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# **CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**

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## **Contemporary Motions**

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## **AN ECONOMY FOR THE MANY**

Conference notes with concern figures released on 10th September by the Office of National Statistics which showed new orders for construction work fell by 6.5% between April and June 2018. This was the third consecutive quarterly fall and took new orders to their lowest level since the first quarter of 2013.

Conference is extremely concerned that the main driver of the collapse is housing orders which fell by 17.6%. These figures demonstrate the lack of certainty over our economy and future growth as well as the failure of the Tories to deal with the housing crisis.

Conference believes that these figures are yet another example of the failure of austerity and the pitiful Tory negotiations over Brexit. They show that we desperately need to elect a Labour government as soon as possible to begin the job of investing in our infrastructure and housing to stimulate the economy and ensure decent living standards for all. Investing in an integrated transport infrastructure for both passengers and freight, with consideration to reduced carbon emissions in the supply chain, must be core to this strategy.

Conference welcomes the party's radical policy announcements such as the creation of worker ownership funds. Giving working people more of a stake in our economy and more control over industry will bring innovation and stimulate growth.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to continue to offer genuinely radical economic policies to grow our economy and redistribute both wealth and power to the many, not the few.

### **ASLEF**

Conference welcomes the pledge from the Shadow Chancellor on 8th September for the introduction of worker ownership funds to shift the balance of forces in the economy. After forty years of neoliberal economic policies, workers today are under greater pressure to work harder and faster for less than at any time in living memory and in-work poverty is now at record levels. It is no coincidence that the fall in the proportion of GDP going to workers' wages, from 65.1% in 1976 to 49.5% in 2017, mirrors a decline in trade union membership. The aim of the next Labour government must be to transform our economy by delivering an irreversible shift in wealth and power to ordinary working people. In order to achieve this

Conference:

1. reiterates the pledge to bring rail, mail, energy and water into public ownership and believes we need new models of public ownership that give workers and the public a meaningful voice in the way services are run;
2. agrees a Ministry of Labour should have a mandate to promote collective bargaining by reforming anti-union restrictive access and recognition rules, rolling out sectoral collective bargaining and significantly increasing trade union membership;
3. commits to developing bold proposals to reform corporate governance alongside the introduction of worker ownership funds to give employees an increasing stake and voice in businesses; and
4. agrees a Labour government should overhaul regulatory regimes, including in the postal and telecoms industries, to promote investment, universal public service and good quality jobs.

On 4th September Survation recorded Labour ahead of the Tories by four points. Labour's sister parties, social democratic parties and those of the liberal centre who failed to stand up to austerity have seen their electoral support plummet across Europe.

Labour's clear anti-austerity stance and economic strategy of public investment underpins its policies and genuinely transformative programme, in the 2017 manifesto and since, to improve the lives of the overwhelming majority in this country - including through strengthened and new trade union rights, an extension of public ownership, an industrial strategy that prioritises creating good jobs, funding public services and urgently needed infrastructure such as council housing and public transport.

Seeking to create a fundamental and irreversible shift in the balance of power and wealth in favour of working people and a willingness to speak up on the disastrous consequences of outsourcing our foreign policy to the US has meant Labour has not faced the collapse in support others have seen.

This is also why there is fierce resistance to the election of a socialist led Labour government even when that means keeping a dysfunctional Conservative government in place with dire consequences for ordinary people, already enduring an unprecedented fall in living standards. Real wages have still not recovered from the crash.

To advance further electorally, Labour must further build on its current policy programme, not abandon it or the leadership that crafted it. This country urgently needs a Corbyn-led Labour government. Conference resolves to unite behind that fundamental priority.

**UNITE the Union**

# **BREXIT**

On August 10th, YouGov published polling showing that 57% (76% of Labour voters) support a public vote on the terms of Brexit. On August 12th, the Observer reported over 100 seats had switched from Leave to Remain. Labour's six tests ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. The Tories will fail these tests. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS. Tory Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity. This binds the hands of future Labour governments, making it much harder for us to deliver on our promises. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

Labour will:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.
2. Call for an immediate general election, making a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU.
3. If we cannot get an election, campaign for a public vote and call for an election following a government defeat in that vote.
4. Form a radical government; taxing the rich to fund better public services, expanding common ownership, abolishing anti-union laws and engaging in massive public investment.

**North East Hampshire CLP**  
**Newbury CLP**  
**Maidstone and the Weald CLP**  
**Leeds North West CLP**  
**Kenilworth and southern CLP**  
**Ogmore CLP**  
**Edinburgh Central CLP**  
**Finchley and Golders Green CLP**  
**Bournemouth East CLP**  
**Chipping Barnet CLP**  
**North West Durham CLP**  
**Bracknell CLP**  
**Argyll and Bute CLP**  
**Arundel and South Downs CLP**  
**Norwich South CLP**  
**North West Leicestershire CLP**  
**Mid Norfolk CLP**  
**Sevenoaks CLP**  
**Warwick and Leamington CLP**  
**Wakefield CLP**  
**Tonbridge and Malling CLP**  
**Stone CLP**  
**St Albans CLP**  
**South Cambridgeshire CLP**

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Labour will:

Oppose any Brexit deal which does not satisfy Labour's six tests.

Call for an immediate general election, making a manifesto commitment for a public vote on any deal, with an option to remain in the EU.

Failing an election, campaign for a public vote and call for an election following a government defeat in that vote.

Form a radical government taxing the rich to fund better services, expanding common ownership, abolishing anti-union laws and engaging in public investment to grow the economy, train our workforce and pay decent wages. In the event of a second referendum the option 'leave' should be included on the ballot.

#### **South East Cornwall CLP**

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3. If we cannot get an election, campaign for a public vote and call for an election following a government defeat in that vote.
4. Form a radical government taxing the rich to fund better public services, expanding common ownership, abolishing anti-union laws and engaging in massive public investment.
5. Commit to maintaining current free movement of people with no new restrictions;

#### **Streatham CLP**

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**Vauxhall CLP  
Skipton and Ripon CLP**

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- 3 If we cannot get an election, campaign for a public vote and call for an election following a government defeat in that vote.
- 4 Form a Labour Government committed to equality and social justice.

**Cities of London and Westminster CLP  
Inverness and Nairn CLP  
Greenock and Inverclyde CLP**

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Labour will:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.
2. Support a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU.

### **New Forest West CLP**

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Labour resolves to:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.
2. Call for an immediate general election and make a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the final deal agreed by the Tories with an option to remain in the EU.
3. If we cannot get a general election, campaign for a public vote on the final deal agreed by the Tories with an option to remain in the EU and call for a general election following any Government defeat in that vote.

### **Batley and Spennings CLP**

Labour will:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.
2. Call for an immediate general election, making a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU.
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**Gedling CLP**

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2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU. Labour will: 1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests. 2. That if the Brexit deal does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests, that we will call for an immediate general election and showing through the manifesto the Labour Party's alternative plan and this would constitute a 'People's Vote'

**Great Yarmouth CLP**

On August 10th, YouGov published polling showing that 57% (76% of Labour voters) support a public vote on the terms of Brexit, rising to 66% in the case of No Deal (including 51% of Leave voters). Labour's six tests ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. The Tories will fail these tests. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS. Tory Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity. This binds the hands of future Labour governments, making it much harder for us to deliver on our promises. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

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**Bishop Auckland CLP  
Stretford and Urmston CLP  
Sheffield Hallam CLP**

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3. If we cannot get a general election, campaign for a public vote and call for an election following a government defeat in that vote

**Stourbridge CLP**

On 10/08/2018 a YouGov poll showed that 57% (76% of Labour voters) support a public vote on the Brexit deal. Labour's six tests ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we currently get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. The Tories' Brexit deal will fail these tests. The Brexit deal being pursued by the Conservatives is a threat to jobs, peace in Northern Ireland, and the future of the NHS. Tory Brexit will wreck the economy, sign up to a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, and undermine our rights and freedoms. This binds the hands of future Labour governments, making it much harder for us to deliver on our promises. The only likely route to a general election before 2022 is the collapse of the government's Brexit agenda. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

Conference:

1. Reaffirms Labour's policy of opposing any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests
2. Reaffirms 2016 Conference support for a public vote on the deal
3. Campaign against the deal and to remain in the EU in the run up to the public vote
4. Following a public vote in favour of rejecting the deal and remaining in the EU, Labour will call for an immediate general election.

#### **Eastbourne CLP**

In the light of recent developments, including: August 10th YouGov poll showing that 57% (76% Labour voters) support a public vote on the terms of Brexit; August 12th The Observer reported over 100 seats had switched from Leave to Remain, we call on the Labour Party to: 1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests and fails to resolve the Irish border issue thus undermining the peace & reconciliation process in Northern Ireland. 2. Call for an immediate general election, and make a manifesto commitment for the UK to remain in the EU under a Labour government together with a commitment to drive social, economic and environmental reform of the EU as full members. 3. If we cannot get a general election, to campaign for a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU; and following a defeat for the government, to call for an immediate general election. 4. To place radical social and economic policies at the heart of our programme of government taxing the rich and big business to pay for better public services, rapidly expanding common ownership, abolishing anti-union laws and engaging in massive public investment.

#### **Cardiff South and Penarth CLP**

Conference notes the publication of a You Gov poll on 10th August showing 57% public support for a public vote on the Brexit deal, the Observer reporting on 12th August that 100 Leave seats have switched to Remain and Barnier's reported view that the Chequers deal 'is dead'. Labour has set six tests for any Brexit deal. It is certain the Tories' deal will fail at least one of these tests, and very likely the deal will fail to win majority support in Parliament, as it will be unacceptable to many Tory, SNP, Lib Dem and Green MPs. If this happens, the Government could choose to call a General Election, call for a public vote, or push through a no-deal Brexit. This resolution calls upon Labour, if any Brexit deal is voted down, to call for an immediate general election, and, if the Government refuses to call an election and proposes a no-deal Brexit, campaign strongly for a public vote on the final deal which includes the option to remain in the EU. We see this as the only way out of the Brexit stalemate and the best way to ensure a Labour Government. Given the Fixed Term Parliament Act, the most likely route to a general election before 2022 is the collapse of the Government's Brexit agenda. This motion supports all available avenues to bring down the Tory Government: voting down the EU exit deal in Parliament, calling for a General Election and/or a public vote on the deal.

**Bristol East CLP**

On August 12th, the Observer reported over 100 seats had switched from Leave to Remain. Labour's six tests ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. The Tories will fail these tests. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS. (6th August publication of ORBs poll, indicating disapproval of the government's handling of Brexit negotiations has reached an all-time high of 76%) Tory Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedom and prosperity. This binds the hands of future Labour governments, making it much harder for us to deliver on our promises.

Labour will:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.
2. Call for an immediate General Election.
3. Form a radical government taxing the rich to fund better public services, expanding common ownership, abolishing anti-union laws and engaging in massive public investment.

**Broxtowe CLP**

Conference notes:

1. that following the UK/EU talks on 16/17 August the government still has no agreement on departure terms from the EU, despite the departure being scheduled for March 2019.
2. on 23 August the government started publishing some 'technical notices', advising people what to do in the event a 'No-Deal' Brexit.
3. the 6 August publication of ORB's poll, indicating disapproval of the government's handling of the Brexit negotiations has reached an all-time high of 76%.

Conference deplores the Prime Minister for prioritising negotiations within the Cabinet over those with the EU and her ministers for talking up the possibility of a 'No-Deal'.

Conference notes any agreement the government negotiates is unlikely to protect the economy and people's rights.

Conference continues to support Labour's six tests, the commitment to a customs union and seeking full access to EU markets.

Conference calls on the Shadow Cabinet to continue with its policy of securing living standards and jobs, which requires free trade between Britain and the EU.

Conference agrees that Labour should vote against any agreement the government reaches with the EU which does not secure this objective, and how Labour achieves its objective should be decided in light of the situation at the time of the conclusion of any agreement negotiated between the government and the EU. At this stage in the UK/EU negotiations Labour should not exclude in advance any means or tactics to prevent a Brexit outcome which hurts jobs or living standards.

**Hackney North and Stoke Newington CLP**  
**Cheltenham CLP**  
**Brent Central CLP**  
**Aberconwy CLP**  
**Meriden CLP**  
**West Dorset CLP**  
**Swansea West CLP**  
**Southampton, Itchen CLP**  
**South West Devon CLP**  
**South Dorset CLP**  
**Uxbridge and South Ruislip CLP**

## Labour Policy on Brexit

### 1. Conference notes that:

- i) The UK will leave the EU on March 29th 2019 unless the UK Government revokes the Article 50 application
- ii) On 23rd August the Government started publishing some 'technical notices' advising people what to do in the event of a No-Deal Brexit
- iii) The OR's poll, published on 6th August 2018, indicates that disapproval of the Government's handling of the Brexit negotiations has reached an all-time high of 76%
- iv) On the 10th August YouGov published a vote indicating 57% support for a public vote (76% of Labour supporters) on the terms of Brexit.

2. Conference deplores the PMs prioritising negotiations within the Cabinet over negotiations with the EU and deplores her ministers taking up the possibility of a No-Deal

3. Conference believes that any agreement the current government negotiates will not meet Labour's six tests and that therefore Labour will need to vote against any such agreement.

Conference resolves that Labour Party Policy is:

- i) To vote against the Withdrawal Bill in Parliament
- ii) Oppose any deal which does not satisfy the 6 tests
- iii) To campaign for a public vote (the People's Vote) on whatever deal is presented, with an option to remain in the EU.

### **Beckenham CLP**

Conference notes:

that the UK will leave the EU on 29 March 2019 if a majority of MPs vote in Parliament to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement;

that on 10 August, YouGov published polling showing that 57% of the public and 76% of Labour voters, support a public vote on the terms of Brexit and on 12 August, the Observer reported over 100 seats had switched from Leave to Remain:

that Labour's six tests, unlike the Tory's current plans, ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK.

that 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

Labour will:

Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's six tests;

Consider all options, including an extension of Article 50, an immediate general election and a public vote, to avoid a no deal Brexit or a deal that does not, at the very least, satisfy Labour's six tests;

form a radical government to rebuild Britain's public services and tackle the economic insecurity that drove significant parts of the Brexit leave vote.

### **Greenwich and Woolwich CLP**

Conference notes:

The UK will leave the European Union on March 29th 2019 if a majority of MPs vote in parliament to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement.

On the 9th August, the Tories' approach to Brexit saw the pound drop to its lowest level against the dollar in a year; raising the cost of living for millions of people already hit hard by austerity.-

On the 10th August a YouGov poll found that 76% of Labour voters support a People's Vote on the final deal

Conference believes:

If the UK leaves the European Union, Britain will be permanently poorer, with the greatest burden falling on the poorest and youngest in society.

Any form of Brexit will weaken the public finances and further damage the NHS, which is already in crisis due to Conservative cuts.

Conference further believes:

The Brexit White Paper confirms the Conservatives intend to leave the customs union and lose access to the single market for services, which account for 80% of the UK economy. - Consequently, the Withdrawal Agreement will fail to deliver 'the exact same benefits' of EU membership and will fail to meet Labour's Six Tests.

Conference resolves: Labour Party policy should be to:

Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament

Support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and campaign to Remain in the EU in that referendum.

**Manchester Withington CLP**

Conference notes:

The UK will leave the European Union on March 29th 2019 if a majority of MPs vote in parliament to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement.

On the 9th August, the Tories approach to Brexit saw the pound drop to its lowest level against the dollar in a year; a weak pound is raising the cost of living for millions of people already hit hard by austerity

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If the UK leaves the European Union, our country will be permanently poorer, with the greatest burden falling on the poorest and youngest in society

Any form of Brexit will weaken the public finances and further damage the NHS, which is already in crisis due to Conservative cuts

Conference further believes:

The White Paper on Brexit confirms the Conservatives intend to leave the customs union and lose access to the single market for services, which account for 80% of the UK economy.

As a result, we know the Withdrawal Agreement will fail to deliver 'the exact same benefits' of EU membership and will fail to meet Labour's Six Tests.

Conference resolves: Labour Party policy should be to:

Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament

Support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and to campaign to Remain in the EU in that referendum

**Old Bexley and Sidcup CLP**  
**Lewisham East CLP**  
**Kensington CLP**  
**Edinburgh Pentlands CLP**  
**Epsom and Ewell CLP**  
**Bromley and Chislehurst CLP**  
**Braintree CLP**  
**Richmond Park CLP**  
**Wythenshawe and Sale East CLP**  
**Witham CLP**  
**Twickenham CLP**  
**The Wrekin CLP**

Conference notes:

The UK will leave the European Union on March 29th 2019 if a majority of MPs vote for a motion to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement.

The government white paper published on the 12th July sets out the plan that will inform the final Withdrawal Agreement. That the Government's plan has been facing mounting opposition over the summer and is unlikely to be accepted by the EU. On the 10th August a YouGov poll found that 76% of Labour voters support a People's Vote on the final deal.

Conference believes:

If the UK leaves the European Union, our country will be permanently poorer, with the greatest burden falling on the poorest and youngest in society.

Any form of Brexit will weaken the public finances and damage our ability to fund the NHS and other vital public services.

The white paper confirms the government intends to leave the customs union and lose access to the single market for services, which account for 80% of the UK economy. As a result, the Withdrawal Agreement will fail to meet Labour's six tests, specifically the test that any deal must deliver the 'exact same benefits' we have as members of the Single Market and Customs Union.

Conference resolves: Labour Party policy should be to:

Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament.

Support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and to campaign to Remain in the EU in that referendum.

**North Wiltshire CLP**

Conference notes media reports (12th August) that over a hundred constituencies with 'Leave' majorities in 2016 now have 'Remain' majorities. Conference believes that this strengthens the case for a referendum on the outcome of the negotiations, and that Labour should adopt this (i.e. holding a referendum on the outcome of the negotiations) as policy. Adoption of that policy would also put more pressure on the Tories and increase the chances of the early election of a Labour government committed to radical socialist policies.

**Glasgow Shettleston CLP**

Conference notes:

The UK will leave the European Union on March 29th 2019 if a majority of MPs vote in parliament to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement.

On the 9th August, the Tories approach to Brexit saw the pound drop to its lowest level against the dollar in a year; a weak pound is raising the cost of living for millions of people already hit hard by austerity

On the 10th August a YouGov poll found that 76% of Labour voters support a People's Vote on the final deal

Conference believes:

If the UK leaves the European Union, our country will be permanently poorer, with the greatest burden falling on the poorest and youngest in society

Any form of Brexit will weaken the public finances and further damage the NHS, which is already in crisis due to Conservative cuts

Conference further believes:

The White Paper on Brexit confirms the Conservatives intend to leave the customs union and lose access to the single market for services, which account for 80% of the UK economy.

As a result, we know the Withdrawal Agreement will fail to deliver 'the exact same benefits' of EU membership and will fail to meet Labour's Six Tests.

Conference resolves: Labour Party policy should be to:

- Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament
- Campaign to Remain in the EU

**Monmouth CLP**

Conference Notes:

The UK will leave the European Union on 29 March 2019 if a majority of MPs vote in parliament to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement. On 9 August, the Tories' approach to Brexit saw the pound drop to its lowest level against the dollar in year - a weak pound is raising the cost of living for millions of people already hit by austerity. On 10 August a YouGov poll found that 76% of Labour voters support a People's Vote on the final deal. Now that the government has put out guidance on what to do with a 'No Deal' Brexit, this makes a 'No Deal' Brexit significantly more likely.

Conference Believes:

The White Paper on Brexit confirms the Conservatives intend to leave the customs union and lose access to the single market for services, which account for 80% of the UK economy. As a result, we know the Withdrawal Agreement will fail to deliver 'the exact same benefits' EU membership and will fail to meet Labour's Six Tests.

Conference resolves: Labour Party policy should be to:

Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in parliament.

Support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and to campaign to remain in the EU in that referendum.

**Grantham and Stamford CLP**

Conference notes the UK will leave the EU on March 29th 2019 if a majority of MPs vote in parliament to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement.

On 9th August, the Tories approach to Brexit saw the pound drop to its lowest level against the dollar in a year; a weak pound raises the cost of living for millions of people already hit hard by austerity. On 10th August, YouGov found that 76% of Labour voters support a People's Vote on the final deal.

Conference believes that if the UK leaves the EU, our country will be permanently poorer, with the greatest burden falling on the poorest and youngest in society. Any form of Brexit will weaken public finances and further damage the NHS, which is already in crisis due to Conservative cuts.

Conference further believes that the White Paper on Brexit confirms the Conservatives intend to leave the customs union and lose access to the single market for services, which account for 80% of the UK economy. Therefore, the Withdrawal Agreement will fail to deliver 'the exact same benefits' of EU membership and fail to meet Labour's Six Tests.

Conference agrees that Labour Party policy should be to

1. support maintaining exactly the same benefits of being members of the single market and customs union;
2. vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament;
3. support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and one which includes an option to Remain in the EU;
4. campaign to Remain in the EU.

**Croydon South CLP**

Conference notes that recent warnings from large employers like Airbus highlight the impact a Tory Brexit will have on jobs, living standards and rights in this country.

Conference respects the 2016 referendum result and believes we need a new relationship with the EU that guarantees participation in the Single Market with shared rights, standards and protections and a comprehensive customs union.

Conference notes the Tory Government has taken a reckless approach to Brexit negotiations and failed to put jobs, living standards and rights first, risking a catastrophic no-deal Brexit.

Conference notes that Labour has set six robust tests for the final Brexit deal. Conference believes that Labour MPs should vote against any Tory deal failing to meet these tests. Conference also believes that no deal should be rejected as a viable option and calls upon Labour MPs to oppose any attempt by this Government to deliver a no-deal outcome. Should Parliament vote down a Tory Brexit deal or the talks end in no-deal, Conference believes this would constitute a loss of confidence in the Government. In these circumstances, the best outcome for the country is a General Election that can sweep the Tories from power and deliver a Labour Government that can build a strong new partnership with the EU.

Conference also believes that, in these circumstances, all options should remain on the table in order to break the parliamentary deadlock, including a public vote on the terms of the Brexit deal.

## **BFAWU**

Notes the August publication of the Government's position papers on a range of EU withdrawal matters including future UK-EU customs arrangements;

And believes that these recent papers reveal that the current approach risks job losses, and loss of rights for workers;

Further, notes the Treasury estimate that moving from the "soft" Brexit of the European Economic Area (EEA) (which could see tax revenue fall by £20bn) to the "hard" Brexit of a Canadian-type deal is estimated to cost an additional £16 billion each year, and that if the UK defaults to WTO trade rules, then the annual tax loss may be as high as £45 billion (four times the annual public expenditure on English GPs); And believes that Labour must urgently campaign against austerity that has harmed our public services;

and therefore calls upon the Labour Party to adopt a policy of remaining in the European Customs Union and Single Market and to support a peoples vote with options to remain in the EU.

## **Brentford and Isleworth CLP**

Conference notes:

The UK will leave the EU in March 2019 if MPs vote in parliament to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement.

The Brexit White Paper confirms the Conservatives intend to leave the customs union and lose access to The Single Market.

The EU is the largest donor of development aid in the world.

The EU grants duty-free quota-free access to the Least Developed Countries.

Many products from developing countries, such as chocolate, coffee and flowers, are imported or processed through the EU before reaching the UK.

Leaving the EU's single market and customs area without an alternative deal will immediately hit millions of farmers and workers in poor countries with an extra £1 billion import tax bill.

Conference believes:

The Withdrawal Agreement will fail to deliver 'the exact same benefits' of EU membership and will fail to meet Labour's Six Tests.

The millions of farmers and workers in poor countries will suffer if the UK crashes out of The Single Market. Under Labour the UK led efforts to ensure EU development aid delivered effectively for the world's poorest, sometimes in opposition to other members who want to spend aid within Europe (e.g. on international students).

Conference resolves: Labour Party policy should be to:

Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament.

Support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and to campaign to Remain in the EU in that referendum.

Support the UK remaining in The European Single Market if remaining in the EU is not possible.

**Labour Campaign for International Development**

Conference notes:

The UK will leave the European Union on March 29th 2019 if a majority of MPs vote in parliament to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement. On the 9th August, the Tories approach to Brexit saw the pound drop to its lowest level against the dollar in a year; a weak pound is raising the cost of living for millions of people already hit hard by austerity. On the 10th August a YouGov poll found that 76% of Labour voters support a People's Vote on the final deal

Conference believes:

If the UK leaves the European Union, our country will be permanently poorer, with the greatest burden falling on the poorest and youngest in society

Any form of Brexit will weaken the public finances and further damage the NHS, which is already in crisis due to Conservative cuts

Conference further believes:

The White Paper on Brexit confirms the Conservatives intend to leave the customs union and lose access to the single market for services, which account for 80% of the UK economy.

As a result, we know the Withdrawal Agreement will fail to deliver 'the exact same benefits' of EU membership and will fail to meet Labour's Six Tests.

Conference resolves: Labour Party policy should be to:

- Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament
- Support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and to campaign to Remain in the EU in that referendum

**Guildford CLP**

Conference notes the ONS report of 13th August on the need for a Brexit deal because trade with both Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland are vital to Northern Ireland's economy.

Conference notes the Foreign Secretary's comments of 14th August that the risk of a no Brexit deal has been increasing recently.

Conference notes previous Conservative politicians' comments that the Good Friday Agreement has 'Outlived its use' and 'has failed.'

Conference notes that Northern Ireland voted on 23rd June 2016 to remain in the European Union by 56% to 44%.

Conference resolves to reaffirm the Labour Party's commitment to the Good Friday Agreement of 1998.

Conference believes that there is no satisfactory technological solution that is compliant with the Good Friday Agreement and resolves to oppose any Brexit deal that would see the restoration of a border on the island of Ireland in any form for goods, services or people.

Conference believes that leaving the EU without the appropriate deal will threaten jobs, living standards and rights in Britain and Ireland, as well as jeopardising the peace process.

Conference notes the decision of Labour Party conference 2016 that the final settlement should therefore be subject to approval, through Parliament and potentially through a general election or a referendum.

Conference therefore resolves that unless there is a general election resulting in a Labour government prior to March 2019, then any deal proposed by the Conservative government should be put to a public vote.

**Labour Party Irish Society**

Conference notes a recent marked shift in public opinion against Brexit with over 100 constituencies now wanting to remain in the EU (YouGov's 12th August poll) mainly in the Leave-voting Labour heartlands. In addition, a majority of people now want a final say on Brexit with support growing for a People's vote. Many factors have contributed to this shift: the fact that Vote Leave broke electoral law; the threat of a damaging no-deal Brexit; the on-going shambles of May's search for agreement on a deal; and the fact that a hard Brexit has become a project of the far-right and wealthy Tories. A hard or no-deal Brexit would mean a hard border in Ireland which would disrupt the Good Friday agreement and the Peace Process. We note that the people of Northern Ireland are, in the majority, against a hard border. An end to free movement would damage our economy and the NHS and disrupt the lives of EU citizens settled here and UK citizens settled in the EU outside the UK. Any Tory Brexit would threaten jobs, the economy, workers' rights and environmental protection. We move that the Labour Party calls for an end to Brexit and commits to supporting a meaningful public vote on Brexit under an Alternative Vote system with options for:- 1. deal (if any) 2. no deal 3. no Brexit

**Leeds West CLP**

Conference notes that:

a significant minority of Labour Party members and Labour voters supported 'leave' in the referendum.

the policy 'constructive ambiguity' has provided some benefits but cannot endure.

it could be difficult for the Party to adopt a frank 'remain' position, but a 'second referendum' has not been ruled out

Conference notes that on 2 September 2018 the EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier reportedly declared his strong opposition to the UK government's 'Chequers proposals' and outlined indicating that those proposals would not be accepted by the EU. It notes further that on August 10th, YouGov published polling showing that 57% (76% of Labour voters) support a public vote on the terms of Brexit.

In light of this, Conference commits the Party to campaigning for a People's Vote, to be held towards the end of 2018, with the options either to accept the outcome of the Government's negotiations or to withdraw the Article 50 notification and remain in the EU.

**Gower CLP**

Conference notes:

1. The increasing likelihood of a No Deal Brexit, as negotiations are prolonged ahead of the March 2019 deadline. [1]
2. The government's No Deal advice, published on 23 August, warned of the need to stockpile medicines, the danger of increased credit card costs and the difficulties in exporting agricultural produce to the EU. [2]
3. Keir Starmer MP commented on 26 August that the government's No Deal technical notices "barely scratched the surface" of what would need to be done to prepare for a No Deal scenario, and there was a serious risk of an "unsustainable legal vacuum". [3]

Conference believes:

1. Any Tory Brexit deal would be disastrous for the British economy, lead to American-style deregulation and be disastrous for maintaining the Good Friday settlement in Northern Ireland.
2. Only Labour can deliver a progressive and economically sound relationship with Europe.

Conference resolves:

1. To reject any deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests, including the need to deliver the "exact same benefits" as we currently have as members of the Single Market and Customs Union. [4]
2. To support Mayor Andy Burnham's proposal on 5 September that, "if we are left teetering on the cliff-edge of No Deal with no other options, I would endorse the call for a People's Vote on the proposed No Deal departure and encourage our MPs to do the same." [5]

[1] <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/aug/24/october-no-longer-deadline-for-brexit-deal-david-lidington-finalising-agreement>

[2] <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/aug/23/government-releases-brexit-no-deal-advice-papers>

[3] <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/aug/26/no-deal-brexit-uk-legal-vacuum-keir-starmer-theresa-may>

[4] <https://labourlist.org/2017/03/keir-starmer-labour-has-six-tests-for-brexit-if-theyre-not-met-we-wont-back-the-final-deal-in-parliament/>

[5] [https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/downloads/file/807/english\\_devolution\\_the\\_best\\_answer\\_to\\_brexit](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/downloads/file/807/english_devolution_the_best_answer_to_brexit)

**Lancaster and Fleetwood CLP**

Conference notes the published YouGov poll on 21 August showing:

- 77% of those intending to vote Labour would vote to remain in the EU.
- 65% of those Labour voters support a People's Vote on the final deal
- Only 22% of the above would trust the UK Parliament to take the right decisions

Conference welcomes Jeremy Corbyn's determined efforts to hold the Tories to account for their disastrous negotiations. A hard Tory Brexit will damage public services and create deep uncertainty for investment. As trade unions have shown, the Labour movement must prevent the UK economy falling off a Brexit cliff edge which would jeopardise the incomes of working people. The release of the Government's 'No Deal' papers on 23 August has shown the economic devastation that would await if the country in such an event. Access to European markets for goods and services is put at risk by May's weak strategy, and Conference believes the UK's participation in the Single Market is essential to protect jobs and wages. Only Labour can lead the country to an outcome where livelihoods are protected and the public have a clear opportunity to participate in critical decisions.

Conference believes that if the Government's proposed deal is unsatisfactory then the Labour Party should support:

- A Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament
- The people being allowed to express their view in a public vote on Brexit.
- The Labour movement can then unite behind Jeremy Corbyn's determination to fight the Tories on a hard Brexit.

### **Harrogate and Knaresborough CLP**

Conference accepts that the public voted to leave the EU, but believes how we leave is as important as the decision to leave in the first place. When people voted to 'take back control' they were not voting for fewer rights, economic chaos or to risk jobs. Conference notes the warning made by Jaguar Land Rover on 11.9.18, that without the right deal in place, tens of thousands of jobs there would be put at risk.

Conference notes that workers in industries across the economy in ports, food, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, energy, chemicals, in our public services and beyond are worried about the impact of a hard Brexit on livelihoods and communities.

Conference notes that when trade unions have a mandate to negotiate a deal for their members, the final deal is accepted or rejected by the membership.

Conference does not believe that such important negotiations should be left to government ministers who are more concerned with self-preservation and ideology than household bills and wages. The best way to ensure a Brexit that works for working people, is a Labour government. If no General Election is called in which the people can have a say on their futures,

Conference calls for a public vote on the deal and the terms on which we leave the EU. If the Government is confident in negotiating a deal that working people, our economy and communities will benefit from they should not be afraid to put that deal to the public to reject or accept.

**GMB**

Glasgow Southside Constituency Labour Party (CLP) notes the August publication of the Government's position papers on a range of EU withdrawal matters together with Dominic Raab's no deal Brexit papers. It believes these reveal the current approach risks job losses and the loss of workers' rights.

The CLP notes Labour's six tests ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we get from Europe, defends our rights and delivers for all the UK. The CLP believes the Tories will fail these tests. The Brexit being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS.

The CLP believes a Tory Brexit means a future of precarious trade deals and deregulation of our economy, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity. This binds the hands of future Labour governments. The 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal to ensure the people had the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

The CLP therefore calls on the Labour Party to:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.
2. Call for an immediate general election, making a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU.
3. If we cannot get an election, campaign for a public vote and call for an election following a government defeat in that vote.
4. Form a Labour Government committed to equality and social justice.

**Glasgow Southside CLP**

This Conference notes:

- The recent comments by Michel Barnier that the Chequers deal is dead and;
- The Labour Party campaigned for Remain in the 2016 referendum and has a long history of supporting full membership of the EU.

This Conference resolves that:

- The Labour Party should call upon Parliament to commit now to a meaningful vote in Parliament, a UK-wide referendum on the final terms of the Brexit deal, with an option to remain full members of the European Union, or to dissolve herself for a general election - so that the terms of any Brexit deal or no deal can be endorsed or rejected through established, modern constitutional means in which the whole electorate has a say.
- This should be the first step in a Europe-wide struggle for levelling-up of living standards, rights and services and democratisation of European institutions.

**Camberwell and Peckham CLP**

On 2 September 2018 EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier warned that 185,000 jobs in the British car industry are at risk from the Tory government's continued refusal to accept a customs union and single market with the EU after Brexit.

Conference notes with concern this latest evidence of real damage to the UK economy being caused by the Tory government's negotiating stance - with businesses suspending investment decisions and/or moving abroad, shedding staff or going under. Public services in the UK are also affected, with the NHS facing staff shortages, and critical EU agencies such as the European Medicines Agency having announced their impending departure to the Continent.

Conference is clear that the Tory Brexit does not offer an acceptable basis for leaving the EU. There is no deal for services accounting for 80% of our GDP. It fails to set out a workable solution for avoiding a hard border in Northern Ireland, which is a threat to businesses as well as to security, and it fails to remove the possibility of a 'no deal Brexit.

Conference therefore calls on Labour to:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests, including any 'no-deal' scenario
2. Seek an extension of the Article 50 deadline to avoid a Tory 'take it or leave it' scenario and allow all options to be properly considered
3. Campaign actively for a public vote on whether to accept the Tory deal or remain in the EU.

**Labour Finance and Industry Group (LFIG)**

On the 7th of August, the NFU declared that we will run out of food stocks in exactly 12 months in the event of a No Deal Brexit. A "Minister for Tinned Food" is not reassuring.

Conference notes that at the end of March 2019, the UK will leave the European Union. Conference acknowledges that many farmers, crofters and smallholders are extremely reliant on subsidies from the CAP for their livelihood. There is no plan in place for the replacement of these subsidies. Conference welcomes the commitment of a return of the Agricultural Wages Board to protect the rights of workers, but notes that this will not help the 'one man band' farmers and crofters and their families.

Conference also notes that the recent events off the French coast highlight the need for clarity as regards the replacement of the CFP and the restoration of UK fishing rights. The Tories will have no qualms about using said rights as bargaining chips. At the very least, activists need something to discuss at the farm gate and clear policies in place.

This conference, mindful of the constraints of not actually being in government yet, moves that the shadow negotiating team, the National Policy Forum and, in particular the Shadow ministers for Food and Rural Affairs address "as a matter of urgency" the replacement of the CAP and CFP and agreements regarding the free movement of perishable goods.

### **Caithness, Sutherland and Ross CLP**

Conference notes that:

Brexit looks increasingly unlikely to match the promises made by the ministers; the Leave campaign and by Tory Brexit ministers;

the Government's current Chequers plan for a 'half-hard' Brexit (hard on services, soft on goods) does not command a majority within the country, within Parliament or even within the Conservative Party, and is unlikely to prove negotiable with the EU;

'no-deal' Brexit would cause a catastrophic legal limbo and maximum damage to the UK economy; there will not be a sufficient opportunity before March 2019 to negotiate a different agreement, so that the country will face either a Bad Brexit or No Brexit at that point;

the real 'not fantasy' choices facing the country are clearer now than they were at the time of the Referendum in June 2016;

on the 10th August, a YouGov poll found that 76% of Labour voters support a People's Vote on the final deal;

research published on the 13th August shows that Remain is now favoured by most voters in a clear majority (54%) of constituencies (up from 36% in 2016), a change driven particularly by young voters and by Labour voters in Wales and Northern England, and that democracy demands renewed consideration of the options under new circumstances.

Conference accordingly supports the proposal for a 'People's Vote' on the final Brexit deal (or no deal), where staying within the EU is the alternative option, and urges the Labour leadership to advocate such a People's Vote as Party policy.

### **Keighley CLP**

Conference notes:

1. widespread disapproval, 76% of population polled, of the government's handling of Brexit negotiations (ORB Poll, 6.08.18)
2. still no agreement on departure terms;
3. government is preparing for 'No-Deal'.

Conference notes that:

government intends to leave the customs union and the single market for services, accounting for 80% of UK economy (Brexit White Paper);

government plans constitute a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland, the NHS,

and that deregulation will undermine rights, freedoms and prosperity.

Conference continues to support Labour's six tests to ensure that any agreement provides 'the exact same benefits' from Europe including rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK, and confirms Labour policies to secure living standards and jobs, free trade through a customs union and full access to EU markets.

Conference agrees that:

Labour pursue any means or tactics to prevent a Brexit which hurts jobs, living standards and human rights;

Labour vote against any withdrawal agreement which does not secure, in their entirety, the requirements set out in 'Labour's Plan for Brexit' and in the six tests;

Labour call for an immediate general election, making a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU.

If we cannot get an election, Labour support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and campaign to Remain in the EU in that referendum.

**North Somerset CLP**

Conference:

Notes that Brexit looks increasingly unlikely to match the promises made by the Leave campaign and by Tory Brexit ministers.

Notes that public opinion has not rallied behind the result of the referendum held two years ago.

Notes the donation of £1 million to the People's Vote campaign by Julian Dunkerton.

Welcomes the position of Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Front Bench that Labour will oppose a costly, damaging, Tory Brexit Withdrawal Agreement that does not meet Labour's red lines or which creates a hard border in Ireland.

Is aware that a failure by the government to secure approval of its Brexit deal will create a ratification crisis that has a number of potential outcomes, including, possibly, an early general election.

Insists that rejection of the Withdrawal Agreement cannot mean a 'No-deal Brexit', which would cause a catastrophic legal limbo and maximum damage to the UK economy.

Recognises that if the choice is between a bad Brexit and no Brexit, such a choice requires either a general election or a referendum.

Believes that, in a democracy, the public has a right to reconsider an issue, in particular in a new situation or if new facts become available, as is the case.

Resolves to support the People's Vote campaign for the population to have a final say on Brexit.

**Harrow West CLP**

This Tory Government has been terrible at negotiating a good Brexit deal for the UK that protects jobs and services. Liam Fox's recent announcement that we are now likely to crash out of the EU with no deal at all will have further dreadful economic consequences for our country and will lead to lower GDP growth, job losses, continuing austerity, more families in poverty and cuts in public services. The Focal data poll on the 12th August is further evidence that the public are increasingly worried about this Tory Government's ability to negotiate a good deal and want a final say. Conference calls on the Parliamentary Labour Party to protect jobs and services in these negotiations, and in line with good Trade Union practise, ensure the public have the final say on whether to accept a Tory deal or remain in the EU. We further call for the Labour Party leadership to use their brilliant campaign skills to mount a vigorous battle in favour of the UK remaining a member of the EU.

**Mitcham and Morden CLP**

Living standards and jobs must remain Labour's priority. Conference notes: following the UK/EU talks on 16/17 August the government still has no agreement on departure terms from the EU, despite the departure being scheduled for March 2019. On 23 August the government started publishing some 'technical notices', advising people what to do in the event of a 'No-Deal' Brexit. The 6 August publication of ORB's poll, indicating disapproval of the government's handling of the Brexit negotiations has reached an all-time high of 76%.

Conference deplores the Prime Minister for prioritising negotiations within the Cabinet over those with the EU and her ministers for talking up the possibility of a 'No-Deal'.

Conference notes any agreement the government negotiates is unlikely to protect the economy and people's rights.

Conference continuingly supports Labour's six tests, the commitment to a customs union and seeking full access to EU markets.

Conference calls on the Shadow Cabinet to continue with its policy of securing living standards and jobs, which requires free trade between Britain and the EU.

Conference agrees that Labour should vote against any agreement the government reaches with the EU which does not secure this objective, and how Labour achieves its objective should be decided in light of the situation at the time of the conclusion of any agreement negotiated between the government and the EU. At this stage in the UK/EU negotiations Labour should not exclude in advance any means or tactics to prevent a Brexit outcome which hurts jobs or living standards.

**Louth and Horncastle CLP**

The 10 August YouGov figures suggest that, in the event of a No Deal Brexit, a 2-1 majority want a public vote on whether to remain. If there is a deal, a smaller but clear majority want a vote. The UK will leave the EU on March 29th 2019 if a majority of MPs vote to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement

The government white paper published on the 12th July sets out the plan that will inform the final Withdrawal Agreement

Dudley South CLP believes

If the UK leaves the European Union, our country will be permanently poorer, with the greatest burden falling on the poorest and youngest in society

Any form of Brexit will weaken the public finances and damage the NHS; the Nuffield Trust projects the economic impact will translate into an annual £2.4bn shortfall in funding. Dudley South CLP further Believes

The white paper confirms the government intends to leave the customs union and lose access to the single market for services, which account for 80% of the UK economy. As a result, the Withdrawal Agreement will fail to meet Labour's six tests, specifically the test that any deal must deliver the, 'exact same benefits' we have as full members of the EU

Dudley South CLP resolve Labour Party policy should be to:

Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament

Support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and to campaign to Remain in & reform the EU in that referendum.

**Dudley South CLP**

Conference notes that:

1. 65% of Labour voters voted to Remain
2. Since the Brexit referendum more than 100 constituencies have changed their minds and would now vote to Remain
3. More than 600,000 people have signed a petition on a social media campaign for a second referendum on the Brexit terms

Conference believes that the price of the economic dislocation caused by Brexit will be paid for by our traditional supporters, working class people, with a deterioration in wages, terms and conditions at work and job security. In addition, the increased deficit in government finances will result in further cuts in the social wage of public services.

Conference is also aware that across the EU, austerity has been adopted as a false solution to the banking crisis, hitting working class living standards so that in effect working class people have paid and are paying the price of the crisis in the present economic system of capitalism.

Conference therefore calls upon the leadership of our LP to adopt an unequivocal position in relation to Brexit by:

1. Stating boldly and publicly that the LP will call for a referendum on the Brexit terms and conditions
2. The LP will seek out alliances across the EU to build a socialist Europe for the many and not the few.

#### **Coventry North West CLP**

Conference notes the publication of a poll on 10 August by YouGov showing 50% of people support a people's vote on the final Brexit deal if talks break down, while 73% agree that the UK needs nurses and doctors from overseas to keep the NHS running. Conference is concerned at reports on 9 August that leading Brexiteer Sir Jim Ratcliffe, Britain's wealthiest man and CEO of Ineos, is attempting to evade public scrutiny by moving to the tax haven of Monaco while uncertainty remains over workers' rights and jobs after Brexit. Conference welcomes Jeremy Corbyn's determined efforts to hold the Tories to account for their disastrous negotiations. A hard Tory Brexit will damage public services and create deep uncertainty for investment. As trade unions have shown, the Labour movement must prevent the UK economy falling off a Brexit cliff edge which would jeopardise the incomes of working people. Access to European markets for goods and services is put at risk by May's weak strategy, and Conference believes the UK's participation in the Single Market is essential to protect jobs and wages. Only Labour can lead the country to an outcome where livelihoods are protected and the public have a clear opportunity to participate in critical decisions. Conference believes that if the Government's proposed deal is unsatisfactory then the people should be allowed to express their view in a public vote. The Labour movement can then unite behind Jeremy Corbyn's determination to fight the Tories on a hard Brexit.

#### **Nottingham North CLP**

Chelsea & Fulham CLP notes:

Polling on the 12/08/2018 showed 100 more Leave voting seats are now in favour of staying in the EU

The UK will leave the EU on 29/03/2019 if MPs vote for the Withdrawal Bill

Labour campaigned for Remain and has a history of supporting EU membership

Chelsea & Fulham CLP believes:

If the UK leaves the EU, our country will be poorer, have diminished influence and the greatest burden will fall on the poorest and youngest in society

Any form of Brexit will damage the NHS; the Nuffield Trust projects the economic impact will translate into an annual £2.4bn shortfall in funding

There is clear evidence that a majority of Labour Party voters and members are opposed to Brexit

A poll from Labour Future found 81% of Labour voters support a referendum on the final terms of Brexit

The strong 2017 election result under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn means Labour MPs will have a significant influence on the WAI Bill

The terms of Brexit were not clear in the referendum, but it is now clear that no form of Brexit can meet Labour's six tests

Chelsea & Fulham CLP resolves:

Labour should give people the opportunity to have the final say, by:

Voting against the WAI Bill

Supporting a referendum on the final terms of the deal, with an option to remain full EU members

Our delegates to conference will vote in favour of any motions that align with this resolution

**Chelsea and Fulham CLP**

Conference notes the publication of the first tranche of the Government's Brexit Technical Notices on 23 August 2018 which paint a devastating scene of a no-deal Brexit. Conference also notes the publication of the YouGov survey, Observer 12 August, showing over 100 parliamentary constituencies had changed from supporting 'Leave' to 'Remain' - a development starkest in the north of England and Wales.

Consequently Conference believes the 'constructive ambiguity' approach to Brexit has served its purpose. The time has now come for the Labour Party to pursue a clear and vigorous policy on Brexit based on the national interest. Huge damage has already been inflicted on the UK by the Government's cataclysmic handling of the 2016 referendum result and there is overwhelming evidence that more will follow.

Conference notes the Electoral Commission found Vote Leave, Leave.EU and BeLeave guilty of serious illegalities including at least £675,000 of campaign over spending and misuse of millions of illegally gained personal data facilitated by Facebook. The Commission is investigating sources, possibly Russian, of a staggering £9m donated to Leave organisations in the dying days of the campaign.

Conference believes that Leave organisations' industrial scale cheating has destroyed the integrity of the referendum result which consequently no longer deserves respect. The Labour Party must now campaign for the withdrawal of Article 50 by whatever means possible, including a 'people's vote' and/or a declaration by Parliament the referendum result is null and void.

#### **Orpington CLP**

Conference notes the publication of a poll on 10 August by YouGov showing 50% of people support a people's vote on the final Brexit deal if talks break down, while 73% agree that the UK needs nurses and doctors from overseas to keep the NHS running. On 12 August, the Observer reported that over 100 seats had switched from Leave to Remain.

Conference welcomes Jeremy Corbyn's determined efforts to hold the Tories to account for their disastrous negotiations. As trade unions have shown, the Labour movement must prevent the UK economy falling off a Brexit cliff edge which would jeopardise the incomes of working people. Access to European markets for goods and services is put at risk by May's weak strategy, and

Conference believes the UK's participation in the Single Market is essential to protect jobs and wages. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS. Only Labour can lead the country to an outcome where livelihoods are protected and the public have a clear opportunity to participate in critical decisions.

Conference believes that if the Government's proposed deal is unsatisfactory then the people should be allowed to express their view in a public vote on Brexit with an option to remain in the EU. The Labour movement can then unite behind Jeremy Corbyn's determination to fight the Tories on a hard Brexit.

#### **Macclesfield CLP**

Conference notes the publication of a poll on 10 August by YouGov showing 50% of people support a people's vote on the final Brexit deal if talks break down, while 73% agree that the UK needs nurses and doctors from overseas to keep the NHS running.

Conference is concerned at reports on 9 August that leading Brexiteer Sir Jim Ratcliffe, Britain's wealthiest man and CEO of Ineos, is attempting to evade public scrutiny by moving to the tax haven of Monaco while uncertainty remains over workers' rights and jobs after Brexit.

Conference welcomes Jeremy Corbyn's determined efforts to hold the Tories to account for their disastrous negotiations. A hard Tory Brexit leaves exposed the equalities legislation that many in the UK take for granted. Access to European markets for goods and services is put at risk by May's weak strategy;

Conference believes the UK's participation in the Single Market is not only essential to protect jobs and wages, but to ensure the protection from discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity in provision of goods, services and facilities. Only Labour can lead the country to an outcome where rights are protected and the public have a clear opportunity to participate in critical decisions.

Conference believes that if the Government's proposed deal is unsatisfactory then the people should be allowed to express their view in a public vote on Brexit. The Labour movement, united behind Jeremy Corbyn, can fight the Tories' hard Brexit.

**LGBT Labour  
Leicester East CLP**

Following the Observer poll of 12 August showing that more than 100 constituencies which voted to leave the EU would now vote to remain in the EU, East Lothian CLP calls on conference to agree that a hard or no deal Brexit threatens UK living standards, jobs, employment rights, health and social services, the environment, security, consumer protection, and peace in Northern Ireland. To protect these and other vital matters we call on conference to endorse continued membership of the Single Market and Customs Union. We ask conference to declare solidarity and common cause with all progressive and socialist forces confronting the rising tide of neo-fascism, xenophobia, nationalism and right wing populism in Europe. East Lothian CLP reminds conference that there has been no substantive consultation with Party members since the referendum in 2016 or the triggering of Article 50. We therefore call on conference to agree to a debate and vote at this year's annual conference so that a clear collective view can be established ahead of the Parliamentary Brexit debates later this year.

Finally, we call on conference to agree that when the outcome of negotiations are presented to Parliament, MPs have the right to accept, reject or amend what is proposed

**East Lothian CLP**

On August 23rd the U.K. Government published a series of papers which highlighted the catastrophic impact on the economy of brexit, in particular if the UK leaves the EU with 'no deal' Labour's six tests ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. It is clear that the Tory U.K. Government will fail these tests. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS and the very future of the union of the United Kingdom. Tory Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and deregulation of our economy, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity. This binds the hands of future Labour governments, making it much harder for us to deliver on our promises. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

Labour will:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.
2. Call for an immediate general election, making a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU.
3. If we cannot get an election, campaign for a public vote and call for an election following a government defeat in that vote.
4. Form a Labour Government committed to equality and social justice.

#### **Dumfries & Galloway Regional Labour Party**

Recent polling, notably the YouGov poll published in the Observer on 12 August 2018, indicates that even in strongly pro Brexit areas voters are recognising that leaving the European Union is not the way forward for this country. 1. Conference recognises that Brexit represents a grave threat to the economy and unity of the United Kingdom. 2. Conference supports a radical Corbyn Labour government to transform the social and economic conditions that led many voters to support Brexit, but we must be honest with voters that leaving the EU will make the situation considerably worse. 3.

Conference therefore urges that in the immediate term the Labour Party in parliament should:

- i) work to bring about a General Election,
- ii) oppose any Tory Brexit and call for a People's Vote on whether to accept the negotiated terms.
- iii) reassert Labour's 2016 Remain campaign for membership of a reformed EU.

#### **Oxford East CLP**

On 11th August YouGov reported 100 'leave voting' Labour constituencies now supported 'remain'. Mark Carney has highlighted the significant risk of 'no deal', which Liam Fox assessed as 'being more likely than not'. On 2nd September Theresa May admitted 'no deal' would create 'real challenges'

The deal being pursued by Theresa May threatens:

jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS;

dodgy trade deals, American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity, and would bind the hands of future Labour governments, making it harder to deliver on our promises.

Labour's six tests would secure the benefits of EU membership, defend our rights and protections, and deliver for all parts of the UK. In 2016, Conference unanimously agreed the final deal should be subject to approval through Parliament and potentially a General Election, or referendum. A principle supported by Tim Roache, the GMB General Secretary on 4th September. On 23rd August Kier Starmer said, 'If Parliament votes to reject the Article 50 deal, it must decide what happens next. In those circumstances, all options should be on the table.'

Labour will:

Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's six tests

Campaign for a public vote on an unsatisfactory, or 'no deal' Brexit, including the option of remaining in the EU

Failing this, call for a General Election with a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU.

### **Newcastle Upon Tyne Central CLP**

Conference notes the Observer YouGov analysis on 12th August suggesting that more than 100 constituencies that had supported 'Leave' in the EU referendum of 2016 are now majority 'Remain' supporting.

Conference notes the shambolic Tory attempts to negotiate a UK Brexit deal, contrasting with the measured efforts of Jeremy Corbyn and Keir Starmer to hold the government to account. The Tories' Brexit strategy is increasingly being dictated by the far right, including those with racist motivations.

Conference believes that the ability to trade fairly with our nearest neighbours is essential to protect the living standards and jobs of working people, and that a 'hard' Tory Brexit threatens workers' livelihoods and rights, UK environmental standards, community cohesion, and the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland. Moreover, there is an increasing possibility of leaving the EU on World Trade Organisation terms alone, which could be catastrophic and lead to high tariffs, increased UK business costs, higher costs of living, wage cuts, and yet more austerity.

Conference believes that the UK public have the right to a final say on an unsatisfactory Brexit deal, when this becomes clear. The Labour movement should campaign and unite against a hard Tory Brexit deal which attacks UK jobs, living standards, workers' rights, environmental standards and community cohesion.

**Exeter CLP**

Conference notes that a YouGov poll on 10/08/18 showed that 76% of labour voters favoured a referendum on any Brexit deal

Further

- i. A Police Commissioners' letter and leaked documents warn of serious risk to public safety and the likelihood of food, petrol and medicine shortages and civil unrest in the event of no deal.
- ii. On 23/08/18 an EU spokesperson stated that any deal will result in significant disruption

Conference believes that such unacceptable outcomes would be exploited by speculators and far-right extremists

Conference endorses Labours careful step-by-step approach to the Tory Brexit shambles and its rejection of simplistic solutions that would disadvantage the UK. Labours six tests provide the only realistic method of evaluating any proposed options, including the Chequers proposals that are a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS.

Conference recognises that very shortly EU states must commence their democratic consultations on any proposals. By then Labour will need finally to apply to these proposals the six tests in the knowledge that there would be no realistic prospect of any government renegotiating meaningful amendments before the March departure date. When it is apparent that these proposals fail the six tests

Labour will

1. Campaign for a public vote on any deal with an option to remain in the EU
2. Seek a General Election, which will have that commitment as part of Labour's manifesto together with radical commitments on public services, ownership and investment and eradicating poverty.

### **Edinburgh Northern and Leith CLP**

According to recent YouGov polling 57% (76% of Labour voters) support a public vote on the terms of Brexit. It has been reported in the Observer that over 100 seats have switched from Leave to Remain. Labour's six tests will ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. It is expected that the Tories' negotiations will fail these tests. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS. Tory Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and deregulation of our economy, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity. This would bind the hands of future Labour Governments, making it much harder for us to deliver on our promises. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so that the people could have the final decision on whether to accept the Government's deal or to stay in the EU. Labour will: 1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's six tests. 2. Call for an immediate General Election, making a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU. 3. If we cannot get a General Election, campaign for a public vote and call for an election if the Government are defeated in that vote.

### **Ribble Valley CLP**

On August 10th, YouGov published polling showing that 57% (76% of Labour voters) support a public vote on the terms of Brexit. On August 12th, the Observer reported over 100 seats had switched from Leave to Remain. Labour's six tests ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. The Tories will fail these tests. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS. Tory Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity. This binds the hands of future Labour governments, making it much harder for us to deliver on our promises. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

Labour will:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.
2. Form a radical government taxing the rich to fund better public services, expanding common ownership, abolishing anti-union laws and engaging in massive public investment

**Eltham CLP**

On August 10th, YouGov published polling showing that 57% (76% of Labour voters) support a public vote on the terms of Brexit. On August 12th, the Observer reported over 100 seats had switched from Leave to Remain. Labour's six tests ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. The Tories will fail these tests. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS. Tory Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity. This binds the hands of future Labour governments, making it much harder for us to deliver on our promises. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

Labour will:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.
2. Call for an immediate general election, making a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU.
3. If we cannot get an election, campaign for a public vote and call for an election following a government defeat in that vote.
4. Form a radical government – taxing the rich to fund better public services, expanding common ownership, abolishing anti-union laws and engaging in massive public investment.

**Bridgend CLP**

This CLP (via Evesham Branch) notes that on 10th August YouGov published a new poll showing that 57% (76% of Labour voters) support a public vote on the terms of Brexit, and that on 12th August the Observer reported over 100 constituencies had moved from 'Leave' to 'Remain'. The CLP (and Branch) opposes a Brexit destructive in terms of jobs, the environment, deregulation, freedom of movement, and peace in Northern Ireland, and urges the uniting of the country behind a radical vision for the future.

We therefore call on the Labour Party to

- i. Reaffirm its policy of opposing any Brexit which does not satisfy the 6 tests;
- ii. Reaffirm the 2016 Conference support for a public vote on the final deal;
- iii. Following a vote which rejects the deal, with the possibility of remaining in the EU, call for an immediate General Election.

#### **Mid Worcestershire CLP**

Conference notes and respects the original Brexit vote, but in light of the rejection of the Chequers deal by the EU and the prospect of a disastrous hard Brexit, we support the earliest possible election of a Labour government led by Jeremy Corbyn. Labour's six tests require that any Brexit preserves benefits we currently get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. The Tories' Brexit deal will fail these tests. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, peace in Northern Ireland, and the future of the NHS. Tory Brexit will wreck the economy, sign up to a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, and undermine our rights and freedoms. This binds the hands of future Labour governments, making it much harder for us to deliver on our promises. The election of a radical Labour government is our first priority. The only likely route to a general election before 2022 is the collapse of the government's Brexit agenda. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

Conference:

1. Reaffirms Labour's policy of opposing any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests
2. Reaffirms 2016 Conference support for a public vote on the deal and remaining in or leaving the EU.
3. Following a public vote in favour of rejecting the deal and remaining in the EU, Labour will call for an immediate general election

#### **Saffron Walden CLP**

Conference believes that the livelihoods and rights of working people depend on the ability to trade fairly with our nearest economic neighbours in Europe and that leaving the EU on WTO terms alone could be catastrophic in terms of higher tariffs, extra costs on business in turn stunting wages and a sharp and unwelcome rise in the cost of living. Conference notes the recent shift in public opinion according to the Observer YouGov analysis on 12th August suggesting that more than 100 constituencies that had supported 'Leave' in the EU referendum of 2016 are now majority 'Remain' supporting, with the Economist magazine reporting that their ORB opinion survey finds 76% of the public disapprove of the Government's handling of the Brexit negotiations.

Conference believes that a Labour Government would seek to preserve full access to the internal market with the European Union and that Britain should seek to negotiate participation in the EU Single Market to ensure the employment, welfare and environmental benefits of strong regulatory standards as a continuing right for UK citizens. With the Tories lurching towards a model of Britain's future as a deregulated offshore tax haven, it is essential that any proposal from this Government is treated as seriously as the initial 2016 referendum. As new facts emerge each week about the risks involved, Conference believes that the British public have a right to a final say on any proposed deal in the form of a people's vote.

## **Salisbury CLP**

Conference notes

On July 10th, YouGov published polling showing that 57% (76% of Labour voters) support a public vote on the terms of Brexit, rising to 66% in the case of No Deal (including 51% of Leave voters). The UK will leave the European Union on March 29, 2019 if a majority of MPs vote to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement, based on the government white paper published on 12 July.

Conference believes

The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS. Our country will be permanently poorer, with the greatest burden falling on the most vulnerable in society. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

Labour will:

1. Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament
2. Call for an immediate general election, making a manifesto commitment to support a People's Vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU
3. If no election, campaign for a People's Vote and call for an election following a government defeat in that vote
4. Fight any subsequent election on the promise of a new relationship with the EU based on reforms to focus on the needs of the many and reduction in inequality, while safeguarding security, democracy, and combatting climate change.

## **Witney CLP**

On August 10th, YouGov published polling showing that 57% (76% of Labour voters) support a public vote on the terms of Brexit. On August 12th, the Observer reported over 100 seats had switched from Leave to Remain. Labour's six tests ensure that any Brexit preserves benefits we get from Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. The Tories will fail these tests. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland and the NHS. Tory Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and American-style deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity. This binds the hands of future Labour governments, making it much harder for us to deliver on our promises. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal so the people have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.

Labour will:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.
2. Call for an immediate general election, making a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU.
3. If we cannot get an election, campaign for a public vote and call for an election following a government defeat in that vote.
4. Form a Labour Government committed to equality and social justice.

### **Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch CLP**

Conference notes that:

1. Following UK/EU talks on 16/17 August, the government still has no agreement on departure terms from the EU, despite an exit planned for March 2019.
2. On 23 August the government started publishing 'technical notices', advising people what to do in the event of a 'No-Deal' Brexit.
3. 2016 Conference committed to a public vote on the Exit Deal, giving citizens the final decision on accepting the government's deal or staying in the EU.

Conference believes that:

1. The Brexit being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Ireland, and the NHS.
2. Tory Brexit means a future of dodgy trade deals and deregulation, undermining our rights, freedoms and prosperity, binding the hands of future Labour governments, and making it harder to deliver on our promises.

Conference resolves that:

1. We must reaffirm support for the six tests, oppose any deal that doesn't answer their demands, and instruct MPs to vote against a Withdrawal Agreement accordingly.
2. We should seek a general election at the earliest opportunity and fight it on a progressive, anti-austerity manifesto.
3. Our manifesto should include a commitment to a public vote, including the option to remain in the EU, and should explain how Labour can work with other European parties to reform the EU.
4. If there is no general election, we should campaign for a public vote on whatever final deal is negotiated, which includes the option to remain on current terms.

**Totnes CLP**

This conference notes

The UK will leave the European Union on March 29th 2019 if a majority of MPs vote for a motion to approve the final Withdrawal Agreement

The government white paper published on the 12th July sets out the plan that will inform the final Withdrawal Agreement

On the 9th August, the Tories approach to Brexit saw the pound drop to its lowest level against the dollar in a year; a weak pound is raising the cost of living for millions of people already hit hard by austerity

On the 10th August a YouGov poll found that 76% of Labour voters support a People's Vote on the final deal

This conference believes

- If the UK leaves the European Union, our country will be permanently poorer, with the greatest burden falling on the poorest and youngest in society
- Any form of Brexit will weaken public finances and damage the NHS. This conference further believes
- The white paper confirms the government intends to leave the customs union and lose access to the single market for services.
- As a result, the Withdrawal Agreement will fail to meet Labour's six tests, specifically that any deal must deliver the 'exact same benefits' as full membership of the EU

This conference resolves

Labour Party policy should be:

- Vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament
- Support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and to campaign to Remain in the EU in that referendum

**Winchester CLP**

Further to the 12 August Observer report that more than 100 Leave seats now back Remain, this CLP calls on Conference to

- oppose any Brexit deal which does not satisfy Labour's six tests;
- call for an immediate General Election and make a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the Brexit deal with an option to remain in the EU if the public rejects it; if we are unable to force a General Election, to continue to campaign for a public vote.

**Westminster North CLP**

On August 30, the Migration Observatory released a report showing that replacing EU free movement with a visa scheme would increase the risk of exploitation and undercut wages. On September 3rd the Guardian reported that the Home Office is losing 75% of appeals against immigration rulings. Stagnant wages, crumbling services and the housing crisis are being exacerbated by the government and employers making the rich richer at working people's expense, not immigration. Theresa May's Hostile Environment has driven wedges into our communities and sought to strip the rights of migrants and refugees in the UK and beyond. Labour can promise public funding to ensure good jobs, homes, services and benefits, scrapping anti-union laws and strengthening workers' rights, regardless of birthplace. We stand for all workers, united regardless of nationality; our class has no border. Free movement benefits all workers; limiting migrant rights hits all working people's living standards. Britain and the EU should welcome migration from across Europe and beyond, and Labour must firmly support EU Freedom of Movement irrespective of our Brexit position. We welcome our Shadow Home Secretary's pledges to close two detention centres, end indefinite detention, and stop the use of landlords as border guards. Therefore in government

Labour must:

- maintain and extend free movement;
- scrap the net migration target;
- strengthen refugee rights;
- close all detention centres;
- ensure the right to family reunion;
- end 'no recourse to public funds' policies;
- reverse attacks on migrants' access to the NHS.

## **Stevenage CLP**

The latest polling (10 August) shows rapidly growing support for a People's Vote on the outcome of the Brexit negotiations. 45% now favour a People's Vote, with only 34% opposed. Labour voters overwhelmingly support a vote by 61% to 19%. Labour's six Brexit tests are designed to ensure that the final deal preserves the benefits we get from the EU and works for all parts of the UK. It is increasingly clear that the Tories' Brexit deal will fail these tests. The complete inability of the Tory government to come up with a viable approach to Brexit shows that it is impossible to deliver a deal that protects jobs, living standards, and workers rights. The election of a radical Labour government is our first priority. Only a Labour government can deliver a progressive alternative to the Tories' destructive Brexit. The only likely route to a general election before 2022 is the collapse of the government's Brexit agenda.

Conference therefore:

1. Reaffirms Labour's policy of opposing any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's six tests, and calls upon the PLP to reject the Chequers proposals.
2. Believes that, in line with the 2016 Conference decision, Labour should now campaign for a people's vote so the public have the final decision on whether to accept the government's deal or to stay in the EU.
3. Believes Labour should call for an immediate general election if there is a public vote in favour of rejecting the deal and remaining in the EU.

## **York Central CLP**

Walthamstow CLP notes: Reports on 9th August leading Brexiteer Sir Jim Ratcliffe, Britain's wealthiest man, CEO of Ineos, plans to move to the tax haven Monaco while uncertainty remains over workers' rights and jobs after Brexit. Publication of a YouGov poll on 10th August showing 50% of people support a people's vote on the final Brexit deal if talks fail, while 73% agree the UK needs overseas nurses and doctors to keep the NHS running. Jeremy Corbyn's determined efforts to hold the Tories to account for their disastrous negotiations. Walthamstow CLP believes: A hard Tory Brexit will damage public services, drive austerity and create deep uncertainty for investment. The Labour movement must prevent the economy falling off a Brexit cliff edge, jeopardising working people's incomes. The White Paper on Brexit confirms the Conservatives intend to leave the customs union and lose access to the single market for services which account for 80% of the UK economy, so risking thousands of jobs. That in a democracy, people should have the right, and the opportunity, to change their minds when new information becomes available.

Walthamstow CLP resolves Labour Party policy should be:

To vote against the Withdrawal Agreement in Parliament

To support maintaining exactly the same benefits of being members of the single market and the customs union  
To support a People's Vote on the Withdrawal Agreement, in which all citizens aged 16+ will be eligible to vote, and campaign to remain in the EU in any such vote.

## **Walthamstow CLP**

Conference notes recent warnings from large employers like Airbus and Jaguar Land Rover highlight the impact a Tory Brexit will have on jobs in our country.

Conference believes we must maintain a close relationship with the EU which guarantees full participation in the Single Market with shared rights, standards and protections and a comprehensive customs union.

Conference notes the Tory Government has taken a reckless approach to Brexit and failed to put jobs, living standards and rights first, risking a catastrophic no-deal Brexit.

Conference notes Labour has set six robust tests for the final Brexit deal.

Conference believes Labour MPs must vote against any Tory deal failing to meet these tests in full.

Conference also believes a no-deal Brexit should be rejected as a viable option and calls upon Labour MPs to vigorously oppose any attempt by this Government to deliver a no-deal outcome. Should Parliament vote down a Tory Brexit deal or the talks end in no-deal, Conference believes this would constitute a loss of confidence in the Government. In these circumstances, the best outcome for our country is a General Election which will sweep the Tories from power and deliver a Labour Government who will maintain a strong partnership with the EU.

Conference also believes that in these circumstances, to break the parliamentary deadlock if a General Election is not called, Labour must support an extension to Article 50 and a popular vote on the terms of Brexit if our six robust tests are not met in full.

**TSSA**

Further to the 12 August Observer reporting more than 100 Leave seats now back Remain, this Conference

- Supports the earliest election of a Labour Government led by Jeremy Corbyn.
- Notes that for a general election to be called requires a two thirds majority of MPs and that the Conservatives can't be expected to call an election they expect to lose.
- That such an election is only likely if the EU Exit Deal is both voted down in Parliament and in a Public Vote so that the UK remains in the EU.
- Acknowledges that leaving the EU, and therefore any Exit Deal, will reduce national income and remove EU minimum guarantees of rights at work, public health and environmental protection.
- Agrees that Labour should oppose any EU Deal not satisfying its six tests.
- Supports the 2016 Conference commitment to a public vote on whether to accept the Conservatives' Deal or stay in the EU.

Calls upon the 2018 Labour Party Conference to:

1. reaffirm its policy of opposing any deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests
2. reaffirm 2016 Labour Conference support for a public vote on the Deal
3. campaign against the Deal and to remain in the EU in the run up to the public vote
4. following a public vote in favour of rejecting the deal and remaining in the EU to call for an immediate general election.

#### **Stockton South CLP**

South Leicestershire constituency is concerned that the current and future effects of Brexit will be seriously detrimental to rural constituencies throughout the United Kingdom and urges conference to adopt policies ensuring continued free movement of workers and frictionless access to European markets. Since the referendum a number of businesses in this constituency have moved all or part of their activity to mainland Europe, reducing economic diversity and security; farmers are struggling as local workers have not filled the void left by the reduced supply of EU migrants, resulting in at least one local farmer going out of business. Additionally, in November 2017 the Leicester Mercury reported that analysis by the Centre for Economic Performance suggested the average household had to spend an extra £7.74 per week due to inflated prices following the referendum result. We fear that this is just the start of problems for rural areas where prolonged austerity has already seriously reduced access to social and health care, education particularly for the very young, rural shops, transport and employment. In addition, uncertainty about the future of farm subsidies and the reduction of environmental protection increase insecurity for the future. The Labour Party has both the opportunity and a moral duty to protect citizens from the potential damage caused by exiting the European Union and we urge conference to take a clear position to protect rural constituencies from a disastrous exit from the EU.

#### **South Leicestershire CLP**

Notes, following the publication of the government's Brexit papers and the resumption of Brexit negotiations in Brussels on 31 August, that Brexit looks increasingly unlikely to match the promises made by the Leave campaign and by Tory Brexit ministers. Welcomes the position of Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Frontbench that Labour will oppose a costly, damaging, Tory Brexit Withdrawal Agreement that does not meet Labour's six tests or which creates a hard border in Ireland. Aware that a failure by the government to secure approval of its Brexit deal will create a ratification crisis that has a number of potential outcomes, including, possibly, an early general election. Insists that rejection of the Withdrawal Agreement cannot mean a 'No-deal Brexit', which would cause a catastrophic legal limbo and maximum damage to the UK economy.

Recognises that there may not be much scope at that point for negotiating a different agreement and the choice facing the country will be between a bad Brexit or no Brexit; considers that such a choice will require either a general election or a referendum. Believes that, in a democracy, the public has a right to reconsider an issue, in particular in a new situation or if new facts become available, as is the case. Notes that public opinion has not rallied behind the result of the referendum held two years ago.

### **Shipley CLP**

According to a YouGov poll published on 28 August, 61% of Labour voters and 59% of target Labour voters support a People's Vote on the final deal.

The Brexit vote is already having a negative impact on the economy, with August representing a 22 month low in confidence in the manufacturing sector and research carried out by the University of Sussex, published on 10<sup>th</sup> September showing a third of UK export firms have already lost business directly as a result of the Brexit vote. Estimates suggest that by June 2017, Brexit was costing the average household £404 a year.

Conference recognises there is no greater political challenge facing the UK than Brexit. In 2017, 44 % of British exports went to the EU, including half of manufacturing exports. Unrestricted access to European markets is essential to protect jobs and wages. A hard Brexit puts that access at risk.

The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May would not secure the future of British industry, making it a threat to jobs and the wider economy. The labour movement must prevent the economy from faltering in order to protect the livelihoods of working people.

The trade union movement is founded around the principle of self-determination of workers. While it is our responsibility to negotiate the best deal with employers, ultimately, it is workers who decide if that deal is acceptable.

Labour Party policy should reflect trade union principles and support a People's Vote, giving people a say on the final deal.

### **Community**

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND FRACKING

Conference notes:

- 1.7 August doctors accuse Tory Energy Minister of using Lancashire people as fracking 'guinea pigs' despite scientists' uncertainty over impact on human health.
2. 9 August report that four days in London may be as detrimental to health as smoking three cigarettes a day. In Britain 40,000 premature deaths a year because of air pollution.
- 3.13 August report '2018 will be fourth hottest year on record'. The heatwave caused devastating fires and drought.
4. 28 August report that air pollution causes reduction of intelligence.
5. Investment in renewables fell by 50% in 2017.

Conference supports:

1. Paris Agreement goal of keeping global temperature rises below 1.5°C
2. Action to raise living standards and build a cleaner future:
  - a) Taking the big six energy supply companies into public ownership
  - b) A public program of insulating 12 million homes by 2030
  - c) Taking rail and buses into public ownership
  - d) Major expansion of public transport
  - e) Banning combustion engine car sales by 2030 and supporting the UK's car industry to make electric vehicles
3. Our manifesto pledges to clean up illegal levels of air pollution and ban fracking.
4. Our strategy for 60% of energy to come from low carbon or renewables by 2030 creating hundreds of thousands of new green jobs.

Conference condemns the government's reckless pursuit of fracking and neglect of renewable energy.

Conference notes that the National Policy Forum ignored submissions calling for a campaign against fracking and therefore calls on the Party to lead a co-ordinated national campaign to halt fracking pending election of a Labour Government.

**Thirsk and Malton CLP**

## **COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING**

Conference notes: on Monday 10th September the communities secretary, James Brokenshire, wrote to 60 private building owners and developers instructing them to remove dangerous Grenfell-style cladding from their buildings; despite putting pressure on private landlords to re-clad buildings, the government continues to resist an outright ban on combustible cladding;

Conference believes: it is now overwhelmingly clear that combustible building cladding was the principal reason for the rapid spread of fire on Grenfell Tower; pressure from the oil and plastics industry is an important reason the government is still resisting an outright ban on combustible cladding;

Conference therefore resolves: to demand the government introduce a comprehensive ban on combustible building cladding without delay; to make it

Labour policy to:

1. replace all forms of combustible cladding with safe, non-combustible, energy efficient alternatives, and to install all necessary fire safety measures, including sprinklers;
2. provide the necessary funding for this work to be started and completed as soon as possible;3) ensure affected residents are kept warm and dry for the period that their buildings are without cladding and insulation.

**Scientists for Labour**

# GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Conference notes the government's emergency takeover of Birmingham Prison from G4S on August 19th, the latest in a long line of public services brought back under public control. Conference welcomes Labour's opposition to the failed PFI experiment, a relic of the New Labour years which should be abandoned.

Conference believes that the privatisation of public services has proven to be a failure both in terms of service provision and for all of those working in public services. Conference believes that returning public services to public control is the best solution financially, morally and in terms of service delivery.

Conference therefore welcomes Labour's new Community Wealth Unit to promote insourcing and the actions of the Labour administration in Wales in encouraging public in-house provision.

Conference resolves that:

- Labour should oppose all privatisation of public services, PFI and the use of wholly owned subsidiary companies by public bodies and advocate the return of all public services to public-control within the first year of the next Labour government;
- In bringing services in-house the minimum standards for pay, terms, conditions and pension arrangements must be those sector wide arrangements secured through collective bargaining - including pay of at least the real living wage;
- There will be a moratorium on any further privatisation by Labour-controlled local authorities, and that all Labour Groups be written to by the Labour Leader calling on them to bring services back in house at the earliest available opportunity.

**Blaydon CLP  
Bradford South CLP  
UNSION**

Conference notes with alarm further moves by police and crime commissioners (PCCs) to take control of fire and rescue services, most recently on 6 September when legislation was laid to give the North Yorkshire PCC control of fire services.

Conference believes that PCC takeovers of fire and rescue services could create a backdoor route to privatisation. Conference notes the privatisation of other areas of the fire and rescue service, such as the Fire Service College, PFI contracts for fire service premises and vehicles, and the training of firefighters in some brigades. Conference further notes that one-in-five firefighter jobs have been cut across the UK since 2010. Conference believes that returning public services to public control is the best solution economically, politically and in terms of service delivery.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to bring back provision in-house of all public services. Conference calls for immediate investment in locally-provided public services, as part of a programme to repair the damage done by austerity. Conference calls on the next Labour government to bring privatised services back into the public sector within the first year of its administration. Conference calls for a halt to any further privatisation by Labour-controlled local authorities and for Labour-controlled authorities to urgently begin the process of bringing any privatised back in-house.

**FBU**

The Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney CLP notes the government's emergency takeover of Birmingham Prison from G4S on August 19th, the latest in a long line of public services brought back under public control.

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The CLP resolves that a motion should be put forward to Labour Conference 2018 that the next Labour government:

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**Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney CLP**

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

On 18th August 2018 the children's commissioner, responding to a Social Market Foundation report, was concerned that, despite improving standards, more than 13,000 children had unacceptable levels of support from the care system. Older people's social services, mental health services, and all disability services are also in crisis, with devastating impact on those with acute and longer term social needs, and carers.

Conference agrees that social care in England is underfunded, de-professionalised and privatised and no longer exists as a coherent service. Social care is a Health issue; without social support where it is needed acute care of all patients is compromised in A&E and hospital wards. Social care policy is an equalities issue: women comprise a majority of social care staff and family carers. It relies on low pay and zero-hour contracts, with minimal training and support. The Women's Budget Group shows investment in care services invests in social infrastructure. 2%\* of GDP would generate 1.5million jobs across the UK and provide a significant boost to GDP. Privatisation has undermined quality and with companies going bankrupt, vulnerable people are at risk. We call on the Party to commit to: developing a professional, skilled, user-responsive service meeting the needs of the population, publicly funded through progressive taxation, publicly provided and free at the point of use; increasing funding to the sector by at least 2% ending privatisation and bringing contracts back into public ownership.

### **Oxford West and Abingdon CLP**

On 18th August, the children's commissioner expressed concern that despite improvements, over 13,000 children received unacceptable support from the care system. On 31st August, we learned the number of elderly people needing 24-hour care will double by 2035.

Conference agrees that social care in England has been drastically underfunded, de-professionalised and privatised such that it is no longer a coherent service; nor does it provide adequate social support for those in crisis or with longer term social needs or carers.

Social care policy is an equalities issue: women comprise a majority of social care staff ( including EU workers) and family carers. It relies on low pay and zero-hour contracts, with minimal training and support.

The Women's Budget Group has shown that investment in care services is an investment in social infrastructure. 2% of GDP would generate 1.5million jobs across the UK and provide a significant boost to GDP.

Privatisation of social care undermines quality and locks in instability, with companies teetering on bankruptcy, putting thousands of vulnerable people at risk.

We call on the Party to commit to:

- developing a professional, skilled, user-responsive National Care Service meeting the needs of the population, publicly funded through progressive taxation, publicly provided and free at the point of use.
- increase sector funding
- protect the status of EU care workers' end privatisation and bring contracts with private companies back into public ownership.
- Develop policy to ensure quality social care provision appropriate to the needs of the UK today.

### **Socialist Health Association (SHA)**

# HOUSING

Conference notes:

1. The Conservatives' Social Housing Green Paper published on 14 August, offering no funds to build council housing, is a pitiful response to the housing crisis and severely declining levels of affordability in the private rented sector.
2. Shelter's recent research evidences that private renters spend on average 41% of income on rent; and many cannot meet housing costs. Shelter called for a new plan for social housing to address the crisis of affordability.

Conference supports Shelter's call and welcomes many of the recommendations in Labour's Green paper 'Housing for the Many', but in light of government indifference and the worsening crisis, Labour must go further and faster.

Conference, therefore calls for Labour's commitments to:

- delivering 100,000 genuinely affordable homes a year,
- half of all new homes built to be genuinely affordable, to be an urgent priority and delivered in Labour's first years in government.

Conference welcomes the commitment to end 'affordable rent' but proposals for a two-tier rent structure are socially divisive.

We call for one social rent category for all social housing. To achieve this more ambitious plan, Conference calls upon Labour to commit to:

1. Ring fencing all surplus public land for building council homes to meet housing need.
2. Rebalancing the government's housing budget in favour of social housing by setting a national housing grant of at least £50 billion.
3. Replacing all property taxes with Land Value Tax to remove exploitative landlords and give councils control over local land.

**Basingstoke CLP**  
**Huddersfield CLP**

Conference, the current housing crisis has doubled homelessness since 2010, an increase in families living in temporary accommodation and a drop in home ownership. Lack of affordable housing, skyrocketing rents, exploitative landlords and poor-quality housing creates a broken housing model that has failed Britain.

Conference therefore calls on the Labour party:

1. To build at least 100,000 Council homes a year.
2. End the right to buy.
3. Regulate Banks to end speculative lending for land markets without planning permission and cap lending on how much one person can borrow.
4. Ensure planning consents to developers are time limited, that developers will lose planning consents if planned building does not properly commence within a 2 Year timeframe.
5. A Land value Tax, based on local rentable value of property
6. Legislate rent controls to regulate the increase in rents
7. Introduce effective controls to the numbers of houses any legal private individual may own or rent out,
8. introducing taxation to ensure that properties are indeed in use and not left empty
9. Legislate to require higher minimum environmental and habitational standards in all new build and improvements in existing build.
10. Legislate to allow English local authorities to set higher Council Tax for second homes,
11. Regulate and Charge business rates for all dwellings used solely for very short term lets i.e. Air B&B.
12. Implement government lending for first time buyer deposits.

### **Canterbury CLP**

The Conservatives' Social Housing Green Paper, published on 14 August, fails to set out a plan to build the affordable homes needed to tackle the country's housing crisis.

Conference notes that:

- with the last Labour Government, two million homes were built, a million more households became home-owners and there was the largest social housing investment in a generation
- under the Conservatives, the number of new social rented homes is the lowest level on record
- there are now 120,000 children homeless in temporary accommodation
- the number of home-owning households under 45 has fallen by a million since 2010.

Conference resolves that the Labour Party should:

- put housing at the heart of our efforts to win the next general election and strongly promote the plans set out in our own green paper, Housing for the Many
- continue to make the case set out in the 2017 manifesto for radical housing policies
- commit to building a million of Labour's new affordable homes to rent and buy over ten years, the majority for social rent, including the biggest council housebuilding programme in over 30 years
- back those on low and ordinary incomes who want to own their own home with discounted homes to buy, first dibs for local people on new homes built in their area, and tightly targeting Help to Buy

### **Chinese for Labour**

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Conference supports this call and the statement by Ed Milliband, member of Shelter's Social Housing Commission, that investment in social housing is a vital necessity for our country.

Conference welcomes many of the recommendations in Labour's Green paper, but in light of government indifference and the worsening crisis, Labour must go further and faster.

Conference, therefore calls for Labour's commitments to: the delivery of 100,000 genuinely affordable homes a year, half of all new homes built to be genuinely affordable, to be an urgent priority, delivered in Labour's first years in government.

Conference believes that a two-tier affordable rent structure is socially divisive.

Conference therefore calls for a commitment to apply Labour's definition of social rent to all affordable rented homes.

To achieve this more ambitious plan Conference calls upon Labour to commit to: Ring fencing all surplus public land for building council homes to meet housing need. Rebalancing the government's housing budget in favour of social housing by setting a national housing grant of at least £50 billion.

**Horsham CLP**

Conference notes that: The Government's Social Housing Green Paper published on August 14th does not solve the current housing crisis, largely caused by their own failing policies (both housing and welfare reform).

Under the Conservatives, building social rented homes has fallen to the lowest level on record 120,000 children are in temporary accommodation, an increase of two-thirds since 2010, while rough sleeping has tripled

Home ownership is the lowest for 30 years

Private rents in England have gone up by 3 times as much as wages since 2010, whilst councils struggle to enforce standards Labour's Green Paper, Housing for the Many, in sharp contrast to the Tory proposals, offers solutions and hope to people currently facing bleak housing prospects under the Tories.

Conference resolves that the Labour Party should:

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

Continue to promote the radical measures to fix the housing crisis set out in the 2017 Manifesto

Commit to building a million new genuinely affordable homes to rent and buy over ten years, including the biggest council housebuilding programme in at least 30 years

Give priority for local people on new homes built in their area End rough sleeping within a Parliament and tackle the wider causes of rising homelessness, including welfare benefit catastrophes

Help private renters with an end to 'no fault' evictions, control rents, set new minimum standards, and make longer tenancies the norm.

**Labour Housing Group**

Conference notes: The Tories Green Paper published 14th Aug 2018 neither offers a penny towards social housing, nor ends 'right to buy'. The Joseph Rowntree Foundation's responded: "It does little to address the fundamental lack of low-cost rented homes". Latest statistics from MHCLG show just 5,900 social rented homes were built last year, the least since records began. We must go further and be firmer.

Conference calls Labour to:

- Build 100,000 council homes annually; with secure lifetime tenancies, and rent and service charges not above 30% of net average incomes for the lowest quartile of households in the relevant housing market area. Other social homes built to be in addition to that number.
- End 'right to buy'.
- Implement a Land Value Tax, at least initially in areas of high housing need, on the development value of land.
- Scrap viability assessments, which are purely a means to reduce affordable housing levels.
- Provide funding for the establishment of publicly owned modular housing factories and council-run Direct Labour Organisations.
- Provide land to local authorities for building council housing, including allocation of land returned into public ownership through renationalisation of industries and utilities which were privatised or taken out of direct state control.
- End the biases towards private developers in the Planning system; including by amending the appeals process; and removing the threat that local authorities will have their planning powers removed for turning down applications where developers refuse to include sufficient social and genuinely affordable housing.

**Tottenham CLP**

Conference is concerned that the Tory Social Housing Green Paper published on 14 August offers no funding to build council housing. A future Labour Government will address the housing crisis as follows:

Commit to an energy efficient building programme of council homes and construction jobs;

Repeal the Housing and Planning Act 2016; Keep public land, like the Holloway prison site, in public ownership, enabling local authorities to build much needed council homes;

End price-fixing by contractors when tendering for council and government contracts;

Return council housing maintenance in-house under local authority control, with Direct Labour Organisations taking on council new-build projects;

Better regulation of Housing Associations as registered social landlords providing social rents and quality homes and repairs;

End right to buy for Housing Associations and councils.

Utilise co-operative housing;

Ballot tenants in regeneration schemes, ensuring secure long term tenancies and the land registry remaining under public control;

Better regulation of private rented sector, including binding commitments from landlords to maintain properties, ending eviction of tenants who complain about poor housing standards, with secure tenancies;

End deregulation of building controls by privatisation or when managed by arms-length companies and Tenant Management Organisations, as exposed by the Grenfell fire;

Overhaul the building regulations;

Contractors undertaking local authority or government contracts to employ staff on equivalent of direct council employee contracts;

If there are empty properties without any occupant in a council area for more than six months, the council can accommodate homeless people in these empty properties.

**Islington North CLP**

## **IN-WORK POVERTY**

Conference notes the results of Usdaw's 'Time for Better Pay' survey, which was released in September 2018 and has laid bare the extent of in-work poverty across the UK.

Conference is appalled that half of workers have missed meals to pay bills, and that two-thirds say financial problems are impacting on their mental health.

Conference further notes Child Poverty Action Group's report in August 2018 which showed that even families with two parents currently working full-time on the 'National Living Wage' are 11% short of an acceptable income.

Conference believes that in-work poverty will grow further as Universal Credit is rolled out across the UK.

As well as the cuts affecting many thousands of workers, the in-work conditionality of Universal Credit will impact workers on short-hours contracts, with non-guaranteed hours. These workers could be sanctioned if they fail to get full-time work, worsening an already desperate situation.

Conference believes that every worker has the right to a decent income, to support themselves and their families.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to make it an urgent priority to strengthen workers' rights, including:

- A minimum wage of £10 per hour.
- The right to a minimum contract of 16 hours per week, and a contract that reflects normal working hours.
- The right to equal pay for all agency workers to be guaranteed from day one of work.
- An immediate halt to the rollout of Universal Credit and a fundamental overhaul of the system.

**USDAW**

# JUSTICE FOR THE WINDRUSH GENERATION

Conference notes:

1. The August 10 Guardian report that dozens of Windrush citizens wrongly targeted by the government over their immigration status are still waiting for their cases to be resolved.
2. On August 9 representatives of 20 churches wrote to the Home Secretary condemning the hostile environment as inhumane, unjust and causing racist discrimination.
3. On August 7 Labour-run Hackney Council became the first local authority to pass a motion pledging to oppose the criminalisation of Windrush families, celebrate annual Windrush Day and press central Government for a public enquiry into the scandal.

Conference demands the government resolve the outstanding cases now. Commonwealth citizens who came here before 1973 are British citizens. They and their relatives should not have been detained, deported, denied re-entry to this country, lost their homes, jobs and livelihoods.

Conference condemns the 'hostile environment' policy that treats these British citizens, and others entitled to be here, as illegal immigrants, and deplores the role of Theresa May in developing the policy of 'deport first, appeal later.'

Conference supports:

1. The Labour leadership's success in exposing these cruel and discriminatory policies and of forcing the resignation of a Tory Home Secretary.
2. Labour's policies to end the 'hostile environment' policy; close some detention centres and end indefinite detention; fully compensate the victims; and to demand that the Government makes immediate interim hardship payments.
3. The incoming Labour government scrapping the Immigration Act of 2014 which enshrined the hostile environment into law.

**Lewisham Deptford CLP  
West Ham CLP**

## **LOCAL BANKS**

Conference notes:

That it was announced on 5th September 2018 that Royal Bank of Scotland would be closing a further 54 branches, in addition to 162 closures across England and Wales already announced.

That one in four bank branches have been lost since 2011, with over 1,000 closures in the past three years alone.

That a recent investigation by Holyrood's economy committee expected less than 800 branches to be operating in Scotland by the end of 2018.

Conference believes:

That banks are an essential service and play a vital part in the ecology of local high streets.

The loss of high street banking services has a severe impact on many residents, especially the elderly and disabled.

The loss of local banks can have a severe impact on the local economy, with lending to small and medium sized enterprises being dampened by an average of 63% in postcodes that lose a bank branch.

Conference resolves:

That the next Labour Government will ensure accessible face-to-face provision of banking services in our communities in addition to cash withdrawal and deposit machines.

**Stoke-On-Trent North CLP**

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

On 9 August crisis-ridden, insolvent Northamptonshire county council grabbed the headlines yet again when its Tory majority voted for unprecedentedly 'radical' cuts. The National Audit Office says up to fifteen other English councils are at imminent risk of insolvency.

On 4 August Children's Commissioner Anne Longfield said council cuts will have 'catastrophic consequences' for vulnerable children. The Local Government Association says children's services are at 'breaking point'. The destruction of vast swathes of services has devastated communities and gutted already-weakened local democracy. There are billions of cuts to come: by 2020 central funding for local government will be effectively abolished. To even begin to talk about a new vision for local government we must reverse the cuts.

We endorse John McDonnell's call for 'an urgent change of direction in local government funding'.

We need restoration of all lost funding and then increases to rebuild services, build a new generation of council housing, begin to undo pay cuts, and save social care.

We denounce outsourcing. Any savings come at the expense of workers and service-users and benefit the contracting companies, not the public.

Labour will campaign clearly and vocally for rapid restoration of funding to the real-terms equivalent of 2009, then increased funding, committing to implement this in government. Thorough going reversal of outsourcing; a wide drive to restore and extend direct local government provision of services and employment, including in education, housing, children's services, adult social care and childcare.

### **Northampton South CLP**

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### **Liverpool Riverside CLP**

## **PALESTINE**

This conference notes:

On Friday the 10th August a volunteer medic Abdallah al-Qatati was shot and killed by an Israeli sniper while on duty during Great March of Return

On Friday 17th August another medic Karim Ahmad Ali Fatayer, 28, was fatally shot in the head when Israeli soldiers opened fire on unarmed protesters near the boundary fence. More than 100 others were shot with live ammunition that day on Friday.

For several months, thousands of Palestinians have engaged in mass and overwhelmingly non-violent protests in the Gaza Strip .In recent weeks, increasing evidence has emerged that Israeli forces have been deliberately targeting medical personnel. The Government of Israel has responded to the protesters with heavy repression.165 Palestinians have been killed. Of these, 122 were killed in protests, including 21 children, two journalists, four paramedics, and three people with disability. Another 8,875 people were injured, including 1,611 children, 399 women, 90 paramedics, and 82 journalists; those injured, 4,952 people were hit by live fire.

This conference resolves to call for an independent international investigation into Israel's use of force against Palestinian demonstrators; a freeze of UK Government arms sales to Israel pending the results of such an investigation; an immediate and unconditional end to the illegal blockade and closure of Gaza.

**Wolverhampton South West CLP**

#### Conference notes:

1. The Guardian of (31 August) reporting the Trump administration's confirmation of funding cuts to UNRWA, which provides emergency assistance and basic provisions to Palestinian victims of the Nakba of 1948, when the majority of Palestinian people were forcibly displaced from their homes.
2. As UNRWA's largest donor, this US decision is widely understood (Guardian 31 August) as the means to 'unilaterally sweep aside' one party to the conflict, get rid of the 'main sticking point': the international rights of the Palestinian people who are now refugees.
3. Britain's direct role in the terrible fate of the Palestinian people, who still seek their internationally protected rights to self-determination, and to return.
4. That UNRWA, established by UN General Assembly resolution 304 of 1949, derives its mandate directly from UN member states to serve Palestinian refugees until their rights are addressed, in a peace process underpinned by the principles of international law.

#### Conference condemns

1. This aggressive attempt to rewrite history, and erase the victims of the 1948 war, who were expelled or fled from their homes in Palestine.

#### Conference supports:

1. Developing solidarity with Palestinian refugees, especially young refugees, and to explore developing links with UNRWA schools, its training centres, and its local staff serving across the Middle East.

#### Conference urges

2. The British government to increase its level of annual assessed contributions to UNRWA, providing much needed reassurance and stability to Palestinian refugees, and to encourage other member states to do the same.

**Harlow CLP**

## SCHOOLS SYSTEMS

### Conference notes

1. The report in the Times Educational Supplement on 10 August that Academy heads in Kent are refusing to accept looked-after children into their schools.
2. That this is symptomatic of the regressive nature of the unaccountable, inefficient academisation programme that is continuing apace across England.
3. That the majority of secondary schools are now academies or are part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) but two thirds of primary schools still remain under Local Authority control.
4. That academisation is incompatible with an egalitarian and democratic education system serving the many, not the few.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to ensure that all schools will be taken back under local democratic control under a Labour Government; and applauds those Labour controlled authorities who have resisted academisation; but believes that the Labour Party should adopt a more robust policy of opposition to the continuing academisation of schools, especially our Primary schools.

Conference notes that there are many local campaigns of opposition to the academisation programme involving parents, teachers and local community activists and believes Labour should offer support and encouragement to these activists in resisting academisation in line with our commitment to community organising.

Conference agrees that in government, the Labour Party will bring all schools back under local democratic control, abolishing Academy Trusts including all Multi Academy Trusts, and that therefore proposals to wind up MATs and turn over control and management of their schools to local democratically controlled structures should be developed urgently.

**Bognor Regis and Littlehampton CLP  
Nottingham East CLP**

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**Broadland CLP**

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2. The report in the Guardian of August 31st outlining the rise in exclusions in secondary schools, showing 45 schools, mainly academies, had excluded 20% of their pupils.
3. The Panorama programme on 10th September exposed examples of corruption in the academies programme and the failure of the government to maintain proper control over public money. It notes the above are the consequences of a semi-privatised, market-based education system where schools compete to boost their standing in the league tables, often at the expense of the more vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to ensure that all schools will be democratically accountable to their communities. However, the principles of accountability and collaboration which are central to our NEC charter cannot be implemented whilst the current fragmented and semi-privatised school system persists. The Party is developing a strategy for the empowerment of communities. Our education policy must both reflect and contribute to this endeavour. The main task in education for a Labour government will be to recreate a coherent, planned and appropriately funded national public system which is accountable to its various stakeholders and communities: this task to include the reintegration of academies into the system. Conference instructs the NEC to work with the teaching unions, the SEA, academics and others to take this policy forward as a matter of urgency..

#### **Socialist Educational Association (SEA)**

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3. That the majority of secondary schools are now academies or are part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) but two thirds of primary schools still remain under Local Authority control. 4. That academisation is incompatible with an egalitarian and democratic education system serving the many, not the few.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to ensure that all schools will be taken back under local democratic control under a Labour Government; applauds those Labour controlled authorities who have resisted academisation; believes that the Labour Party should adopt a more robust policy of opposition to the continuing academisation of schools, especially our Primary schools. Conference notes that there are many local campaigns of opposition to the academisation programme involving parents, teachers and local community activists and believes Labour should offer support and encouragement to these activists in resisting academisation in line with our commitment to community organising.

Conference agrees that in government, the Labour Party will bring all schools back under local democratic control, abolishing Academy Trusts including all Multi Academy Trusts. Therefore proposals to wind up MATs and turn over control and management of their schools to local democratically controlled structures should be developed urgently.

**Truro and Falmouth CLP**

# TENANTS' RIGHTS

Conference notes:

That most of England's 11 million renters are on tenancies with fixed terms of six months or a year; after this period has ended, landlords can evict their tenants with just two months' notice, without giving them a reason.

These 'no fault evictions' were introduced under Section 21 of the 1988 Housing Act; before this, renters had much greater security and it was difficult for landlords to evict tenants who paid the rent on time and looked after the property.

That on Sunday August 19th, 'The Observer' published research by campaign group Generation Rent showing that Section 21 evictions are now the single biggest cause of homelessness in England.- In Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden (among other countries), tenancies are indefinite, meaning blameless tenants cannot be evicted from their homes.

In 2017, the Scottish government made tenancies indefinite and banned no-fault evictions under the terms of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016.

Conference believes:

Mass homelessness is a national disgrace, and removing its leading causes should be a priority for an incoming Labour government.

Alongside tackling homelessness, abolishing Section 21 no-fault evictions would help to make renting more secure, improve standards and increase tenant confidence.

We resolve:

To work with the Unfair Evictions Campaign led by Generation Rent, the New Economics Foundation, ACORN and the London Renters Union.

That the next Labour government should abolish Section 21 no-fault evictions.

**Hackney South and Shoreditch CLP  
Leyton and Wanstead CLP**

This Conference applauds Labour plans from Shadow Housing Secretary John Healey, to create a genuine new tenant-focussed body called 'Tenants' Voice'; a government agency dedicated to upholding consumer standards for councils, housing associations, tenants and leaseholders. It also notes the government's social housing green paper published on 14 August 2018, which John Healey describes as 'pitiful' and as failing to tackle the lack of supply of social housing. It is recognised that one of the main causes of homelessness is the breakdown of family groups due to overcrowding.

Therefore, the proposed 'Tenants' Voice' would be the vehicle for social housing tenants to apply for government assisted grant funding to convert lofts and provide extensions thus creating the extra capacity that is urgently needed to prevent family break-up.

Housing issues such as 'right to buy' and 'spare room subsidy' would be factored into the legislation that would be needed to support this scheme.

Further to this initiative the 'Tenants' Voice' would also be the enabling body for tenants to make complaints through the Housing Ombudsman, and act as champion for tenants at a local and national level. This would spread best practice throughout the Nation.

## **Rochdale CLP**

### Conference Notes:

'No fault evictions' were introduced under Section 21 of the 1988 Housing Act. This introduced short-term tenancies of six months and gave landlords the power to evict tenants at the end of this period with just two months' notice and without reason.

On 11 August, Communities Secretary James Brokenshire MP launched a government drive to end homelessness by 2027. The £100m 'strategy' will offer help with mental health and addictions, as well as targeted support to get rough sleepers off the streets and into long-term accommodation.

Conference welcomes a commitment to ending homelessness but notes that whilst issues of mental health provision play their part in exacerbating the crisis, evictions are in fact the number one cause of homelessness in Britain and 80% of evictions are on no-fault grounds.

Conference believes that just as temporary employment contracts make workers insecure and tip the balance of power in favour of bosses, insecure tenancies make it difficult for renters to complain and organise for their rights. The Labour movement does not tolerate insecure contracts at work, and nor should it accept short-term, insecure tenancies in housing.

Conference therefore calls on the Labour Party to commit to ending section 21 of the 1988 Housing act. This would help to make renting more secure, improve standards and give renters the dignity and quality of living they deserve.

## **Solihull CLP**

## THE NHS

On 9 August, Matt Hancock's £450m NHS IT funding promise was revealed as a framework for multiplying GP business opportunities for digital service providers.

On 14 August, patient safety concerns forced NHS England (NHSE) to suspend expansion of the Babylon app GP At Hand, criticised by Labour. These apps cherry-pick the healthy, excluding those who most need care, and are destabilising GP surgeries, the very core of patient-centred care, by requiring users to de-register from their GP.

This CLP notes that 'digitalising care' for profit is a major facet of healthcare privatisation and de-professionalisation and a key plank of the NHSE Five Year Forward View (FYFV); a blueprint to standardise health services for the benefit of transnational corporations, as is well-documented in Somerset, Birmingham and the North, healthcare transnationals are transforming diagnostic, clinical and digital services into insurable, US-style managed care packages.

Labour reiterates its commitment to the policies set out in Composite 8 at 2017 conference, including opposition to the FYFV. At the earliest opportunity, Labour in government must eliminate all aspects of the NHS market created since 1990; not just clinical services but throughout the NHS. East part - from cleaning to planning - substantially affects patients' wellbeing.

In opposition, Labour must fight to ensure that digital health is subject to rigorous evidence-based criteria and does not further compromise patient safety, especially in seriously under-provisioned areas like mental health.

The shadow health team and Labour councils must actively implement and promote all elements of this resolution.

**Brentwood and Ongar CLP**  
**Gateshead CLP**  
**Henley CLP**  
**Liverpool Wavertree CLP**

This CLP notes the decision by unelected NHS England executives of 30 August 2018 to instruct NHS bodies to direct their elective surgery patients to private providers given lack of capacity within the NHS.

This CLP recalls that reducing NHS capacity represents the bulk of this government's policy, as set out within the 5 Year Forward View (5YFV), which Labour conference 2017 voted unanimously to oppose, and to which conference now reiterates its opposition.

This CLP also notes that this occurs within the context of 30 years of NHS policymaking driven by and for vested private healthcare interests, of which the Health and Social Care Act is merely a salient example.

Conference therefore declares that reducing NHS capacity in order to expand private market access to vulnerable patients is unquestionably a form of privatisation which Labour must oppose and reverse. Furthermore, conference emphasises that in this context, 'underfunding' is merely a means to an end, and cannot and should not be described as the main driver of policy, which remains subservience to corporate interests.

Conference therefore resolves that the Labour Party must make explicit its break with this dominant policy trend. Labour must pledge instead to make policy motivated purely by public service aims. Policy must not be influenced by former and current executives representing vested interests, such as management consultancies, Big Four accountancy firms and private healthcare corporations that currently dominate the healthcare policy landscape.

#### **Maldon CLP**

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#### **Putney CLP**

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Labour's Shadow Health Minister points out that waiting-lists are 'well above 4 million' and that 'it is essential that every penny is going to frontline services and to improving patient-care rather than padding out private profits'. Yet, according to research published by The Guardian on 6 August, Virgin has over the past 5 years been awarded NHS contracts worth almost £2bn.

Conference therefore reaffirms its commitment to: ensure that our NHS is publicly owned, provided and funded;

oppose creeping privatisation and the Naylor Report's call for a fire-sale of NHS assets;

reverse existing privatisations, Private Finance Initiatives and the debts which they entail.

The government's 'Integrated Care Providers' (ICPs) and 'Accountable Care Systems' (ACSs) involve limited services on restricted budgets, replacing NHS hospitals with de-skilled community units.

Conference therefore calls on all sections of the Labour Party to join with NHS patients, staff and others in publicly campaigning against ACSs and ICPs and actively advocating an NHS which is not exploited by the private sector but is properly funded and genuinely accountable.

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### **Washington and Sunderland West CLP**

#### **Labour Students National Committee notes:**

Students and young people's mental health services are in crisis. Tory cuts have left 6,600 fewer mental health nurses since 2010 while universities are failing their students on mental health, all of which is having a devastating impact on students and young people.

#### **Labour Students National Committee believes:**

Labour founded our NHS will always protect it. As the party of students and young people, we must rebuild mental health services in this country for the next generation.

#### **Labour Students National Committee resolves:**

To ensure Labour Party policy is:

That all students at FE institutions have access to a counsellor.

That improvement of University provision of mental health services is an explicit priority.

That the number of mental health nurses shall be returned to 2010 levels.

**Labour Students**

## **WELFARE SYSTEM**

Conference deplores the rollout, against numerous warnings, of Universal Credit (UC); a draconian system leaving many facing debt, eviction and hunger.

Conference notes the 11 August report in the Guardian, following a successful Freedom of Information request, showing that the proportion of UC claimants whose payments are being subject to deductions of up to 40% of a standard monthly UC payment to pay off arrears in rent, council tax and utility bills, has risen from 10% to 33% in the year up to May 2018.

Conference notes that this coincides with a big increase in the numbers of UC claimants due to the initial roll out and that the majority of claimants have not been migrated yet.

Conference further notes the report from the Child Poverty Action Group on 6 August highlighting the problems due to the monthly assessment period with one family whose UC payment varied from £0 to £1,185 since last year, and others losing up to £258 work allowance per month.

Conference believes that these and numerous other documented issues with UC demonstrate that it is beyond fixing and therefore calls on an incoming Labour government to:

- 1) Stop and scrap UC
- 2) Carry out a far-reaching social security reform that truly makes work pay and protects those unable to work;

and on the Party as a whole, under the leadership of the Shadow Secretary of State Work and Pensions, to campaign for this policy until such time as 1) and 2) are achieved.

**Birmingham, Ladywood CLP**  
**Bristol South CLP**  
**South Northamptonshire CLP**

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Conference believes that the very numerous documented issues demonstrate UC is beyond fixing and therefore calls on an incoming Labour government to:

- 1) Stop and scrap UC,
- 2) Carry out a far-reaching reform of social security that protects the low paid and those unable to work;

We call on the whole Party under the leadership of the Shadow Secretary of State Work and Pensions to campaign for this policy until such time as these are achieved.

#### **Preseli Pembrokeshire CLP**

Conference notes that the 2018 Joseph Rowntree report revealed that 1.5 million people are destitute in this country and more live in extreme poverty. One reason is our extremely discriminatory benefits system. The more problems you have the more you are likely to suffer, especially if you have a learning disability with no voice of your own. The government paid £40 million to Atos (now IAS), Capita and others to run benefits assessments in 2018 and £225 million in 2017. The system is punitive - has deprived many people with complex and life-long problems of the basic means of survival and the respect due to their humanity. There have been deaths; there have been suicides.

Conference demands that the Labour party commit to:

- 1 The establishment of a fairer, more compassionate approach to welfare and social care both nationally and locally.
2. The establishment of policy and procedures that diminish the 'piling on of burdens' for disabled people and their carers. Conference supports that a re-organisation of the current benefits system should begin with two positive actions:
3. To bring assessments back 'in house' as the sole responsibility of the Department of Work and Pensions and to relinquish the involvement of private companies.
4. For the DWP to establish a data base of evidence for individual and long-term claimants so that (in the words of the NHS) no-one has to tell the same story twice e.g. to repeatedly fill in forms with the same information.

#### **Wimbledon CLP**

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Conference notes the report from the Child Poverty Action Group on 6 August highlighting the problems due to the monthly assessment period with one family whose UC payment varied from £0 to £1,185 since last year, and others losing up to £258 work allowance per month.

Conference notes that leading charities and The Work and Pensions Select Committee have warned that single household payments of UC could put claimants living with domestic abuse at increased risk of harm.

Conference calls on an incoming Labour government to:

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and on the Party as a whole, under the leadership of the Shadow Secretary of State Work and Pensions, to campaign for this policy until such time as 1) and 2) are achieved.

**Hampstead and Kilburn CLP**

At the heart of our Welfare State are rights and universality.

Conference therefore deplores the rollout, against numerous warnings, of Universal Credit (UC); a draconian system leaving many facing debt, eviction and hunger. Conference notes the 11 August report in the Guardian, following a successful Freedom of Information request, showing that the proportion of UC claimants whose payments are being subject to deductions of up to 40% of a standard monthly UC payment to pay off arrears in rent, council tax and utility bills, has risen from 10% to 33% in the year up to May 2018. Universal Credit is:

- deliberately opaque for cutting costs at the expense of quality of life and dignity
- based on conditionality not rights
- paid in arrears, often delayed 6 weeks, leaving claimants in a cycle of debt and hunger
- paid in single monthly payments for the household facilitating economic control by abusers
- subject to benefit freeze causing reduction entitlement to free school meals and will leave around 1 million children living in poverty,
- ineligible for FSMs and passported benefits.

Conference believes that these and numerous other documented issues with UC demonstrate that it is beyond fixing and therefore calls on an incoming Labour government to 'Stop and Scrap' Universal Credit.

Conference also calls on the Shadow Secretary of State to lead a nationwide campaign to oppose the rollout of UC and to propose a social security system putting claimants' rights at its heart with a commitment to reimburse councils putting interim support in place.

### **Hornsey and Wood Green CLP**

Conference notes increasing evidence of the damaging effects of UC on claimants, including:

- 8th August CPAG report showing the damaging and unpredictable consequences of monthly assessment of income
- 11th August Observer report, showing that 1 in 3 UC claimants have their payments cut to cover debts, leading to severe deprivation
- 14th August DWP statistics showing UC claimants are nine times more likely to be sanctioned than claimants of the benefits UC replaces, resulting in illness and hunger

Conference opposes UC because it:

- Characterises claimants as 'welfare dependent', basing access to benefits on conditions and tests, regardless of labour market and personal circumstances.
- Uses punitive sanctions, leaving claimants in poverty, debt and malnutrition
- Has further reduced the benefit support available to disabled people and single parents
- Leaves many claimants, including low paid workers, worse off than previously
- Is used to cut the overall benefit bill at the expense of claimants' quality of life We welcome the NPF's commitment to 'reform and redesign', but believe we must go further.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to OPPOSE the roll out of UC, to SCRAP UC, and to DEVELOP a progressive benefit system which: Puts claimants' right to financial support and a living income at its heart.

Acknowledges how social and economic changes, and changes in personal circumstances, can lead to marginalisation and demoralisation.

Provides substantial assistance to claimants in finding and securing employment.

Addresses the barriers to employment for disabled people and single parents.

### **Sheffield Heeley CLP**

We note:

- the 8 August ONS figures showing that improvement in life expectancy has virtually stopped.
- the 6 August Child Poverty Action Group report on how Universal Credit's flaws are leading to low-income families arbitrarily losing as much as £258 a month
- the July Resolution Foundation figures showing the poorest third incomes fell last year, even before inflation.

The situation is shameful. We must reverse the drive, accelerating since 2010, to make welfare less and less about supporting those in need and more and more stingy, punitive and coercive. Neither Universal Credit nor the existing framework (JSA, ESA, etc) are good. We must redesign benefits in close consultation with recipients, workers and their organisations. This must be part of a wider anti-poverty program, with a goal that by the end of our first term foodbanks disappear.

We commit to

1. Ending the benefit freeze; uprating with inflation or earnings, whichever is higher.
2. Reversing all cuts/reductions; increasing benefits to afford a comfortable, not minimum, income.
3. Entitlement conditions that are straightforward, inclusive and available to all, including migrants (scrap 'No recourse to public funds').
4. Paying benefits for all children and dependents.
5. Abolishing all sanctions.
6. Scrapping Work Capability and similar assessments.
7. Relevant health issues being addressed using medical professionals with appropriate knowledge of individuals' conditions and disabilities.
8. Delivery by paid public servants via networks accessible to everyone, including provision of face-to-face support for all who need it. Reversing DWP cuts and privatisation.

**Isle of Wight CLP**

## **YEMEN**

Conference notes:

As a result of the Saudi-led airstrike on Yemen on the 9 August, 43 people were killed including 29 children under the age of 15, a further 63 people were injured. This is not an isolated incident and the Saudi-led coalition undertook 258 airstrikes on Yemen in June alone, one third of which were in residential areas.

Under international humanitarian law, civilians must be protected, and the actions of the coalition are in breach of this law. Millions of civilians have become displaced as a result of the military action and thousands are dying through disease and malnutrition.

The Campaign Against the Arms Trade confirms that the UK Government has licensed £4.7 billion worth of arms to the Saudis since the start of the conflict in 2015, including £2.7 billion spent on aircraft, helicopters and drones and a further £1.9 billion on grenades, bombs and missiles. The Conservative Government continues to ignore their responsibility in this human tragedy by failing to prevent the sale of arms to Saudi Arabia.

Conference calls upon the Shadow Cabinet to condemn the ongoing atrocities in Yemen and to demand that the Conservative Government immediately halts the sale of arms to Saudi Arabia while this conflict continues.

Conference calls upon an incoming Labour Government to reinvigorate Robin Cook's ethical foreign policy and, in so doing, prevent the sale of arms to any country involved in an ongoing conflict and involved in human rights abuses.

**Strathkelvin and Bearsden CLP**