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# **CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**

## **REPORT 4 to Conference 2019**

Tuesday 24 September 2019

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## Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC)

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## CAC Daily Reports

These will be handed to delegates as they enter the Conference Hall.

A copy will be emailed to delegates each morning at 8am and posted on our secure website by 8am at: <https://labour.org.uk/conference/visitors/at-conference/reports-for-conference-2019/>

Arrangements have been made for Trade Unions to receive copies of the reports each day in time for the delegation meetings.

## Today's Agenda

<b>Tuesday 24 September – Morning Session</b> Chair: Sarah Owen	
10.00	<b>Conference Reconvenes</b>  <b>Results of ballot</b> <i>Chief Scrutineer</i>
10.01	<b>Conference Arrangements Committee</b> <i>Harry Donaldson, Chair of CAC</i>
10.10	<b>Environment, Energy &amp; Culture</b> <i>Rebecca Long-Bailey, Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy</i> <i>Sue Hayman</i>

	<p><i>Sue Hayman, Shadow Environment Secretary</i></p> <p>Includes;</p> <p>Proposals to reference back; NPF Report – Environment, Energy &amp; Culture Policy Commission Annual Report</p> <p><i>Composite 15 - Corporate Governance</i> <i>Composite 18 - High Streets</i> <i>Composite 17 – Labour’s Socialist Green New Deal</i> <i>Composite 16 – Green New Deal</i> Emergency Motion – Amazon Fires</p> <p>NPF Report – Environment, Energy &amp; Culture Policy Commission Annual Report</p>
12.35	<p><b>Votes</b></p> <p>Proposals to reference back; NPF Report – Environment, Energy &amp; Culture Policy Commission Annual Report</p> <p>Emergency Motion – Amazon Fires Composite 15 - Corporate Governance Composite 18 - High Streets Composite 17 – Labour’s Socialist Green New Deal Composite 16 – Green New Deal</p> <p>NPF Report – Environment, Energy &amp; Culture Policy Commission Annual Report</p>
12.40	<p><b>Conference Adjourns</b></p>

<p><b>Tuesday 24 September – Afternoon Session</b> Chair: Claudia Webbe</p>	
14.15	<p><b>Deputy Leader’s Report</b> <i>Tom Watson, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party</i></p>
14.25	<p><b>International Panel</b></p>
15.00	<p><b>John Smith Tribute</b></p>
15.05	<p><b>Housing, Transport &amp; Local Government</b></p> <p>Includes;</p> <p>Proposals to reference back; NPF Report – Housing, Transport &amp; Local Government Policy Commission Annual Report</p> <p><i>Composite 21 - Local Authority Cuts</i> <i>Composite 19 - Homelessness</i></p>

	<p><i>Composite 23 - Housing</i>  <i>Emergency motion on Kashmir – Leyton &amp; Wanstead CLP</i></p> <p>NPF Report – Housing, Transport &amp; Local Government Policy Commission Annual Report</p>
16.20	<p><b>Votes</b></p> <p>Proposals to reference back;  NPF Report – Housing, Transport &amp; Local Government Policy Commission Annual Report</p> <p>Composite 21 - Local Authority Cuts  Composite 19 - Homelessness  Composite 23 - Housing  Emergency motion on Kashmir – Leyton &amp; Wanstead CLP</p> <p>NPF Report – Housing, Transport &amp; Local Government Policy Commission Annual Report</p>
16.25	<p><b>Conference Adjourns</b></p>

## Conference Sessions and Timetable

Tuesday 24 September	08.30 – 09.45	Policy Seminars
	10.00 – 12.30	
	14.15 - 16.30	
	16.45 – 18.00	Policy Seminars
Wednesday 25 September	09:00 – 11.30	
	12:00 – 13:15	Leaders Speech

## Emergency Appeals

The CAC heard appeals from the following CLP.

Vauxhall CLP

The CAC upheld their original decision. The motion will be referred to the NEC after Conference for further consideration.

## **Policy Commission Debates**

The final two policy commissions contained within the NPF Report will be debated at the following times during Conference:

TUESDAY AM Environment, Energy & Culture

TUESDAY PM Housing, Local Government & Transport

## **Reference backs**

The following reference backs are timetabled for debate today. Full details are provided in Appendix 1.

### **Environment, Energy & Culture**

Organisation: Kemptown and Peacehaven CLP  
Policy Commission: Environment, Energy and Culture

Organisation: Hornsey and Wood Green CLP  
Policy Commission: Environment, Energy and Culture

Organisation: Brighton, Pavilion CLP  
Policy Commission: Environment, Energy and Culture

Organisation: Brighton, Pavilion CLP  
Policy Commission: Environment, Energy and Culture

Organisation: Sherwood CLP  
Policy Commission: Environment, Energy and Culture

### **Housing, Local Government and Transport**

Organisation: Brighton, Pavilion CLP  
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Organisation: Hackney North and Stoke Newington CLP  
Policy Commission: Housing, Local Government and Transport

Organisation: Labour International CLP  
Policy Commission: Housing, Local Government and Transport

Organisation: Tottenham CLP  
Policy Commission: Housing, Local Government and Transport

Organisation: Cambridge CLP  
Policy Commission: Housing, Local Government and Transport

## Ballot Results

Results of yesterday's ballot for the Conference Arrangements Committee Disabled Members Representative can be found in Appendix 2.

## Ballots

Today's ballot is for the National Constitutional Committee representatives Division III. Candidate statements can be found in Appendix 5.

Date	Ballot
Tuesday 24 September  9am – 4pm	<b>National Constitutional Committee - Division III</b>  CLP delegates

## Policy Seminars

Delegates are invited to attend policy seminars taking place in the Hilton Brighton Metropole. The seminars, organised by the Policy Commissions, offer delegates opportunities for policy discussion with the Shadow Cabinet and the frontbench teams.

Seminar	Day	Time	Room - Hilton Metropole
Housing, Local Government and Transport	Tuesday 24/09/2019	08.30-9.45	Balmoral
Work, Pensions and Equality	Tuesday 24/09/2019	08.30-9.45	Buckingham
International	Tuesday 24/09/2019	08.30-9.45	Ambassador
Economy, Business and Trade	Tuesday 24/09/2019	16.45-18.00	Oxford
Early Years, Education and Skills	Tuesday 24/09/2019	16.45-18.00	Hall 4

## Emergency Motions

The CAC received emergency motions from the following organisations and agreed they were in order.

Unite the Union  
Leyton & Wanstead CLP

The following emergency motions have been timetabled for debate today.

### Amazon Fires

Conference expresses deep concern over media reports on 17th September 2019 that not only has the crisis around Amazon fires not been resolved and is still out of control, but the Brazilian Government is removing staff from the organisations on the ground tackling it. Conference expresses the strongest opposition to this and believes these fires are a local, regional and global calamity:

- Threatening local indigenous culture in the rain-forest



- Threatening biodiversity in South America and more widely
- Increasing the risk of runaway climate change across the globe

Conference notes:

- To prevent the worst effects of climate change, we must keep global temperature rises below 1.5°C.
- Over 1°C of warming has taken place, causing floods, droughts, heatwaves, pollution, and hundreds of thousands of deaths.
- Labour has supported the youth strikes against climate change and Extinction Rebellion, pushing the climate emergency up the national agenda. A Green Industrial Strategy and Green New Deal are also demands we are now making as a Party.

Conference therefore calls on:

1. The Labour Shadow Team to demand the UK more actively directly engages with the Brazilian Government to demand it immediately addresses our strong concerns.
2. The Government to exert pressure on the Brazilian Government through the UN, EU and other regional and economic forums to take more urgent action.
3. The Government to support NGOs and campaigns on the ground tackling the crisis in practical terms.

**Sutton & Cheam CLP**

## **Kashmir**

This conference notes:

- While we have been meeting here, Pakistan and India are discussing the issue of Kashmir at the United Nations as there is a major humanitarian crisis taking place in the Kashmir region and several exchanges of fire across the Line of Control have taken place.
- The enforced disappearance of civilians, the state endorsed sexual violence of women by armed forces and the overall prevalence of human rights violations in the region not only continues but has exasperated further in the past week.
- The house arrest / imprisonment of mainstream politicians and activists and restrictions on journalistic freedom.

- The ongoing communications blackout causing disruption for medical agencies and families not knowing the safety of their relatives.

The conference urges the Labour party to:

- Ask Jeremy Corbyn or ensure someone from the labour party is represented to attend the UNHRC to demand the restoration of basic human rights including the freedom of speech and communication, the lifting of curfews, and to allow the humanitarian aid organisation and international observers to enter the region.
- Jeremy Corbyn to meet high commissioners of both India and Pakistan to ensure there is mediation and restoration of peace and normality to prevent a potential nuclear conflict.
- Accept that Kashmir is a disputed territory and the people of Kashmir should be given the right of self-determination in accordance with UN resolutions.
- The Labour party to stand with the Kashmiri people fighting against occupation, this is vital as we stand for social justice and ethical foreign policy.

**Mover: Leyton and Wanstead CLP**  
**Seconder: Nottingham East CLP**

## **Composite Motions**

### **Composite 15 - Corporate Governance**

It is clear the country cannot withstand any more 'business as usual' and things cannot continue as they are; change must come.

Spiralling inequality, poverty and the spreading 'hire and fire' culture has contributed to fear and anxiety over the future. Businesses' retreating from local communities and offshoring their responsibilities has left a legacy of bitterness and towns fearing they have no future. In jobs such as bus driving and construction Unite found workers' standard weeks are already in excess of 40 hours. Hospitality staff still don't have fair tips.

The Conservatives are threatening a bonfire of our rights using the risk of a 'No Deal' Brexit and its impact- a crisis of their own making - as the excuse. Their pursuit of a US free trade deal with Trump poses further dangers to UK workers.

Only a Jeremy Corbyn led Labour government will bring about the change the country needs.

Conference supports the 2017 manifesto commitments and announcements since on workers' rights, including the Ministry of Employment Rights and Worker Protection Agency, and Labour's wider commitments to build an economy for the many, not the few, to support decent jobs in every community. Re-shaping our economy must also include ending the 'bandit capitalism' that led to Carillion's collapse and introducing measures that will help change our business culture, ending the dominance of short-term thinking, value extraction and asset stripping, leading instead to business decisions being made in the long term interests of workers and our local communities.

**Mover: Unite the Union**  
**Secunder: CWU**

### **Composite 18 - High Streets**

Conference is appalled at the crisis unfolding in the retail sector, with one in ten shops standing empty in our high streets.

Conference recognises that thriving town and city centres are vital in providing employment and creating pride in our communities.

Conference notes that 74,000 jobs were lost in retail in 2018, but the Conservative Government has failed to take these job losses seriously and take action to rejuvenate our high streets.

Conference agrees that the Labour Party will implement comprehensive strategy to save our shops and keep our high streets at the heart of our communities, as an urgent priority in Government, including:

- Tax reforms to level the playing field between online and physical retailers, encompassing fundamental reform of the business rates systems.
- A full review of rents and lease arrangements within the sector.
- A review of the role and function of the Competition and Markets Authority, giving workers a guaranteed voice in decisions affecting their future.

- Investment in skills within the retail sector, with a particular focus on workers affected by automation, including through union learning and high quality apprenticeships.
- A new legal right to consultation on the introduction of new technology in the workplace.
- A reform of redundancy law, to remove the loophole which allows large businesses to avoid collective consultation over small individual workplaces.
- A new model of co-operation between Government, police, business and workers, to tackle retail crime and antisocial behaviour.

**Mover: USDAW**  
**Second: ALC**

## **Composite 16 - Green New Deal**

Conference notes:

- We face a climate catastrophe; time is running out to ensure a sustainable future for our planet,
- Combatting climate breakdown is not just a moral issue, but an economic one for communities and workers across the UK.
- To prevent the worst effects of climate change, we must keep global temperature rises below 1.5°C.
- Over 1°C of warming has taken place, causing floods, droughts, heatwaves, pollution, and hundreds of thousands of deaths. The poorest - particularly in the Global South - suffer most. Tackling climate change is thus indivisible from social, racial and economic justice.
- Just 100 companies are responsible for the majority of carbon emissions; and the Conservative government is deregulating the fossil fuel industry and cutting support for renewables.
- The Tory government's failure to act on climate change – cutting support for green energy, pursuing fracking and failing to tackle air pollution
- Labour has supported millions of school students who have participated in the global climate change strikes. Young Labour must be given adequate resources to take a leading role in this movement.

Conference believes:

- we must ensure the costs of decarbonisation are borne by the wealthiest through progressive taxation and investment - not household energy bills

- With the right industrial strategy and political will, decarbonisation can produce vast numbers of well-paid, skilled jobs in communities held back and left behind through large-scale investment in renewables
- Trade unions and communities must be at the heart of a reinvigorated industrial strategy, with energy workers playing the leading role in shaping a just transition to a low carbon economy
- A Green New Deal is therefore now a demand we must make.
- Conference therefore calls on the Labour Party to include a Green Industrial Revolution in the manifesto a state-led programme of investment and regulation, based on public ownership, public investment and democratic control, for the decarbonisation and transformation of our economy that reduces inequality and pursues efforts to keep global average temperature rises below 1.5°C.

In power Labour will:

- Have a comprehensive plan that leads the world in bold climate targets to the latest IPCC expert advice to keep global average temperature below 1.5c.
- In collaboration with the trade union movement and the scientific community, work towards a path of net zero carbon emissions within keeping of the IPCC advice including to keep global average temperature rises below 1.5C by reinstating subsidies for renewable energy industries and rapidly phasing out fossil fuels in keeping with the Labour manifesto pledge of a complete and immediate ban on fracking.
- Oversee a just transition, increasing the number of well-paid, unionised green jobs in the UK through public ownership of energy, creating an integrated, democratic system large-scale investment in renewables
- Ambitious actions to reduce emissions in building and waste and low-carbon energy.
- Repeal all anti-union laws, facilitating worker-led activism over social and political issues, including climate change.
- Ensure the costs of decarbonisation are borne by the wealthiest through progressive taxation, not working people and their families through household bills;
- Take transport into public ownership and invest in expanded, integrated, free or cheaper green public transport that connects Britain
- Tackle fuel poverty and assure everyone's basic rights through the provision of universal services;
- Invest in skills through a proactive education and skills strategy to meet the needs of the low-carbon economy;
- Build and retrofit council housing and public buildings to a zero-carbon target
- Remove legislation that requires UK Governments to maximise economic recovery of oil and gas, which is inimical with our Paris and net-zero targets.

- Introduce Committee on Climate Change-advised and Treasury-overseen, departmental and cross-departmental carbon budgets, and conduct a climate emergency spending review assessing all expenditure and projects through a carbon lens, that delivers zero-carbon and bringing systemic change.
- Affirm that Local Government has a vital role to play in this global challenge from building sustainable council housing to improving air quality, ensuring recycling levels to stopping the use of herbicides in valued greenspaces and much more;
- Adopt an internationalist approach to tackling the climate emergency, and cooperate fully with our European neighbours to win this battle;
- Support developing countries' climate transitions through free or cheap transfers of finance, technology and capacity;
- Welcome climate refugees while taking measures against the displacement of peoples from their homes;
- Measure all emissions, not just those produced on UK soil.
- Create a National Climate Service embracing energy democracy and new public sector climate jobs in sustainable public transport, retrofitting, training, renewable energy, agriculture and waste recycling.

**Mover: Fylde CLP**

**Seconder: New Forest West CLP**

### **Composite 21 - Local Authority Cuts**

1. Since 2010 there have been swingeing cuts to local authority expenditure. This has come at a time of declining real incomes, savage attacks on benefits, a crisis in social care provision and a chronic housing shortage.
2. A high priority for Labour in government will be to reverse these cuts and restore adequate funding for local government. Urgent attention will be paid to developing a progressive funding system that spreads the burden fairly and ensures that those most in need receive the services they are entitled to.
3. The party leadership will in any event launch a mass national campaign to compel central government to ensure adequate funding in the short term. This is essential to prevent the dire consequences of a further assault in the coming years.
4. Given the broad impact of the cuts this would have a massive popular potential – drawing in communities, service users, local campaigns, environmental groups, trade unions and many others in local, regional and national action from the grass roots up. It would involve and focus on those who bear the brunt of cuts: women, BAME communities and the young.

5. In consultation with unions and others, an early date will be set for a major national demonstration. All sections of the labour movement will make building this campaign a priority. Labour groups and councillors will play a central, visible and active role, demonstrating to communities that austerity can be resisted and is not inevitable.

**Mover: Hornsey and Wood Green CLP**  
**Secunder: Tottenham CLP**

### **Composite 19 - Homelessness**

Conference believes that homelessness should be treated as a national emergency. We propose that all parts of the country apply a suitable strategy to eradicate rough sleeping and homelessness.

Conference notes the number of people sleeping on the streets has increased by 165 per cent under the Conservative government over the past nine years. Conference further notes the amount of vulnerable former servicemen and women who slip through the net and end up homeless after leaving the armed forces.

Conference notes recent data shows a homeless person dies on average every 19 hours in the UK.

Conference believes the government's failure on housing supply and affordable housing, poverty, unemployment and welfare have all impacted the rise in homelessness.

Conference recognises the work of several armed forces charities including the SSAFA –the Armed Forces Charity and the British Legion, and many other homelessness charities and organisations who provide invaluable help and support to the most vulnerable in society.

There are a number of measures in place which can criminalise begging and rough sleeping, including the 1824 Vagrancy Act, Public Space Protection Orders, Criminal Behaviour Orders, Community Protection Notices and dispersal orders.

So-called 'enforcement' measures criminalising people for living in public spaces affect more than 70% of people experiencing homelessness.

Labour has pledged to repeal the Vagrancy Act once in government saying “Homeless people need help, not punishment”.

Migrants experiencing homelessness are at risk of further ‘enforcement’ measures, and those with ‘No Recourse to Public Funds’ (NRPF) status can face being denied support and threatened with deportation as a result of interacting with services.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Have a radical approach to dealing with the housing crisis in its manifesto including; investing more than any previous government in social and affordable homes and safe places to live.
- Support our veteran community by; working to ensure that all housing policy considers the impact on our veterans, that housing support for veterans is properly resourced and that local authorities ensure former members of the armed services are made a priority for support.
- Work both in government and as the Opposition to end the homelessness crisis.
- Commit to making 8,000 more homes available for those with a history of rough sleeping.
- Making £100m available to councils in year one to provide additional help for rough sleepers in cold weathers
- Call on all local authorities to cease the use of measures which could criminalise rough sleeping and begging.
- Call on all local authorities to cease the practice of embedding Home Office immigration officers in their local services, as denying support to migrants is driving the crisis on our streets.
- Repeal of the 1824 Vagrancy Act, an end to all powers to regard begging or rough sleeping as ‘Anti-social’ behaviour.
- That the Labour Party adopt the Homeless Bill of Rights and thereafter in all its policies, practices and procedures that affect the homeless endeavour to comply with the letter and the spirit of the Homeless Bill of Rights, and promote it within the membership. The Homeless Bill of Rights is a compilation of basic rights drawn from European and international human rights law, but made specific to the situation of the homeless and it includes those of people in emergency and temporary accommodation and the “hidden homeless”.  
<https://homelessrights.org.uk/the-homeless-bill-of-rights/>

**Mover: Community**  
**Seconder: East Worthing and Shoreham**



## Composite 17 – Labour’s Socialist Green New Deal

Conference notes:

- To prevent the worst effects of climate change, we must keep global temperature rises below 1.5°C.
- Over 1°C of warming has taken place, causing floods, droughts, heatwaves, pollution, and hundreds of thousands of deaths. The poorest suffer most.
- Just 100 companies are responsible for the majority of carbon emissions; and the Conservative government is deregulating the fossil fuel industry and cutting support for renewables.
- Labour has supported the youth strikes for climate and Extinction Rebellion, pushing the climate emergency up the national agenda.
- The UK has accrued wealth since industrialisation through disproportionately high emissions, while the poor, the global south, and women suffer the greatest climate impacts. Domestically and internationally: Social, economic and gender justice is inextricable from climate justice.
- Combining decarbonisation with a progressive restructuring of the economy gives us the possibility to both create green jobs and fight the threat of climate chaos.

Conference believes:

- The cost of decarbonisation must be borne by the wealthiest not the poorest.
- Decarbonisation could produce thousands of well-paid, skilled jobs in renewables and the supply chain. This will be based on public ownership and democratic control.
- In a workers-led ‘just transition’ from high-emission jobs to alternatives; public investment guaranteeing communities and living standards.
- A Green New Deal is therefore now a demand we must make.

Conference therefore calls on the Labour Party to include a Green New Deal in the manifesto:

a state-led programme of investment and regulation, based on public ownership and democratic control, for the decarbonisation and transformation of our economy that reduces inequality and pursues efforts to keep global average temperature rises below 1.5°C.

In power Labour will:

- In collaboration with the trade unions and the scientific community, work towards a path to net zero carbon emissions by 2030, guaranteeing an increase

in good unionised jobs in the UK, and the cost of which would be borne by the wealthiest not the majority; and implementing this target into law if it achieves a just-transition for workers.

- Introduce a complete ban on fracking.
- Oversee a just transition, increasing the number of well-paid, unionised green jobs in the UK through:
  - public ownership of energy, creating an integrated, democratic system;
  - public ownership of the Big Six;
  - large-scale investment in renewables and low-carbon energy.
- Repeal all anti-union laws, facilitating worker-led activism over social and political issues, including climate change.
- Address regional economic imbalances and areas of deprivation.
- Ensure the costs of decarbonisation are borne by the wealthiest through progressive taxation, not working people and their families.
- Take transport into public ownership and invest in expanded, integrated, free or affordable green public transport that connects Britain, including:
  - rail electrification;
  - continued support for high-speed rail, because of the additional capacity that it will create for rail freight on the West Coast Mainline, removing polluting HGVs and other vehicles from roads;
  - the transition to sustainably powered rail freight;
  - creation of rail freight interchanges;
  - community transport;
  - investment in electric buses that can reconnect local communities;
  - integrated public transport timetabling;
  - local schemes that make walking and active travel safe, attractive, environmentally sustainable options, benchmarked against European practice;
  - a radical car scrappage scheme to increase electric vehicles.
- Tackle fuel poverty and assure everyone's basic rights through the provision of universal services.
- A radical programme to up skill the UK workforce to develop, manufacture and manage the greening of the UK.
- Building and retrofitting of zero-carbon social and council housing and public buildings with lowest possible embedded carbon in construction.
- Support developing countries' climate transitions through free or cheap transfers of finance, technology and capacity.
- Welcome climate refugees while taking measures against the displacement of peoples from their homes.
- Promote the international exchange of technology, expertise, products, resources and services to learn from and help other countries achieve a Green New Deal.

- Implement a programme of ecological restoration to increase biodiversity and natural carbon sequestration.
- Measure and tackle consumption emissions, not just those produced on UK soil.
- Work collaboratively with farmers to eliminate pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from the agricultural sector.
- Press for heavy UN penalties on “ecocide” damage to climate-sensitive habitats internationally.

**Fire Brigades Union  
Heywood and Middleton CLP**

### **Composite 23 - Housing**

Conference notes that:

- Shelter’s ‘A Vision for Social Housing’ report concludes that 3.1 million new social homes need to be built over the next 20 years – an average of 155,000 per year
- Under the last Labour Government’s ‘National Affordable Homes Programme’ the grant available for councils to deliver new council housing was set at around £60,000 per home. Considering inflation since then, more per home will be needed for councils to deliver decent, genuinely affordable social rented housing.
- Under the policy of Right-to-Buy, over 1.8 million council properties in England have been sold to date. These homes have never been replaced one-for-one.
- This government has failed to tackle the housing shortage and homelessness, the serious affordability problems in many areas the imbalance between support for housing developers and constraints on local authorities and housing associations and the refusal to give private sector tenants protection
- Young people bear the brunt of this crisis, being priced out of renting, unable to access council housing and rely on assistance, with approximately 3,400,000 20-to-34 year olds living in their parents’ homes.
- Lack of security of tenure including Section 21 no-fault evictions.
- Increased homelessness and temporary accommodation rent arrears due to sky-high rents and benefit cuts.
- There has been a failure to build new council homes

Conference therefore calls upon the Labour Party to:

- Put housing at the heart of our campaigning efforts to win the next general election.

- Adopt a policy of building an average of 155,000 social rented homes a year, with at least 100,000 of these social rented council homes (minimum of 3,100,000 additional social homes over the next 20 years), to start with immediate effect when in Government.
- Pledge at least £10 billion a year for housing grant, ring fenced for delivering 100,000 social rented council homes to be announced at the first Budget.
- Support root and branch change to the housing system with solutions appropriate for different regions
- Invest in skills development in the construction industry
- Back councils with new funding and powers to enable the biggest council house building programme in 40 years.
- Ensure that all information about land ownership, control, subsidies and planning should be published as open data.
- Fund the retrofitting of sprinklers, and the replacement of combustible cladding in all high-rise social housing tower blocks, paid for by the Government.
- Adopt a policy of ending, not suspending, Right-to-Buy and Right-to-Acquire to be announced on day one of a Labour Government.
- Help private renters with an end to 'no fault' evictions, open-ended tenancies, caps and controls on rents linked to local income, new minimum standards and tougher enforcement.
- Pledge to create a new Labour Legal definition of an "Affordable Rent", as linked to local income
- Legal aid restored for repairing obligations with fairer eligibility
- Back households on ordinary income who aspire to own their own home with discounted homes to buy and first dibs for local people on new homes in their area.
- A commitment to stabilising nominal house prices.
- Establish New Public Development Corporations with power to purchase land at closer to current use value, and develop it in the public interest.
- End the fire sale of public land.
- A national housing and regeneration strategy with long-term funding for housing and regeneration/infrastructure through grants and loans allied to national/local targets for affordability
- Introduce new energy efficiency standards on all new homes in insulation to passivhaus standard and back large-scale green retrofit programme. Build a new generation of energy efficient / zero carbon, homes for sale and for rent, (including offsite construction homes) as part of a Green New Deal
- Removing restrictions to enable councils to build new council homes
- Abolish the Bedroom Tax forthwith.
- Build new properties with a lifelong design for easy adaptation
- Creating regional banks, regionalizing and reforming Homes England to restore the former HCA roles in regeneration and commitment to tenants and communities.

- The re-establishment of Local Housing Strategies with the same weight as the Local Plan.
- Ensure fire safety measures are in place and communicated to all inhabitants
- End rough sleeping within a Parliament and tackle the wider causes of rising homelessness including the Tories' punitive welfare benefit rules.
- Ensure building companies commissioned for these social rented and/or privately/association built intermingled accommodation pay as a minimum the current Living Foundation wage and employ and train an agreed percentage of apprentices
- Requisition by Compulsory Purchase Order empty private homes, including unoccupied tower blocks in London (as in Berlin and Vancouver), as well as the worst private rented sector properties
- Give councils the powers and resources to take housing associations under direct council control.
- Abolish Assured Shorthold Tenancies and legislate for open-tenancies, a Tenants' Rights Charter and compulsory registration for the private rented sector to enforce high common standards across all rented sectors.
- Establish and fully fund councils to deliver a Housing support service to protect people from housing stress and cut homelessness.
- Ensure that among the new properties to be built, these social rented properties include properties for the full range of age groups who have different needs at different stages of their lives. In larger development projects the following should be included at the planning stage and commissioned to include:
  - appropriate infrastructure, access to public transport, cycle and walkways
  - local shops with appropriate food outlets
  - access to or provision of care and advice services, medical and pharmaceutical provision
- Conference calls on the Party to accept these proposals as a commitment for immediate action on forming the government to provide the much needed housing to obviate the growing rates of homelessness and child poverty in our communities.

**Mover: South East Cornwall**  
**Seconder: Young Labour**

## **Appendix 1 – Reference back**

**CLP:** Kempton and Peacehaven CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Environment, Energy and Culture

**Page in NPF Report:** 79

**Statement:** There is no reference to the scale of investment required. The costs of a just transition and achieving zero carbon are significant: tens of billions of pounds every year for the next thirty. It will be difficult for conference to approve policy with vague reference to the need for investment, we need to know the amounts proposed are sufficient for what it will take.

**CLP:** Hornsey and Wood Green CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Environment, Energy and Culture

**Page in NPF Report:** 79

**Statement:** A stronger line on the plastics crisis should be taken considering the scale of the pollution. Plastics are now in the foodstream, in water, in our bodies in the air we breathe and in our geology - apart from the immense damage being done to wildlife.

**CLP:** Brighton Pavilion CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Environment, Energy and Culture

**Page in NPF Report:** 57-79

**Statement:** Where are the policies? This section is a comprehensive list of seminars, meetings, consultation and submissions, which is helpful and informative, but nothing has been proposed in concrete and practical terms.

**CLP:** Brighton Pavilion CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Environment, Energy and Culture

**Page in NPF Report:** 70

**Statement:** There is a failure to mention the Land for the Many report to the Labour Party in June 2019, which represents a considered and in depth set of proposals on transparency around land ownership, land price stability, farming and the countryside, community ownership to name just a few. Whilst the report will form the basis of ongoing policy development by the Labour Party, I do not believe the NPF 2019 document is a complete and representative document of submissions received this year if it chooses to ignore this vital, far reaching and imaginative approach to how our land can be used and reformed.

**CLP:** Sherwood CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Environment, Energy and Culture

**Page in NPF Report:** 61, 64, & 79

**Statement:** All 3 mention target for zero carbon but no target date.

Science say we got between 2025 - 2030 the be carbon neutral by if we are to keep to the 1.5c, raise in global temperature.

Therefore I ask if a target date be 2030 on the report.

**CLP:** Brighton Pavilion CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Housing, Local Government and Transport

**Page in NPF Report:** 108

**Statement:** While the Policy Commission's criticisms of the economic mismanagement of Britain are valid, they should not be presented in a way that divides Labour voters against each other and alienates many more potential Labour voters. This is the effect on Labour voters in the South East (of which there were 81,095 in Brighton and Hove alone in 2017) whenever any Labour representative or body refers to inequality "between different areas of the country". Labour policy must raise every body up to a decent minimum, regardless of location.

Brighton Pavilion CLP does not seek to underplay deprivation and suffering under the Tories and their dreadful austerity policies, but asks the Policy Commission (and all Labour members) to look again and consider that these Tory priorities and neoliberal economics have decimated Britain's industrial and manufacturing base right across the country, as the Party's own consultation on poverty and deprivation in seaside communities reflected. Our communities have been damaged and people's lives destroyed nationwide. Every one of us in the 99% is suffering, regardless of where we live.

Fundamentally inequality is based on class - between the haves and the have nots. Hence Brighton Pavilion CLP moves reference back on the phrase "between different areas of the country" in this sentence, as shown in square brackets. The Policy Forum should think again about issuing any statement which drives away Labour potential Labour voters or which detracts from its conclusion on p.109: "Our political system is broken and there is only one party that seeks to stand for every voter in every region."

Labour is the party seeking to transform Britain in the interests of the have nots. Wherever we live, we have more in common with each other in the 99% than we have with the 1%, even if they may live on the other side of town (or, perhaps, in Hove!)

Sadly, the impact of economic neoliberalism and Tory austerity cuts will be very visible to delegates walking from Brighton station to Labour Conference at the Brighton Centre, given the large increase in people who have been left with no other choice but to live on our streets.

**CLP:** Brighton Pavilion CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Housing, Local Government and Transport

**Page in NPF Report:** 103

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**CLP:** Brighton Pavilion CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Housing, Local Government and Transport

**Page in NPF Report:** 111

**Statement:** "Brighton Pavilion CLP welcomes the Policy Forum's recognition of the vital role of appropriate staffing levels to safety of all passengers on trains and at stations. Our CLP has submitted policy not only strongly opposing driver-only operation of trains and calling for the Southern Rail franchise to be removed from GTR, but also supporting safe staffing of stations, an end to the closure of ticket offices and a reversal of cuts to platform and assistance staff at stations.



Accordingly, Brighton Pavilion CLP is referencing back the word “on-board” in this sentence (as indicated by the square brackets), since, based on this report, the Policy Forum via its Commission does not appear to have fully considered that station staff provide essential assistance to disabled people in accessing stations (arriving and leaving), buying tickets, providing information, etc – and not just simply at the point of boarding or disembarking a train, or while on-board a train.

Station understaffing undermines the ability of many disabled people to travel without a personal assistant or companion. A similar loss of independence also impacts some other groups, such as older people and people travelling with young children and buggies. Our CLP moves reference back in order that the Policy Forum can consider more thoroughly the need for adequate staffing in all areas of our rail system and suggests that specific input is obtained from disabled members and their representatives."

**CLP:** Brighton Pavilion CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Housing, Local Government and Transport

**Page in NPF Report:** 101 - 102

**Statement:** "Parliament and local authorities must reflect the society they represent. Our Party must work on increasing diverse representation from all sections, on engaging with all communities, to empower all people and to give them greater access to public platforms. For example, the very small number of disabled MPs is partly reflective of an inaccessible workplace at the Palace of Westminster and the inability to jobshare. Brighton Pavilion CLP references back the Policy Commission for making no mention of this or other structural barriers to participation.

We welcome the increase in the number of openly LGBT+ MPs (particularly in Brighton Kemptown), but there are still no openly trans MPs and the number of openly bi MPs is also small. 2017 saw the most trans people stand for election with nine openly trans candidates, compared to four in 2015 and none in 2010. This demonstrates progress in our country so the absence of any mention of this in our Party's Policy Forum Report is also concerning and another reason for our CLP's reference back of this part.

Having people from underrepresented groups visible in public life provides role models and supports an inclusive society. It is important that our political system reflects us all and to achieve this our Party's policy and structures must be careful not to over-concentrate on one or two sections but to be inclusive of all."

**CLP:** Brighton Pavilion CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Housing, Local Government and Transport

**Page in NPF Report:** 111

**Statement:** "The Policy Commission makes no mention of free bus passes for disabled people at any point in its report. While welcoming a repeat of the pledge for pensioners' bus passes, mentioning that alongside the pledge for the new under 25s pass while omitting any reference to the disabled person's bus pass, will raise further alarm bells among disabled people, who have been subject to several years of Tory threats to remove their essential bus passes.

Accordingly, Brighton Pavilion CLP references back specifically on the word "pensioners" so that the Policy Forum and its Commission can reconsider and clarify the Party's ongoing commitment to provide free bus passes to various groups, including disabled people."

**CLP:** Brighton Pavilion CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Housing, Local Government and Transport

**Page in NPF Report:** 110

**Statement:** "The title of this section refers to "social housing" and the opening sentence refers to "genuinely affordable housing" but five further references in just these two paragraphs are only to "affordable homes" or "affordable house building".

The government's definition of "affordable" housing to rent is one that costs no more than 80% of the average local market rent. So-called "affordable" housing is not affordable to the majority of people in vast areas of our country. A survey published in the Metro on 16 September 2019 ( <https://bit.ly/2IUo0Jj> ) found that Brighton is the least affordable city in the country for private renters aged in their 20s.

Affordable home ownership is a broader range covering anything where mortgage payments are more than would be paid in rent on council housing, but below market levels, so still rising to a level which is far from truly affordable to normal pockets.

The Labour Party's Policy Forum and its Policy Commissions should never refer to "affordable housing", "affordable homes" or "affordable house building", and never confuse our Party policy in using terminology of the Tories; when so-called "affordable" housing is anything but affordable to normal pockets. Labour must always refer to either "council housing" or "social housing" or, in exception, "genuinely affordable housing" but never "affordable housing".

**CLP:** Hackney North and Stoke Newington CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Housing, Local Government and Transport

**Page in NPF Report:** 110

**Statement:** Labour must give a concrete commitment, in terms of number of houses to be built, for the first 5 years in office, rather than gambling families' chances of securing a home on the prospect of re-election. Locally, Hackney Council has 13,000 people on waiting lists for a council house and is waiting for a Labour government to

be able to give these families a home. Our 2017 manifesto pledged "By the end of the next Parliament, we will be building at least 100,000 council and housing association homes a year." I am seeking to reference back to ensure the NPF reflects or exceeds this pledge.

**CLP:** Labour International

**Policy Commission Area:** Housing, Local Government and Transport

**Page in NPF Report:** 110

**Statement:** "Why is our commitment not for five years (the life of the next parliament for which we are standing)? A target of building one million homes for social rent over 5 years is an achievable commitment that will make a major difference to the housing market. But a target of one million homes over ten years will not.

And why is there no specific target included for council housing? The demand from Party members is for low-cost council homes not expensive and unaccountable housing association flats.

And why are we using the widely discredited term ""affordable"" which is legally set at the very high rate of 80% of the market value, rather than ""social rents"" which is linked to the actual cost of construction and relates to those on lower incomes who are the ones who need social housing the most?"

**CLP:** Tottenham CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Housing, Local Government and Transport

**Page in NPF Report:** 110

**Statement:** "Reason: it does not represent the Labour Party policy agreed by Party Conferences, ie:

\* the motion on Housing passed at Conference in 2017, and supported again by Conference in 2018 by reference back of the relevant section, and

\* the Housing motion passed at the 2018 Conference."

**CLP:** Cambridge CLP

**Policy Commission Area:** Housing, Local Government and Transport

**Page in NPF Report:** 110

**Statement:** Both council and housing association tenants should be given a democratic voice especially where the future of the property is under threat. Tenants should be given the right to be consulted in any major change to their homes. It should be the obligation of the landlords whether charitable or local authority. Tenants should be empowered, in such a way, as to redress the balance between themselves and housing management.

## Appendix 2 - CAC Disabled Members representative result

Candidate	Votes	Percent Of	
ALLEN, Amy	11,701	1.75	
BLACKBURN, Wayne	80,377	12.03	
BROTHERS, Emily	28,753	4.30	
COZLER, Claire	13,357	2.00	
FOWLER, Kendrick	2,941	0.44	
MURRAY, Katrina	2,049,591	57.19	ELECTED
PEARSON, Ian	3,936	0.59	
PORTER, Mandy	4,756	0.71	
SYKES, Zoe	1,476	0.22	
THOMPSON, Andy	138,000	19.28	
WARD, Andy	9,965	1.49	

## Appendix 3 – Card Vote 44 - Name Correction

**Card Vote No. 44**

Resolution Liverpool, Wavertree

ACTUAL VOTES CAST	FOR	AGAINST	TOTAL
CLP	244,832	30,127	274,959
%	89.04%	10.96%	
Affiliate	165,189	1,669,678	1,834,867
%	9.00%	91.00%	

OVERALL %AGE SPLIT	FOR	AGAINST	TOTAL
CLP	44.52%	5.48% =	50.00%
Affiliate	4.50%	45.50% =	50.00%
Total	49.02%	50.98% =	100.00%

**The resolution is Not Carried**

**The result of CARD VOTE 44  
Resolution = Liverpool, Wavertree**

**is as follows**

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>49.02%</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>50.98%</b>
	<b>100.00%</b>

## **Appendix 4 – Emergency Motion**

### **Thomas Cook**

Conference expresses the strongest concern and support for Thomas Cook employees and customers following the announcement on 23rd September 2019 that it will be ceasing trading. This Labour Party Conference condemns the government's ideological shortsightedness when faced with the simple choice between a £200m government cash injection to save the company versus a £600m bill to repatriate UK holidaymakers; and calls for measures to stop companies from ceasing trading with immediate effect in the U.K.

Conference condemns the government's indifference to British jobs and businesses going under and welcomes the intervention of the Labour Frontbench calling for all viable options to be explored including the government to consider stepping in and taking an equity stake to avoid the crisis.

This situation demonstrates the complete failure of the current system to protect the company's customers and employees, and the wider public interest.

When a company ceases trading the human cost can be devastating for individuals, their families and communities.

Conference recognises that if the UK had legislation or policy similar to the US and Europe a company could continue trading under administration (Europe) or chapter 11 (USA), avoiding this situation; and resolves that once in government it will ensure such events can no longer occur.

## **Appendix 5 – National Constitutional Committee – Division III - candidate statements**

### **Stephen MARKS**

The enlargement of the NCC offers a vital opportunity to restore the reputation of our disciplinary procedures by clearing the backlog of cases and ensuring that our processes comply with natural justice as recommended by the Chakrabarti report.

I have been a party member continuously since 1981, first in Hampstead and Highgate, and since 1991 in Oxford East. I am currently Policy Officer and former Vice-Chair of Oxford District Party and a former Oxfordshire County Councillor and deputy group leader.

I am also a life member of the NUJ [retired]; as an FoC I have represented members in disciplinary cases and before industrial tribunals.

As a local party EC member I have also chaired local candidate selections and panels.

I am a member of UNITE Community, Coop Party, Fabian Society, Momentum, D, Jewish Voice for Labour and SERA.

I have worked for Tribune and the Labour Party publication 'New Socialist' as well as for the Greater London Enterprise Board and as a consultant on a variety of projects from co-operation between European cities on promoting clean vehicles to leading a research and exchange project on China's involvement in Africa.

Please also support: Harle, Heather, Moyeed, Press and Wright.

### **Gary HEATHER**

I want to be re-elected to the National Constitutional Committee to help ensure fairness and justice for all Labour Party members.

I have been a Party member for 30 years, and served as chair. I am a borough councillor, with experience as a parliamentary candidate. As a trade unionist, I served on the CWU NEC and I was President of Islington TUC. I am also a member of Momentum, the Fabians and the Co-operative Party.

I am knowledgeable regarding the rules of the Party, and believe that people receiving justice in society – including in the Labour Party – is a fundamental human right. I have experience of dealing with disciplinary matters in the Party and in my union,

where I am served on the national discipline committee and also assisted union members at Employment Tribunals.

The Party rules must be applied fairly to all members, while always looking to resolve disputes and conflict so as to maximise unity and effectiveness within the Party.

Labour under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership has been advocating an alternative to Tory Government austerity and cuts, and we need to gain power to implement our vision.

Please vote for me and also support Jabran Hussain and Stephen Marks.

### **Jabran HUSSAIN**

Coming from a working-class background in the North, I see first-hand the disaster that the Tories are bringing to our communities. But I have also seen the hope that a Labour Government under Jeremy Corbyn can, and will bring.

Yet we as a party face challenges that will hinder, not help our path to Government and rebuilding Britain, and it is the responsibility of the National Constitution Committee (NCC) to address many of these challenges. We must take any discrimination seriously, and in line with party rules, ensure that incidents of hostility or prejudice are not tolerated.

I believe I am fully qualified for this role, due to my experience of overseeing complex legal cases from my work as a solicitor, identifying legal challenges and appearing before the Courts frequently. In addition, I have also served the Party in a variety of roles, from Youth Officer of my in my youth, through to Secretary of my local , and on to a member of the Regional Board. I hope that I can count on your support to help serve our party on the NCC

I am also supporting Gary Heather (Islington North, A006966) and Stephen Marks (Oxford East, A241053).

### **Joanne HARDING**

It is of vital importance that the Labour Party deals with complaints and allegations swiftly and robustly. It matters because the Party is being scrutinised at every level. We absolutely must deal with the backlog of outstanding cases and be seen to be taking these issues seriously. It matters to the membership and it matters to the wider public to be clear that we as a Party are committed to getting our house in order.

As a member of North West Regional Board I have worked as part of a committed team in overseeing panel appeals, disciplinary issues and complaints

I have represented the Labour Party at a local, regional and national level. I am currently a Councillor in Trafford where I hold the Executive Portfolio for ASC and I sat

on the NPF as part of the Health Commission for 7 years. These are responsibilities that I have and continue to take incredibly seriously and that I carry out with diligence and fairness. I believe I have the skills to sit on the Labour Party NCC and can be trusted to act in a fair and balanced way. I am a member of Unison and Community Union.

### **Farirai MADZIKANDA**

Proudly Labour, ready to serve on National Constitutional Committee.

Fari is full Labour, a Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Unite The Union member. I do hereby submit plea for your support on landing a position on our National Constitutional Committee.

I pledge to apply discipline and remembering mercy on matters brought before NCC. Protection and defence of Rules as enshrined in Rule Book shall be my standing without fear or favour.

My skills include, communication, problem solving, decision making ability, procedural mindset, ability to priorities, understanding of quality management principles, attention to detail, ability to analyse data.

I hold a privilege of understanding complex issues and its effects on our members which equals my ability to explain both sides of any issue being it positive or negative. The desire I have is to create for my party strong values whose main objectives is sound governance which are acts of transparency, professionalism, accountability, integrity, justice and motivation.

Chapter 5 Clause 1 Rule 1 part F (i) puts me at an added advantage, "i. Selection processes must enable the inclusion and involvement of all members on an equal basis and take into account the barriers to participation which underrepresented groups may face.

### **Anisur RAHMAN**

I have been a Labour Party member since the last 18 years. I have proven track records and experience for campaigning across the borough and have extensive experience for campaigning with different individuals across London and, many constituencies across the country on local and national issues and ensure to get local support for the labour candidates in all elections since 2001.

I was the elected chair of Tower Hamlets Labour Party BAME from 2013 to 2017. I was serving as a Membership officer and Vice Chair of THLP from 2010 to 2016. I was the branch secretary of Bethnal Green from 2008 to 2016, Elected TH Labour group observer in 2009-2010, Campaigning and holding many positions since the last two decade.



I worked as a Tower Hamlets parent governor of John Scurr School from 2002-2014 where I played a significant role for making decisions in many issues.

I am Radio presenter (Betar Bangla 1503 mw) since 2002 to the date which based in East London where I am talking in many local issues and community concerns.

I have studied Law and Politics at UEL and SOAS University of London.

I was involved campaigns against Tory funding cuts, NHS, Fire Stations closures and local SNT teams since many years.

### **Ian PAPWORTH**

It is important that there is regional representation and a broad bandwidth of experience on this committee – the backstop of ethics and discipline for our great socialist party. As an ex. senior police officer, a trained project manager, and an ex volunteer with VSO in Ethiopia, I have the broad experience which will enable me to uphold the rules of our party with fairness, impartiality and the conscience of someone who has seen a good deal of unfairness in the world.

My presence on the committee, with such an untypical labour background, will complement the skills of existing members and demonstrate that our party is the political home for any fair-minded democrat. I would bring to the role of committee member both investigative skills, experience of dealing with the press, and a sound knowledge of interpreting both legal and policy documents.

My home is in Flintshire North Wales and my wife and I have been a members of the Labour Party for over 15 years. We are both active in our and in our Branch. I now have the time to devote more energy to politics and on promoting the party.

I hope that you will support me.

### **Emma BURNELL**

I joined the Labour Party on my 15th birthday and have been a member for 29 years. In that time I worked for a number of Socialist Societies and Labour facing organisations as well as at the TUC. I sat on the executive committee of the Labour Housing Group, Labour Women's Network, SERA and am currently co-chair of Open Labour.

I strongly support the opening up of the Labour Party and our policy making processes to an empowered membership. However, we must also ensure the party is a place where every member feels free to speak and be heard respectfully and without fear of bullying, racism or misogyny.

We should be a party that lives by the rules we want to see implemented in society. Rules that are made not to advantage any one individual or faction but that play fair to everyone. Rules that are designed to be robust under any leader and respected and

respectful to all. Rules that are applied equally no matter you position in the party, your history of service or who your friends or enemies are.

It is by affirming and living by our own highest standards or who your friends or enemies are.

### **Steve LAPSLEY**

I have been a member of the Labour Party for almost all of my adult life. I am a clinician in the NHS, and a member of Unison. I am also proud to be an elected official of Open Labour, representing the traditional soft left of the party.

Members are essential for a truly democratic party, and in order to provide the action needed to rid ourselves of this cruel and backward-looking Tory Government

The growth in membership has, inevitably, allowed some bad apples into our party and the disciplinary bodies have been necessarily expanded. Last year, all six new members of the committee were elected on factional lines – and once again, you will be faced with two slates based on being “for or against” the leadership.

The reputation of our party is vital – and there are a small number of people who are actively damaging our party with their racism, sexism or other rule-breaking. They must be dealt with firmly and not on factional lines. Others want to make the NCC a forum for criticising the leadership.

### **Gillian TROUGHTON**

There is no doubt that we have an image problem: whether you believe this is conspiracy or real it needs sorting out. Clearly, whatever the cause, many members now have no faith in the Party's processes.

I joined Labour because it represented my belief that everyone is equal was determined to make society reflect that. Fundamentally we are still that Party. Yet our complaints processes are clunky and unclear; similar complaints are dealt with differently based on locally and nationally. That cannot be right.

All complaints should be dealt with in a transparent and straightforward way. For fairness and justice for both complainant and alleged perpetrator, discernment of outcomes must be independent of political structures.. And we need to be quicker; no one gains from serious complaints hanging on for years.

I have extensive experience hearing complaints as member of Copeland Borough Council's Governance Committee. I have shown myself to be open, objective and unbiased.

I am not a member of any internal political group. I've been a Labour councillor (with cabinet experience) and stood for Parliament in 2017 with cross-party support. A proud

trade unionist (now GMB), I've successfully helped members through grievances, disciplinaries and regradings as a steward.

### **Dora DIXON-FYLE**

I have been both a Labour & Co-operative Party active member for over 30 years during Labour in opposition under Neil Kinnock, Labour in office under Tony Blair and I am now working hard for Labour in officer under Jeremy Corbyn.

I'm an active trade unionist, first as a shop steward in Nalgo/Unison, then GMB, then AMICUS/UNITE. I have served as a magistrate.

I am a councillor in Southwark for 20+ years, and was on the cabinet holding various portfolios such as Education, Adult Social Care and Arts & Culture.

On London region I chaired appeal panels, investigations and selection meetings. I am co-founder of Africans for Labour 17 years ago helping a generation of new people into public service within the LP. I do all this because I believe in the LP and its core values of fairness, equality and natural justice. Out diversity in all its many forms, race, religion, gender, sexuality must once again find a welcome home in Labour.

As a black woman of African heritage, I won't hesitate in calling out prejudice & discrimination. I have the experience and skills to make a positive difference. Please support me for the NCC.

### **Jonathan MAYTHAM**

I am recently retired with the time and energy to devote to this role.

I have an MBA, a level 4 ILEX Diploma in Law and a degree in Mathematics and Computing which all gives me the ability to see formal issues and procedures in perspective.

I worked for BT as National Computer Operations standards manager and before that as a systems designer and systems auditor.

I understand the importance of good procedures and compliance.

I am also the father of four grown up children and an-ex teacher and ex-school governor and understand that formal rules are a framework to be applied fairly and consistently for the benefit of all.

I have been a politically active for nearly forty years.

I joined the Party because I believe in what the party stands for and that now more than ever the Party is needed to stand up for the ordinary citizens of the UK.

Please vote for me for the National Constitution Committee.

# Appendix 6 – Agenda

	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
	<b>TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY</b>	
<b>Ballots</b>	<b>National Constitutional Committee – Div III (9am – 4pm)</b>	
<b>Morning Plenary Sessions</b>	<b>08.30-09.45 POLICY SEMINARS</b>	<b>09.00 Conference Arrangements Committee Report</b>
	<b>10.00 Conference Arrangements Committee Report</b>	
	<b>10.10 ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY &amp; CULTURE</b>	<b>11.20 Votes</b>
TUE 09.45 – 12.45		
WED 09.00 – 11.30, 12.15 – 13.30	<b>Rebecca Long-Bailey speaks (10.10)</b>	<i>11.30 Conference Adjourns</i>
	<i>Debate</i>	<b>12.00 LEADER'S SPEECH</b>
<b>Policy Seminars</b>	<b>Sue Hayman speaks (12.25)</b>	<b>13. 15 Closing Formalities</b>
	<b>12.35 Votes</b>	
TUE 08.30 – 09.45		
TUE 16.45 – 18.00		
<b>Afternoon Plenary Sessions</b>	<b>14.15 DEPUTY LEADER'S REPORT</b>	
	<b>Tom Watson speaks (14.15)</b>	
	<b>14.25 International Panel</b>	
TUE 14.00 – 16:30	<b>15.00 John Smith tribute</b>	
	<b>15.05 HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT &amp; TRANSPORT</b>	
	<i>Debate</i>	
	<b>16.20 Votes</b>	