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<u>Seeking nomination for the National Policy Forum (North West) elections 2018</u>

Dear Colleagues,

In the summer we will be voting to decide who represents members in our region on the National Policy Forum, I am writing to ask for your constituency's nomination. **The closing date for CLP nominations is Friday 22nd June 2018**, details of the process and nomination forms have been sent to your CLP secretary with the annual conference pack. The nominations period will then be followed by a one-member-one-vote ballot.

A little about me, I work in the public sector for Merseyside Police and have done so for over 35 years. In this time, particularly whilst working as an operational Detective, I have seen first-hand the devastating consequences of the appalling political decisions of the Conservatives, including austerity. I have witnessed the hardships faced by many decent hardworking people as well as the inequalities suffered by many. I have always seen that the values and beliefs of the Labour Party mirrored my own and I have supported them always.

I recognise that to ensure a fair and just society, communities and the individuals within them need to be properly represented and protected. To succeed in this aim we need Labour in power, both nationally and locally. To achieve this, we need to build upon the magnificent Manifesto produced for the 2017 election and set out clear and costed socialist policies reflecting the wishes of the public we seek to serve. Within months of my retirement as a Police Officer in 2009 I joined the Labour Party and UNISON and became active within both. Initially I was a Workplace Steward and Equality Representative for UNISON and I now represent my Branch on the UNISON Regional Council.

In early 2012, following the catalyst of the bedroom tax, I was determined to become actively involved in the work of the Labour Party. Since then I have worked hard and campaigned tirelessly on many issues, including education cuts, the NHS and welfare reform more recently I have made significant contributions locally in opposition to fracking speaking to local community groups and Councils.

Since 2013 I have been the Secretary of the Weaver Vale CLP as well as being the Vice-Chair of the Cheshire West and Chester Local Campaign Forum and a CLP TULO Officer. In 2015, against the expectations of many we turned our local Borough Council from blue to red and in 2017, having run an effective and well organised campaign with support from comrades across the region, we returned a Labour MP ousting the incumbent Tory with a significant majority.

I have organised and run many doorstep and telephone campaigns across the Borough as well as running street stalls and compiling and delivering numerous leaflets. I am committed to the aim of returning Labour to power so that we can improve the lives and environment of the many and not the few.

Since his election as Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn has revitalised the Party increasing the number of Members and working hard with others to remove some of the bureaucratic obstacles and processes that have prevented us from truly representing the views of all. The Democracy Review that is currently underway is clear evidence of his desire to make the Party more inclusive. His tireless activity in speaking to people across the country in terms that are clear and understood help in that process, as does the drive to seek the views of members at the grassroots level.

I am a strong advocate of this bottom up approach and indeed have actively sought out the views of all Members of my own CLP as part of the latest policy review, seeking to form small working groups with those with interests in any of the main policy areas under discussion and have engaged with members in these discussions and have encouraged discussion and debate.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Yours in solidarity,

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