, including access to health care and disability
- 16 support, as well as to uprating of pensions.

Amendment one

11 members

Mover: Sarah Brown

Summation: Alisdair McGregor

- 1 *Delete 2. (line 60) and insert:*

- 2 2. The Government to seek to extend Article 50 if required to legislate for a referendum on the
- 3 deal, or to provide enough negotiating time to avoid a catastrophic no-deal scenario, and if
- 4 such extension is not agreed to withdraw the Article 50 notification.

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SCOTTISH LIBERAL DEMOCRATS MEMBERS RECEPTION

Sheila Ritchie, Scottish Party Convener invites all Liberal Democrats from Scotland to an informal reception in **the Snug of the Brighton Harbour Hotel bar**.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, make new friends and to network with Liberal Democrats from across Scotland.

When: 1pm-2pm on Sunday 16th of September

Where: The Snug at the Brighton Harbour Hotel bar, BN1 1NA

Cash bar and finger food provided

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Liberal Democrats

EXTRA Conference training opportunities

We're delighted to be able to offer the following EXTRA training sessions, in addition to the training programme already being run throughout conference. Unless otherwise indicated, you do need to book to attend training. We look forward to seeing you there!

Xero online accounting training for Treasurers

Xero is a simple but powerful online software system that Local Party Treasurers can utilise to make their book keeping and accounts management straightforward. Find out how local parties are benefiting from the software and get your questions answered.

Saturday, 1100 - 1230 (Hilton, Churchill) - new session
Tuesday, 1100 - 1230 (Hilton, Sandringham) - new session

Running a data-driven local party

You've got loads of information on your members - but how can you use it? Join us and find out how to make your local party a data-driven local party

Tuesday, 1100 - 1230 (Ambassador)
Sunday, 1100 - 1230 (Balmoral) - extra session

How to engage & communicate with your members

Members are a fantastic resource - but all too often, we don't make the most out of them. Join us and find out how to communicate with and engage your membership - so you can make the most out of them in your area.

Tuesday, 1100 - 1230 (Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1a)
Sunday, 1430 - 1600 (Hilton, Balmoral) - extra session



ASK AN
EXPERT!

Get in-depth help, advice and 1-2-1 support on campaigning, as well as the party's digital tools, Connect and NationBuilder.

Ask An Expert is open from Saturday through to Monday, during exhibition opening hours. No need to book an appointment - just turn up. See you there!

