

WE Party Conference

Kettering 7 – 9 September 2018

Title: Motion to Allow Members and Branches Sufficient Time to Submit Motions to Conference

Proposed by: WE Edinburgh/Lothian Branch and WE Stirling Branch

Proposer: David Renton

Type of motion: Business Motion

Motion text:

- 1 The Policy of the Women's Equality Party is ultimately created by the Party's Members, acting
2 through the Party Conference.
- 3 To maximise the potential for Member input to motions at Conference the Women's Equality Party
4 will amend its Constitution as follows:
- 5 1) Insert into the Constitution at the end of the existing subsection 4.8.4 the words 'The
6 deadline for submission of motions to Party Conference shall be not less than 30 days after
7 the announcement to Members of that deadline; this shall not apply to Special Conferences or
8 to Emergency motions.'
- 9 2) Remove the words 'conference delegates' in line 3 of the existing subsection 4.8.4 and
10 replace them with the words 'Party Members'.

Motion rationale:

- 11 'Party Conference [is] the supreme governing body of the Party' [Constitution 4.2]
- 12 The submission of motions to a WE Party Conference by groups of Members, and by WE Branches,
13 is a vital part of the development of Policy within the Party.
- 14 When groups of individual members get together to submit a motion, there needs to be time for
15 meaningful collaboration amongst a minimum of '20 Members working together' [Constitution 4.8.3].
- 16 When Branches submit a motion, there may not be as many individuals directly involved, but there
17 still needs to be time for adequate consultation with, and feedback from, Branch Members.
- 18 For the Party Conferences of 2016 and 2018 Members and Branches did not always feel that
19 sufficient time was allowed for those processes to take place. As a result, the Party may not have
20 benefited as fully as it might have from the experience and input of Party Members on Policy matters.
- 21 This motion provides for there to be at least 30 days, after the window for submissions opens, or

22 these collaborations and consultations to take place, to allow them to be as full and meaningful as
23 possible.