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## **Motions**

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## **ABORTION**

Conference notes that:

Abortion is an essential part of women's health care. It is rightly highly regulated. Access to safe abortion services within the terms of the Abortion Act 1967 is vital and this access must always be protected without fear or intimidation.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

Promote the development of sentencing guidelines to ensure that women who may seek abortions outside the terms of the Abortion Act 1967 are not subjected to custodial sanctions.

Ensure that access to safe and legal abortions is maintained across the UK so all women are able to access the healthcare service they need at a vulnerable time.

Protect abortion services and their provision through regulated and legal access routes.

### **Cities of London and Westminster CLP**

Conference notes that:

Abortion is an essential part of women's health care which is highly regulated. Women's rights over their bodies must always be protected. Access to safe abortion services within term limits is vital and this access must always be provided without fear or intimidation.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Ensure abortions are not subjected to custodial sanctions.
- Commit to providing parliamentary time for free votes for all MPs on
- modernising abortion law to ensure women do not go to jail for getting an abortion at a vulnerable time.
- Ensure access to safe and legal abortions is maintained across the UK so all women are able to access the healthcare service they need at a vulnerable time.
- Protect abortion services and their provision through different regulated and legal access routes.

### **West Bromwich East CLP**

## **ACCESS TO CASH**

Securing cash payments in the digital age.

Cashless payments require customers to have bank accounts but over a million adults in the UK do not use banks.

Review of the unbanked population suggest that they mainly come from areas of deprivation and include some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

Banks and businesses are withdrawing cash and customer services without regard to customer concern, circumstance and choice.

Labour resolves to secure a level of provision from banks and businesses that will offer choice, access and security of service to all their customers.

Labour will introduce,

A legal right to pay for goods and services in person using cash. A statutory obligation on banks and ATM operators to provide an appropriate network of free-to-use cash deposit and withdrawal services for public access across the UK. An expansion in accessible banking services available through the Post Office.

**Mole Valley CLP**

## **ALCOHOL REGULATION**

In the UK, the sale of alcohol is regulated for the purpose of health and safety. For those who are underage or too intoxicated, the law prevents these people from being served in pubs and shops. Advertising standards are rigid around the way alcohol is promoted, with a long list of dos and don'ts for retailers and producers alike.

However, one area where the law let's people down is remote alcohol sales that are easy to register for online, with much of the communication via the phone with a team of highly persuasive sales people who are less interested in a customer's wellbeing and more interested in selling them something they no longer want.

Alcohol-related harm is estimated to cost the NHS £3.5 billion every year in England alone, with the serious impact that excessive drinking can have on your health, it seems nonsensical that a request to cancel an ongoing subscription is being twisted into an opportunity to sell you more.

Conference therefore commits to ensuring that these channels are not used to take advantage of vulnerable people. To achieve this, we need explicit legislation addressing how alcohol is sold for personal use via the phone and internet to include:

- Ceasing to share offers and promotions after a customer says they are reducing or stopping their alcohol consumption

- Banning retention targets for cancellation departments as this puts pressure on employees to ignore warning signs
- Qualified escalation points to handle wellbeing concerns

**Poole CLP**

## **AN NHS FIT FOR THE FUTURE**

Conference notes that:

- 13 years of Conservative and 16 years of SNP neglect, and mismanagement has meant that the NHS is no longer there for people when they need it. Month long waits to see a GP, ambulances that can't get to people in time to save lives, dangerously long queues in A&E, and over 7 million on the waiting list in the UK, 820,000 in Scotland- a system at breaking point.
- The health system is becoming two-tier, with creaking NHS care for those who can't afford to pay, and timely care only for those with the money to go private.

Conference further notes that:

- Under Labour, the NHS will never be for sale. Labour created the NHS and should be the primary defender of its founding principles: that it remain free at the point of delivery, available to all, based on need not ability to pay.

Conference calls on the Labour party to:

- Build an NHS fit for the future that is there when people need it; with fewer lives lost to the biggest killers; in a fairer Britain, where everyone lives well for longer.
- Improve mental health services and cut waiting times, particularly for children and young people.
- Train the next generation of doctors, nurses, and community health staff.
- Create a neighbourhood health service and tackle public health challenges.
- Streamline NHS procurement to get the best modern technology to staff.
- Speed up clinical trials in the NHS and ensure everyone in the UK can benefit.

**Dumbarton CLP**

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### **Penistone and Stocksbridge CLP, Feltham and Heston CLP, Rutherglen CLP**

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- Repair and strengthen social care and primary care
- Create a working environment that motivates and retains staff
- Explore the possibility of providing a long term guarantee that NHS wages will keep pace with economic change

**Selby and Ainsty CLP**

## **ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION**

Wells CLP notes that the current Government is intent on introducing its Illegal Immigration Bill, despite the fact that it is likely to be incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. Wells CLP believes that the creation of such a hostile environment by the current Government serves to pander to a small right-wing section of its party and does in fact not reflect the humane and tolerant values held by the British public. Wells CLP resolves that the Labour Party should commit to creating a humane asylum system by:

- Ending the deportation of asylum seekers.- Creating greater access to family reunion through the expansion of the eligibility criteria and increased funding and support for applicants.
- Increasing the funding for the processing of asylum claims in order to reduce waiting times of decision making and speed up the access to housing and financial support.
- Reviewing the asylum system to make it fairer and welcoming.
- Ending the hostile environment in reality as well as in name in order to reduce the need for appeals regarding asylum decisions and to bring an end to the treatment of asylum seekers as if they were criminals.



- Increasing the number of safe and legal routes to the UK (including the expansion of refugee resettlement schemes), whilst maintaining the rights for those who come to the UK through irregular routes

### **Wells CLP**

Conference calls for safe asylum routes for those fleeing war and all other plights covered by our responsibilities under the 1951 Refugee Convention.

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Conference applauds PCS trade unionists, whose strike threats and legal action defeated maritime pushback plans.

Labour will commit in power, and campaign in opposition and at the grassroots, to:

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2. reject immigration systems based on numerical caps, minimum income/wealth requirements, or utility to employers;
3. ensure safe, legal routes for asylum seekers, day-one rights to work, education and social security, and expand family reunion rights;
4. abolish no recourse to public funds, NHS charges & restrictions, and all Hostile Environment policies;
5. introduce a simple process for all UK residents to gain permanent residency;
6. grant equal voting rights for all with leave to remain;
7. close all immigration detention centres;
8. support workers refusing to implement deportations, Hostile Environment measures and pushbacks;
9. re-enter Europe's free movement area, and pursue free movement agreements with other countries, including in future trade deals, with the goal of equal free movement for all

### **Oldham East and Saddleworth CLP**

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- abolish no recourse to public funds, NHS charges & restrictions, and all Hostile Environment policies;
- replace Settled Status with an automatic Right to Stay;
- introduce a simple process for all UK residents to gain permanent residency;
- grant all UK residents equal voting rights;
- close all detention centres; end all immigration raids, detention, and deportations, including racist double sentencing;
- support workers refusing to implement deportations, Hostile Environment measures and pushbacks;
- level up domestic workers' rights to equal other workers;

### **Southampton, Test CLP**

Cambridge CLP requests that Labour:

Ensure that the UN Convention on the Status of Refugees Convention and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees | UNHCR (accessed 4 May 2023) and the European Convention on Human Rights European Convention on Human Rights (coe.int) (accessed 4 May 2023) are always complied with in laws relating to refugees, asylum seekers and immigration policy, and followed by Labour in government.

Recognise that climate change is generating higher numbers of refugees and asylum seekers and propelling immigration, and impacting on trafficking of human beings for labour, domestic labour, and exploitation through prostitution

Take all possible steps to renounce current government laws, proposed legislation, and policy programmes on refugees, asylum seekers and immigration that operate detrimentally and retributively on people coming to the United Kingdom whether on boats or otherwise seeking refuge, and are designed to punish and penalise them

Introduce in government a legislative programme consistent with a government policy that recognises traffickers as offending against human rights and the rights of those fleeing war and ravages wrought by climate change, so that they are subject to prosecution, rather than the victims/survivors of war and climate change being prosecuted and punished.

### **Cambridge CLP**

Conference notes:

The Illegal Migration Act outlaws the small boats carrying refugees across the Channel.

The UN High Commission on Refugees says the bill is an effective ban on the right to asylum and contravenes the 1951 Refugee Convention.

The government claims it is stopping illegal immigrants, but the majority of those claiming asylum have their claims upheld.

Only a tiny proportion of the world's refugees come to Britain. A record 103 million people were forcibly displaced around the world (2022), of whom 37 million were refugees or asylum seekers. Nearly 70% of refugees and others needing protection remained in countries bordering their land of origin.

Polls show the economy and health are more important issues for the electorate, but the government is prioritising immigration.

Fascist organisations like 'Patriotic Alternative' have adopted Home Secretary Suella Braverman's 'invasion of the Southern coast' rhetoric as a slogan to mobilise and attack refugees.

The strength of public support for refugees - and defence of Gary Lineker - when he opposed the bill.

Conference believes:

This year - £500 million was given to France to stop refugees from crossing Channel. This money should be invested in the NHS and improving living standards.

The Illegal Migration Bill is another attempt to scapegoat and distract from the government's policies making people worse off.

A Labour Government should repeal the Illegal Migration Act

Conference resolves to oppose the Tories' racist campaign and support the right to asylum.

### **Halifax CLP**

The South Cambridgeshire CLP urges the Labour Party to adopt a fair and humane immigration policy which includes long term solutions to address the reasons people are forced to leave their homes as a result of climate change, conflict, and economic deprivation.

We expect a Labour Government to:

1. Institute safe routes and a fair visa system
2. Work with neighbouring European countries to develop joint processing systems which enable people to apply for visas before entering the UK legally.
3. Ensure that unaccompanied minors are protected under robust safeguarding measures.
4. Ensure local councils are supported in providing safe accommodation for refugees.
5. Allow people to work whilst their asylum applications are being processed.
6. Challenge and change the dominant parliamentary narrative and language used, which is amplified in the media, vilifying those seeking refuge.
7. Scrap the cruel and ineffective Rwanda scheme.
8. Restore the fundamental legal right to seek asylum enshrined by the Refugee Convention by repealing the Illegal Migration and relevant sections of the Nationality and Borders Acts.

### **South Cambridgeshire CLP**

Over thirteen years, Conservative governments have failed to maintain a functional asylum system, prioritising short-term gimmicks over long-term solutions.

The Conservatives' Illegal Migration Bill is unworkable, unethical and will not prevent dangerous boat crossings putting lives at risk. It will further encourage people traffickers to exploit their victims and worsen the asylum backlog.

A Labour government would reform our immigration system to ensure we get the skills and people our economy needs, fix the points-based immigration system and introduce a fair and effective system for asylum seekers and refugees.

Conference calls on Labour in government to:

- Crack down on the criminal gangs facilitating small boat crossings by investing in the National Crime Agency and establishing a new cross-border police unit.
- Make asylum processing more efficient by restoring casework targets and introducing
- fast-track schemes and an effective removals system for those who don't qualify.
- Redesign resettlement schemes, providing a clearer and safer process for refugees with family connections in the UK to be considered for resettlement.
- Open application centres for refugees in key locations abroad.
- Introduce accurate migration statistics which do not include British Citizens.
- Counter myths and misinformation about immigration.
- Work internationally to address crises leading people to flee their homes.
- Reform and strengthen the Migration Advisory Committee.
- Scrap rules that allow overseas workers coming to the UK to be paid 20 percent less than UK workers and end exploitative recruitment agency fees.
- Commit to ending the use of unsuitable hotel accommodation for housing asylum seekers.

**Ipswich CLP**

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Conference further notes that:

- A Labour government would reform our immigration system to ensure we get the skills and people our economy needs. There will be no return to freedom of movement, and Labour will fix the points-based immigration system.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Crack down on the criminal gangs that are fuelling and facilitating small boat crossings by investing in the National Crime Agency and establishing a new cross-border police unit.
- Make asylum processing more efficient by restoring casework targets and introducing fast-track schemes.
- Redesign resettlement schemes, such as providing a clearer process for refugees with family connections in the UK to be considered for resettlement, preventing them being exploited by criminal gangs or making dangerous journeys.
- Work with international partners to address crises leading people to flee their homes and provide the leadership needed to tackle criminal gangs and prevent boat crossings.
- Reform and strengthen the Migration Advisory Committee so that it can review shortages more often.
- Scrap rules that allow overseas workers coming to the UK to be paid 20 percent less than the going rate for that job.

#### **Dartford CLP, Edmonton CLP, Bassetlaw CLP**

Conference deplores the Conservative UK Government's approach towards people fleeing violence and persecution, and other migrants and the rhetoric that ignores migrants' huge contribution to British society.

The next General Election manifesto should commit to:

- reducing the number of deaths connected to Channel crossings both in boats and lorries by creating safe and legal routes to come to the UK to have an asylum claim considered.
- re-affirm Britain's commitments to its international obligations under the UN Refugee Convention, reversing recent policies including the Rwanda deportations and the Illegal Immigration Bill as ineffective and contrary to international law.
- provide asylum seekers with financial support that meets basic needs whilst awaiting the outcome of their case, guaranteeing a right to food and accommodation fit for human habitation

- stop the use military facilities to house asylum seekers
- provide asylum seekers with the right to work while awaiting the outcome of their claim, benefiting the public purse by an estimated £98m a year
- recognise the skills asylum seekers offer, almost half of whom are potential “critical workers”, including in health or social care
- adequately resource the asylum system, to promptly and accurately make decisions on asylum claims
- reject language or rhetoric that demonises migrants
- celebrate the contribution of all types of migration to our economic and cultural well-being.

In preparation for Government, Conference calls on the Shadow Cabinet to positively advocate for these policies, and resist being drawn into divisive Tory rhetoric around migration.

### **Gower CLP**

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- level up domestic workers’ rights to equal other workers;
- reenter Europe’s free movement area, and pursue free movement agreements with other countries, including in all future trade deals, with the goal of equal free movement for all.

## Huntingdon CLP

### CHALLENGES FACING RETAIL AND THE HIGH STREET

Conference recognises that retail is at the heart of our communities – but retail workers are denied a fair deal.

Wilko’s collapse in September 2023 led to 12,500 direct job losses. Conference recognises that this was not inevitable, as shareholders extracted dividends worth £77 million in the last ten years.

Conference recognises GMB’s work to try to save Wilko, and GMB’s campaigns to protect and improve jobs and secure equal pay in Asda.

Conference further recognises that Wilko was not the first and it will not be the last, noting that GMB research shows that hundreds of thousands of brick-and-mortar retail jobs have been lost since 2010.

Conference acknowledges that:

- Jobs and shops are being lost on the high street because the antiquated business rates system penalises investment.
- The collapse of Wilko exposed fundamental problems in company administration law. The public pays the cost of redundancies but the taxpayer interest is not recognised, and TUPE does not apply when employers are liquidated.
- The growth of predatory business ownership models in retail is putting critical parts of the sector at risk.
- Retail workers are exposed to low wages and violence and abuse, despite their recognition as key workers when the pandemic struck.

Conference therefore calls on Labour to:



- Send a message of support to all Wilko workers.
- Replace business rates with a fairer system.
- Extend legal protections against violence at work to retail.
- Work with retail unions to reform administration law and TUPE, and establish ownership standards for critical national retailers.

## **GMB**

Conference recognises that retail is at the heart of our communities, but that it is facing growing challenges. The economic environment, combined with an inadequate employment rights framework, has put many jobs at risk. Usdaw's 'Freedom From Fear' Campaign has also highlighted the horrific level of abuse and violence faced by frontline retail workers and the need for meaningful action to tackle this. In addition, the increased use of technology across the sector is significantly impacting working practices, not just in terms of online retail but also the growing digitisation in stores. When taken together, retail workers are facing unprecedented challenges affecting every aspect of their working lives.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to increasing security of work in the New Deal, including strengthening redundancy rights and protections, and to implementing for all workers the measures in the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Act 2021 that currently protect Scottish retail workers from abuse and violence.

Conference calls on Labour to:

- Ensure that the importance of the retail sector and our communities' high streets is reflected in Labour's industrial strategy, emphasising the need to protect jobs, deliver growth, and provide security of employment.
- Deliver on the strongest possible legal protections for frontline retail workers as soon as possible.
- Establish a taskforce to deal with the challenges of new technology and automation as a matter of urgency, in order to protect jobs and to make sure that the economy is well positioned to adapt.

## **Union of Shop, Distributed & Allied Workers**

### **CHILD TRUST FUND**

This CLP notes that:

Labour has always been a party of societal improvement, opportunity creation and future security for all. The last Labour government created the Child Trust

Fund policy, launched in 2002. The Conservatives dismantled this scheme, a direct attack on the future of our youth. This CLP believes that:

A Labour government should implement a policy similar to the Child Trust Fund Policy but go further.

All children born in the UK would have an amount placed into a trust fund paid by the government; this would mature into the equivalent of £1000 once the child has reached 18 years old. This would remove the insecurity of many young adults, by giving them a platform of savings, or a lump sum to invest. The cost of this policy: Ballpark figure - 694,685 births in 2021 in UK, £400 in bank account gives a realistic £1000 final sum in 18 years according to Santander calculator, so £277,874,000 investment per year for all those births.

Even if it is spent by the recipient on leisure the money goes back into the economy, furthermore charities such as Give Directly demonstrate the benefits of direct transfer of cash. This scheme could be funded by the economic benefits of the GB energy policies. Reinvesting the wealth generated from GB Energy into future generations, building a better Britain not just for us but for those that follow us.

**Gravesham CLP**

## **CHILDCARE**

The Labour Party have committed to reforming early years provision and childcare, prioritising those most in need. The Conservative government's current childcare plans excludes many who would benefit from early years' provision and maintains a complicated system. According to Pregnant then Screwed, 1.7 million women are prevented from taking on more paid work because of childcare costs. During a skills and cost-of-living crisis, at least 870,000 mums want to work but can't due to childcare costs and availability. High-quality childcare also helps children reach their potential. Every -£1 invested saves -£13 in later interventions. Parental and adoption leave are poorly paid and reinforce women as primary caregiver.

Conference resolves:

For childcare to be considered as infrastructure and a key part of regional and national industrial strategies. To consult with the early years' sector and parents and create a comprehensive plan to: recruit and retain a workforce that is fairly paid and more valued; reform a crumbling system and build a model that works for parents, childcare professionals, the economy and gender equality, looking at guaranteed, affordable childcare from 9 months. ensure high levels of education and care for children To improve the childcare system to ensure increased women's participation in the workforce, to stimulate economic growth

and to reduce the gender pay gap. To review parental and adoption leave to ensure it is equal and affordable for all.

## **Bristol East CLP**

Conference notes:

The UK has some of the highest childcare costs in the world, holding back our economy and potential of children, young people and parents. The ability to pay high childcare costs has significantly worsened during the Cost of Living crisis. The patchwork system of 15 or 30 'free' hours is woefully inadequate and not fit for purpose with underfunding creating an unsustainable early years sector.

Investing in a universal guarantee of affordable childcare for all families is the route to raising educational attainment, narrowing the gap for disadvantaged children and helping achieve equal pay for women.

High quality childcare provision provides the best start in life for the next generation. The UK currently has over 1 million job vacancies with skills gaps being filled by overseas recruitment.

The significant economic and societal benefits of; increasing parents' earnings by - £13 billion a year while increasing treasury income, the wider economy and supporting career progression.;

Conference resolves that the next Labour Government;

- Will introduce by the end of the next parliament a Universal Childcare Guarantee of 30 hours per week throughout the year to all children aged 6 months to starting school, so that all children in the country can get the best start in life.
- Will invest in the Early Years sector to address underfunding of 'free hours', capacity issues and improve pay and career development for early years professionals to enable successful transition to a Universal Childcare Guarantee.
- Will value the parents and professionals raising the next generation.

## **Tunbridge Wells CLP**

## **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ECOLOGY**

Conference notes:

The Earth's temperature has increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels. Our natural world is in crisis, with 28% of plants and animals threatened with extinction.

The UK is heating at twice the global average”and is one of the most nature depleted countries.

The Tory Government's pledges, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with limiting global heating to 1.5°C, and to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030, are not locked into UK law.

Conference believes:

By failing to deliver a just transition to a cheaper, cleaner energy future, the Tories have plunged Britain into permanent crisis.

No-one voted for spiralling energy bills; polluted air, rivers, and seas; flooded communities; farmland wildfires; and excess deaths as temperatures soar”all consequences of the Tories' environmental failure.

Conference resolves:

In its next manifesto, Labour will offer a joined-up, science-led environmental plan to tackle the climate-nature crisis in line with limiting global heating to 1.5°C and reversing nature loss by 2030.

During its first term in office, the next Labour Government will legislate to lock the UK's international commitments on climate and nature into law, as proposed by the Climate and Ecology Bill.

### **Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney CLP**

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Conference supports:

Bold environmental action - which is central to building a new Britain. Labour's vision of a fairer, greener future - which must deliver a joined-up plan to address the climate-nature crises. Labour's green transformation plan - which will create green jobs; deliver sustainable growth; restore nature, and deliver a zero-carbon, nature-positive economy that works for everyone.

Conference resolves: In its next manifesto, Labour will offer a joined-up, science-led environmental plan to tackle the climate-nature crisis - in line with limiting global heating to 1.5 °C and reversing nature loss by 2030.

During its first term in office, the next Labour Government will legislate to lock the UK's international commitments on climate and nature into law, as proposed by the Climate and Ecology Bill.

### **Taunton Deane CLP, Epsom and Ewell CLP**

As a future Labour Government, we will be committed to policies to achieve net zero by 2030, therefore we need to:

- Ensure all new builds are insulated to a high standard ('A' energy) and old stock is retrofitted towards reaching this standard.
- Drastically reduce our dependence on gas and replace gas boilers with heat pumps and other renewable technology, which in addition should be applied to all new buildings.
- Ensure energy companies are pricing energy fairly rather than paying large dividends out to shareholders and consider nationalisation of the five energy giants in addition to Labour's existing plan for creating Great British Energy
- Withdraw from all new coalmining, gas and oil fields.
- Redirect oil and gas subsidies to green industries, stopping payment of public monies to those who have helped create the climate emergency.
- Continue to pay reparations to those countries affected by our past and present climate destroying behaviours.
- Urgently rethink our agricultural policies to reduce the huge carbon emissions that livestock create and the pollution from slurry runoff into our rivers, and invest in more nature and climate friendly farming.
- Reduce emissions across the whole transport network.
- Invest in green technology and the workforce that would be created, and facilitate the movement of workers from fossil fuel industries into green technology jobs

### **Amber Valley CLP**

Tackling the climate-nature crisis to build a fairer, greener Britain: The need for joined-up environmental legislation to restore nature and deliver a just transition.

Conference notes:

- The Earth's temperature has increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels. Our natural world is in crisis, with 28% of plants and animals threatened with extinction.
- The UK is heating at twice the global average—and is one of the most naturedepleted countries.
- The Tory Government's pledges, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with limiting global heating to 1.5°C, and to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030, are not locked into UK law.

Conference believes:

- By failing to deliver a just transition to a cheaper, cleaner energy future, the Tories have plunged Britain into permanent crisis.
- No-one voted for spiralling energy bills; polluted air, rivers, and seas; flooded communities; farmland wildfires; and excess deaths as temperatures soar—all consequences of the Tories' environmental failure.

Conference supports:

- Bold environmental action—which is central to building a new Britain.
- Labour's vision of a fairer, greener future—which must deliver a joined-up plan to address the climate-nature crises.
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**Chipping Barnet CLP**

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**Pendle CLP, Kettering CLP, Croydon Central CLP**

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Conference supports:

- Bold environmental action as central to building a new Britain.
- Labour's vision of a fairer, greener future, by delivering a joined-up plan to address the climate-nature crises.
- Labour's green transformation plan—which will create green jobs; deliver sustainable growth; restore nature, and deliver a zero-carbon, nature-positive economy that works for everyone.

Conference resolves:

- In its next manifesto, Labour will offer a joined-up, science-led environmental plan to tackle the climate-nature crisis, that includes:
  - reducing emissions to limit global heating to 1.5°C and reversing nature loss measurably by 2030\*
  - retraining and supporting people currently working in fossil fuel industries to transition to greener jobs\*
  - legislating to lock in the UK's international commitments.

### **New Forest East CLP**

#### MOTION / RESOLUTION FROM NEWTON ABBOT CLP

This CLP demands that the Labour Party will prioritise humanity's impact on the natural environment in decision and policy making at all levels of government.

The Labour Party, when in government - will develop an integrated strategy that increases our resilience to a changing climate, specifically targeting in these measures the effects of social inequality.

Labour - when in government - will ensure that their policies will reduce our negative impact on the natural environment and work to renew nature and biodiversity. The basic principle underlying this strategy is the recognition that we are part of the natural environment and must respect that relationship. Labour will include in their policies,



Also: Labour will include in their policies, public education on the causes of climate change, and utilise working through citizen's assemblies to do so.

### **Newton Abbot CLP**

This CLP notes:

- The Climate Crisis kills and displaces frightening numbers of people annually;- disproportionately affects those populations least responsible;- reflects the imminent expiry of the UK's carbon budget in 2 years. The Fossil Fuel Industry knowingly causes climate breakdown;- attempts prolongation by green-washing, intense lobbying and investment in unproven technologies;- lacks carbon zero business models.
- The Tory Government in joining CPTPP fails to advance policies curtailing fossil-fuel industry profitability;- has ill-defined climate targets and protects fossil fuel interests. Labour's plans show the way but need to be much bolder.

We believe:

- There is no time left to play the fossil-fuel survival game.- There is time left for sufficient alternative, globally equitable, energy development with speedier, more cost-effective solutions. We call upon Labour to:
  1. Support the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and amend other treaties and trade agreements accordingly.
  2. Reduce all fossil-fuel use, and exports, by 74% by 2030.
  3. Switch all public domestic and international investment from fossil fuels into renewable energy and energy conservation by 2030, capable of ensuring a sufficiency of alternative green energy production.
  4. Deliver devolution with social justice and end fuel poverty via democratic, decentralised, localised energy development, eg. solar, wind, geothermal, tidal, green hydrogen.
  5. Ensure a just transition for all workers from fossil-fuel-dependent to sustainable, equitable, renewables-based employment.
  6. Double Labour's commitment to an - £8bn wealth and - £28bn annual climate fund.

### **Labour International CLP**

This CLP/Conference:

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- The Tory Government's pledges on the environment are not locked into UK law.

Believes:

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Supports:

- Bold environmental action - which is central to building a new Britain.
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Calls for:

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### **Twickenham CLP**

The Welwyn Hatfield Constituency notes that the world is rapidly approaching a climate crisis, largely caused by the burning of fossil fuels. This is already affecting many parts of the world, and there is a disproportionate impact on less developed nations who are suffering the effects of climate change while contributing least carbon to the atmosphere.

We have a moral responsibility to protect our world from the effects of climate change - a problem that exists now and could have a catastrophic impact on future generations. As a Labour government we will have a chance to transform

our future through policies that promote sustainable growth, social justice and environmental progress.

We should:

Stop fossil fuel companies' climate-wrecking activities, including their involvement in new fossil fuel projects and get them to pay for the damage they have caused. Support developing countries vulnerable to climate change, especially small-island states expected to be inundated by rising seas, by making financing available for developing nations to adapt to climate change. Promote legislation that supports a healthy biodiverse environment, clean air and clean water. We call on a future Labour Government to act decisively to protect and preserve this world for future generations.

### **Welwyn Hatfield CLP**

This branch/CLP recognises that:

The climate emergency continues to escalate and planetary tipping points threaten the Earth's ecosystems with collapse.

The Tories have turned back to fossil fuel. They have opened up a new licensing round to allow oil and gas companies to boost exploration and production in the North Sea and have approved a new coal mine in Cumbria.

We welcome Keir Starmer's commitment to making renewable energy a core commitment for a future Labour government and his statement that a rapid transition to renewable energy is crucial in relation to both the climate crisis and the economic crisis.

We endorse his pledges to cut household energy bills substantially and create up to half a million new green jobs by:

- Investing £28bn a year (i.e. 280bn over 10 years) in renewable energy
- Decarbonising the national grid by 2030
- Doubling on-shore wind capacity  
Tripling solar power capacity
- Quadrupling off-shore wind capacity  
Spending £6bn year retro-fitting 19 million homes
- Establishing a National Wealth Fund to facilitate green investment. We call for these commitments to be included in full in Labour's manifesto for the next general election with provisions for:
  - Ensuring a just transition for all workers, and
  - Full public scrutiny at all levels.

We further urge that:

- nationalisation of the oil and gas companies, highly popular with the general public, is added to these proposals;
- nuclear energy is ruled out as very expensive, very dangerous and adding little to solving the climate crisis within the urgent timescale we face.

### **Harwich and North Essex CLP**

#### Conference Notes

##### Labours commitment to:

- Achieve zero carbon energy in UK by 2030
- Stop all new licences for fossil fuels. Transition to renewables and create new green unionised jobs. Commit to a just transition to green energy, protecting communities dependent on fossil fuel industries.

##### Conference Believes:

- Fossil fuel companies have made record profits at the expense of the consumer and the planet. The public strongly back public ownership of energy

##### Conference Resolves to support:

- Moving the private energy sector into public ownership or into not-for-profit companies.
- Controlling energy prices and setting targets for transition to renewables.
- Investing in new green technologies creating good, unionised jobs across the country.
- Speeding up access and reducing costs for consumers of low energy technologies (such as heating and transport).
- Working with the devolved administrations to co-ordinate and deliver these plans.

### **Delyn CLP**

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### Conference notes:

68% of Government revenue needed for a civilised Society's Health, Education, Housing and Justice comes from taxes on earning and spending wages. Since 2010, Real wages in all sectors except Financial Services had negative growth while corporate profits rose 158%. Meanwhile Government debt grew 250%. Wages and Profits are out of kilter. Economic growth stagnates.

A 4% rise in the wage share of the economy would fuel the demand growth needed for Labour's Mission #1 and raise £32 billion in revenue to begin repairing the social fabric torn by Tories, paving the path to debt reduction.

For this, Labour's Industrial Strategy must modernise the Companies Act on who controls Britain's Boardrooms. Activist Fund Managers now misuse AGM voting power originally intended to remove Directors who behaved recklessly or dishonestly in stewarding investors' money. Now they fire Directors who don't maximise current year profits and dividends. Unions can't negotiate real pay rises with CEOs who will be sacked if they settle.

To make their annual bonus, Investment Managers of workers' pension savings force Boards to hold down employee and supply-chain wages, long-term R&D and Net Zero investments and, consequently, economic growth.

Conference resolves to stop the exclusive voting power of shareholders, giving all stakeholders, including Unions, digital oversight of Boardrooms. This will set good Directors free to compete and grow businesses by pleasing customers and workers and stop ripping them off.

### **Richmond Park CLP**

Britain is broken, with a weak economy, driven by low growth and low investment, decaying public infrastructure, soaring inequality, threadbare public services and reduced household incomes. This is the legacy of thirteen years of Conservative governments, riven with self-serving divisiveness, incompetence and lacking coherent vision. Britain's economy now jockeys for bottom among our European peers.

Tackling these issues will require public investment, but an active partnership with business can help a Labour Government achieve its ambitions and fuel economic growth. As stated by Rachel Reeves "success has always rested upon a partnership between the market and the state". But there have been too many examples of unethical business practices that have flourished under successive Conservative governments. From the water companies to P&O, some businesses have operated with impunity, extracting wealth for the short-term benefit of shareholders at the expense of their wider stakeholders including the workforce, communities and the planet.

These practices inhibit growth, perpetuate underfunding of our public services, destroy the environment and undermine any attempt at a sustainable economic recovery.

Conference resolves:

- To promote an active partnership with business using legislation to make company directors and private investors responsible to all stakeholders

including the workforce, communities, customers, suppliers and the environment, not just shareholders.

- Corporate reporting requirements should be updated to reflect these responsibilities.
- Businesses can, and should, play a part in Britain's renewal.
- To future-proof our economy, embracing opportunities and challenges such as technological advancements, transitioning to Net Zero, providing skills training and high quality jobs.

## **Labour Business**

### **CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Conference notes that the last thirteen years of Conservative austerity have seen our critical infrastructure stripped back through underinvestment and a lack of forward planning.

This is clear on our railways, where the fragmentation and privatisation of the industry has only worked to increase the damage done by the Tories.

Conference further notes that the announcement of ticket office closures across England and one in Glasgow is another attempt to remove jobs, damage safety, and continue the managed decline of our railways.

Conference notes that an integrated, accessible, and affordable public transport system is key to connecting our communities and protecting our planet. We need rail investment to reduce carbon emissions if we are to reach net zero.

Conference reaffirms the Labour Party's commitment to:

- a publicly owned railway
- the delivery of infrastructure projects including HS2 in full in its original scope and Northern Powerhouse Rail
- a rolling programme of electrification
- making sure freight is part of the ongoing conversation about rail

Conference also recognises the struggle of railway workers currently taking industrial action in the face of threatened job losses, ticket office closures, and falling pay.

Conference stands in solidarity with workers taking industrial action, believes in fully staffed services that support communities, and opposes cuts to staffing in essential industries.

Conference therefore commits to investing fully in our railway infrastructure and the people who work on the railway, keeping ticket offices open, and delivering

the publicly owned, integrated, and accessible transport network that Britain deserves.

## **ASLEF**

Conference notes:

The Conservative Government is presiding over a deliberate policy to run down Britain's railways whilst at the same time undermining critical infrastructure.

This is most evident in the decision to close 974 ticket offices in England, making use of the rail network even harder for many groups – including disabled people, and those with access needs.

These plans, pushed by Ministers hiding behind the Train Companies, have drawn a record-breaking 700,000 responses in the public consultation phase.

Conference further notes:

- Britain's railways are a key strategic asset underpinning local, regional and national economies and a critical green mass transport system in the fight against climate change.
- This is most evident in the planned High Speed 2 project which is set to provide many thousands of jobs and much needed extra rail capacity, while at the same time bringing Britain alongside other comparable countries which have long seen the benefits of high-speed rail.

Conference calls on Labour:

To reaffirm the pledge, given in the recent NPF document, that HS2 must be built in full - not only to Manchester but also the Eastern leg to Leeds - as part of a publicly run rail network.

To pledge, when in government, to retain (or reopen) fully staffed rail ticket offices - a significant component of critical infrastructure - which ensure millions of people from all walks of life can travel safely, with confidence, and knowing that they had paid the best value fare.

## **TSSA**

Conference believes that privatisation of our key national infrastructure has failed and has allowed rampant profiteering from energy firms, including giant energy corporations and National Grid.

Conference notes Unite's research showing the energy sector made nearly £45 billion in profits in 2022, which could have cut bills by £1,800 per household, instead of adding 4.2% to the level of inflation.

Conference notes that the French Government used its ownership of EDF to reduce bills for households and businesses in France, which British EDF customers then effectively subsidised.

Conference notes the recent “excess” profits made by energy companies such as;

- British Gas’s owner Centrica’s £6.5bn operating profit in the first half of 2023, an increase of 691%.
- Shell and BPs combined profits of almost £12bn in the first quarter of 2023 alone.

Conference is concerned that privatised electricity and gas networks are an obstacle to any plan for a negotiated transition to green jobs and a greener economy – delaying essential energy projects and putting profit before the public interest.

Conference notes that Britain is a two trillion plus economy that can well afford to take back our key infrastructure into public ownership. They would then be assets on our books which would mean we that we all benefit from further public investment.

Conference agrees that;

- Privatisation of our energy has failed.
- Conference demands that;
- UK energy be brought back into public ownership, starting with the Nation Grid’s electricity and gas networks.

**Unite**

## **DEFENCE**

The first duty of any government is to keep Britain safe and protect our citizens.

In a world which is becoming increasingly unstable a future Labour government must ensure Britain is properly equipped to take on the threats facing the country.

Labour’s support for NATO, our nuclear deterrent and our armed forces will remain absolute.

Labour will ensure our defence spending meets our NATO commitments.

Labour will invest in the UK’s defence manufacturing base.

Labour guarantees continued long-term UK support for Ukraine and will work with allies to provide the assistance it needs to defend itself.

A Labour government will seek new alliances and deepen others to strengthen our resilience to new threats including a new EU-UK security pact and developing the new AUKUS partnership.



Under a Labour government, Britain would take an active role in international efforts to secure strategic arms limitation and multilateral disarmament and reduce nuclear risk.

### **Wallasey CLP, Barrow and Furness CLP**

## **DENTISTRY**

Dentistry is the gateway to health. Poor oral health impacts mental health because unlike other health conditions poor oral health carries a stigma of economic and moral failure.

Poor oral health impacts physical health, pain and discomfort affecting diets, affecting recovery, requiring privacy to remain dignified whilst eating, having to persistently decline invitations until there aren't any.

Poor oral health impacts academic achievement, where does this leave our children? Poor oral health impacts job opportunities, limiting our options. Poor oral health impacts social mobility. Poor oral health leads to poverty and isolation.

Dentistry should be an integral part of our healthcare system and not just the poor relation.

Getting NHS dentistry right can improve the health and wealth of the individual. Getting NHS dentistry right will contribute to the health and wealth of this nation.

Dental health and general health are inseparable. Doncaster North propose we invest and design a Dental Service fit for purpose. A Dental Service fully immersed into the integrated care system. A Dental Service with the same level of access for everyone.

### **Cannock Chase CLP, Doncaster North CLP**

Cannock Chase CLP would like conference to acknowledge that good dentistry should be available depending on the clinical need not the ability to pay, that good oral health is not an optional luxury but integral to our national health.

Daily, people are being put off from going to the dentist because of the charges; even those that might be considered "modest" by the well-heeled is beyond the wherewithal of many. 1 in 5 delay going to see a dentist because they can't afford it which actively undermines prevention and also in some cases, early diagnosis of oral cancers.

Bob Mortimer may tell amusing anecdotes about DIY dentistry with cheap kits off the internet, but in reality, the wider NHS in 2019 saw nearly £40 million spent in GP surgeries and A&E units treating patients with dental problems.

Also, if adults as parents/carers are not attending their dentist on a regular basis there are concerns for the oral health of our children too as they are losing the lead and encouragement to take up dental services to promote good oral health as part of leading healthier lives.

Dentists are refusing NHS patients because of poorly drafted contracts that impede dental practices staying financially viable and meeting agreed targets.

So, whether in Opposition, but hopefully as Government, will the Labour Party commit to prioritising working with dentists to present an immediate package of reforms, focussing on prevention for all, with a consideration of free dental check ups from the get-go.

### **Cannock Chase CLP**

## **ECONOMIC CHANGE**

Conference notes that for decades the benefits of economic growth have been increasingly appropriated by a tiny percentage of the population. This has produced an unacceptable degree of social and economic inequality which is now holding back further growth. Conference believes that in order to meet these inter-related economic and social challenges an incoming Labour Government must introduce a wealth tax.

### **Colne Valley CLP**

Conference proposes that there should be no income tax rises for those earning less than - £125,000 per annum. In addition, tax thresholds for this group should be un-frozen and rise in line with average earnings

### **Witham CLP**

Conference notes that;

- Last autumn's Conservative mini-Budget crashed the pound, sent interest rates soaring and caused a Tory Mortgage Bombshell.
- Conservative economic failure over 13 years forced our economy into a doom loop of austerity in our public services, reduced investment, squeezed wages, lowered growth, weakened public finances and increased taxes.

Conference believes that;

- The Conservatives cannot be trusted with the economy.
- Labour will break free from the Conservatives' vicious cycle of stagnation, with fairer choices and a proper plan for economic growth with no return to austerity.

- Fully-costed and fully-funded policies are crucial to winning the confidence of the country.
- Labour's iron-clad fiscal rules will not borrow to fund day-to-day spending, will invest in growth and reduce national debt as a share of the economy.
- Unfair and unjustifiable tax loopholes should be closed.

Conference resolves;

A Labour government will:

- Treat taxpayers' money with the respect it deserves and will clawback money from failed contracts and Covid fraudsters.
- Reaffirm the role of independent institutions and establish an Office for Value for Money to improve how money is spent.
- Invest in industries of the future to create good jobs across the country, tackle the climate crisis and support our public services.
- Crack down on tax evasion and tax avoidance and close unfair tax loopholes for private schools and private equity fund managers, and abolish the non-dom tax loophole.
- Shift the burden of business tax away from our high streets, SMEs and investment towards online tech giants and multinationals.

### **Knowsley CLP, North Durham CLP, Doncaster Central CLP**

The current Council Tax system is outdated, unfair and no longer fit for purpose  
Therefore Easington Constituency Labour Party calls on Conference to consider the benefits and feasibility of adopting a fairer system of local taxation in the form of a Proportional Property Tax

### **Easington CLP**

Conference Notes That:

1. Wealth taxes have massive public backing, ranging between 62-78%;
2. Wealth taxes enjoy widespread support from policy experts including the IPPR, Resolution Foundation, New Economics Foundation and the IMF;
3. A recent Tax Justice UK report outlined wealth taxes which could raise as much as £50bn annually, including:
  - Applying a 1-2% wealth tax on assets over £10 million, raising up to £22 billion a year while affecting only 0.04% of the population;
  - Equalising capital gains with income tax rates, raising up to £15.2 billion annually.

- Applying national insurance to investment income, raising up to £8.6 billion annually.
  - Ending the inheritance tax loopholes that benefit the already-wealthy, raising up to £1.4 billion annually.
  - Reforming the non-dom status, as pledged by Labour;
  - Introducing a 4% tax on share buybacks, raising £2bn annually.
4. Higher wealth taxes are already in effect in many European countries;
  5. The number of UK billionaires has risen by 20% since the start of the pandemic;
  6. Meanwhile millions of people are struggling to make ends meet.

Conference Believes that:

1. Ending these extreme inequalities of wealth is essential;
2. Our unequal economic system is driving multiple crises in our society;
3. The burden of taxation should be shifted away from ordinary working-class people towards the very rich who live off unearned wealth.

Conference Resolves:

For the Labour Party to adopt the wealth taxes outlined by Tax Justice UK into its next manifesto, to fund investment in public services and the green transition.

**City of Durham CLP**

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## **Islington South and Finsbury CLP**

### **EDUCATION STANDARDS AND FUNDING**

Conference recognises education is facing an unprecedented crisis.

One third of teachers leave after five years and ideological control of ITT is a factor in teacher recruitment falling to 42% below target.

The gap between state and private school funding has doubled since 2010.

;The recent IFS/Nuffield report shows that the attainment gap between 'disadvantaged' and other pupils has not narrowed over 20 years.

Academisation has failed to deliver better outcomes for pupils.

;The narrow 'knowledge rich' curriculum, and high stakes examinations ignore key skills like critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and problem solving, which would include SEND pupils more, and suit employers.

;OFSTED are imposing this Tory orthodoxy on schools, putting teachers under intolerable pressure.;

Conference calls on the next Labour government to implement a programme of education reform which treats teachers and support staff as professionals and returns schools to local democratic oversight similar to devolution proposals contained in the Brown Report. This programme should:

Increase state education spending from 3.9% of GDP to 6% over a life time of a Labour government, returning pay to 2010 levels in real terms, fully funded.

Replace OFSTED with a peer review process and local authority safeguarding checks.

Close down Institute of Teaching, handing back teacher education to universities.

Appoint a panel of educationists, including education unions, to devise a national curriculum and examination framework which restores the arts, leaves room for local plus school-based initiatives and replaces GCSE, vocational qualifications and A level with a baccalaureate style qualification.;

Restore the EMA.

### **Chingford and Woodford Green CLP, Socialist Education Association**

This conference is deeply concerned about the effectiveness of the present Ofsted regime and its damage to both children's and teachers' health and well-being.

Conference instructs the next Labour Government to consider, in conjunction with the education unions, the recommendations of the 'Beyond Ofsted Inquiry' led by Jim Knight, former schools' minister

### **Rochdale CLP**

Conference recognises education is in crisis, particularly in the school sector where:

- One third of teachers leave within five years; the Tories' ideological control of initial training is a factor in teacher recruitment falling to 42% below target.
- The gap between state and private per capita funding has doubled since 2010.
- The attainment gap between 'disadvantaged' and other pupils has not narrowed over 20 years (IFS/Nuffield Report, 2022).
- Academisation has failed to deliver better outcomes for pupils.
- The narrow 'knowledge-rich' curriculum and high-stakes examinations serve to exclude many pupils including those with SEND by ignoring key skills such as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and problem-solving.
- OFSTED reinforces this Tory orthodoxy in schools, heaping intolerable pressure on teachers.

Conference calls on the next Labour government to implement a programme of education reform which treats teachers and support staff as professionals, and returns schools to local democratic oversight in the spirit of devolution proposals contained in the Brown Report.

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- Increase state education spending from 3.9% to 6% of GDP over the lifetime of a Labour government, returning pay to 2010 levels in real terms, fully-funded.
- Replace OFSTED with a peer review process alongside local authority safeguarding checks.
- Close the Tories' Institute of Teaching, returning initial teacher education to universities.
- Appoint a panel of educationists, including education unions, to devise an inclusive national curriculum/examination framework which restores the arts and humanities, leaves room for local plus school-based initiatives and replaces all 14-18 qualifications with baccalaureate-style certification.
- Restore the EMA.

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

Education has reached crisis point. The under-funding of local authorities (17.5% drop after 2010) set against failure to end private advantage and regulate academies, has led to division and fragmentation, leaving most children in a broken system, whilst a privileged minority opt for the "confidence and opportunity" of private education.

Conference condemns chronic Tory under-investment, resulting in:

- teacher exodus - 9% of working age teachers left last year
- quality recruitment crisis – e.g. only 46% of maths teaching hours in 2019 taught by teachers with a relevant degree
- unprecedented class sizes - A level classes of 30, GCSEs of 60
- narrow curriculum ignoring key skills predicted to be vital to a 2035 workforce
- slashing of MFL, sport and creative subjects -music, drama, art, dance
- arduous routes to SEND provision
- poor quality school meals, fewer clubs and trips, crumbling buildings
- mental health crisis

All children deserve equal access to high quality education in their local school.

Conference resolves to:

- reform teaching and education as a vital long-term investment with far-reaching outcomes.
- restore Labour spending from 3.9% of GDP to 6%;
- restore all educational services to a fully funded system with local democratic oversight;
- make teaching an attractive and competitive career; ensure highly educated personnel in high quality schools; raise morale and bring joy back into teaching;
- work with professionals to develop and improve the curriculum, exam system and extra-curricular offer;
- provide all children with confidence and opportunity by investing in a world-leading education system with resources and facilities fit for all.

**Henley CLP**

Conference Believes:

- Education is the greatest investment we can make in the future of our country.
- The Conservative Government treats education as an afterthought. Schoolchildren go home hungry and cold, university students are saddled with debt, and hardworking, dedicated teachers are treated with disdain, seeing their wages falling in real terms.
- The Conservative response to the COVID pandemic caused untold damage to the lives of young people across the country. This has been compounded by a failure to invest in public education since 2010. Public spending on education under the Conservatives has fallen as low as 3.9% of GDP, below the OECD average (4.1%).

Conference Resolves:

- That the next Labour government must bring about a comprehensive National Education Service (NES), providing access to lifelong learning and training, free at the point of use - including:
- An increase public spending on education from 3.9% to 5.5%, matching the level of spending brought about by the last Labour government;
- Giving our children the best possible start in life, by reopening SureStart centres and providing free school meals to all primary school children;
- The return of academies and free schools to the democratic control of local authorities;



- Maximum class sizes of 30 for all primary school children;
- The introduction of teacher autonomy in a reviewed national curriculum;
- An end to tuition fees and the reintroduction of maintenance grants.

## **Young Labour**

Conference notes that:

- The Conservatives have neglected children's education for 13 years. The focus of our education has narrowed, meaning too many children are missing out on enriching opportunities, especially creative subjects.
- Young people are leaving school without the skills to get on, and the attainment gap is growing once again.
- The last Labour government worked to ensure every child had access to an excellent local school, opening up new opportunities for a generation of young people, helping them to thrive. The next Labour government will have a responsibility to do this again.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Recruit over 6,500 of new teachers in England, filling vacancies and skills gaps to ensure excellence in every school.
- Guarantee two weeks of work experience for every child, and over 1,000 new professional careers advisors.
- Reform Ofsted to replace headline grades with a school report card giving parents a better grip of how their child's school is performing and relieving unnecessary high stress for school staff.
- Provide fully-funded breakfast clubs in every primary school in England, to ensure children have the best start to the school day, and improve attainment and attendance.
- Launch an expert review of the school curriculum for England and make it compulsory for all state schools, to equip young people for their futures.
- Implement a national strategy to close the attainment gap, as part of Labour's national mission to break down the barriers to opportunity at every life stage.

## **Wolverhampton North East CLP**

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Guarantee 2 weeks work experience for every child. Recruit 1000+ professional skills advisors.

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### **Houghton and Sunderland South CLP**

## **ELECTORAL REFORM**

Conference notes that confidence in democracy is at an all-time low:

Over 60% are dissatisfied with democracy; UK politicians and Parliament amongst the least trusted in Europe;

A third feeling they have no say at all in how things are done, rising to 80% in Wales.

Conference believes:

The preferences of the electorate are not adequately reflected in the make-up of Parliament.

Constitutional reforms have been piecemeal and not delivered a coherent overall system of governance. Tory abuses of power, such as the unlawful prorogation of Parliament, are enabled by the absence of a clear, statutory based constitution with effective enforcement mechanisms.

Vested political interests are an obstacle to the development of an over-arching modern constitution.

Conference resolves to establish an independent Commission to propose options for refreshed systems of governance, including appropriate voting systems for national elections; the best fit between the national Parliament and the devolved administrations and regions; proposals for a second chamber that does not rely on privilege or political patronage; and an examination of the respective roles of the two chambers of Parliament and the monarchy.

### **Hexham CLP**

This Conference believes that as part of a broad democratic reform agenda a Labour Government should introduce a form of Proportional Representation for all local government elections nationally. The current system of simultaneously elected multi-member wards in particular leads to disproportionate results.

### **Beverley and Holderness CLP**

Dudley North CLP agrees with the overwhelming decision of the 2022 annual conference that the next Labour government should introduce a proportional electoral system for the House of Commons. First Past the Post forces our politics to focus on a small number of swing voters in marginal constituencies while neglecting the majority of seats. As a result, millions of people and communities feel neglected and their needs ignored.

Moving to a system of PR for all elections is an essential first step in rebuilding the UK, the English Regions, and their local communities. Putting power fairly with all voters and not political and economic elites will energise the whole country.

Keir Starmer is right that "the UK needs both a new government and a new way of governing" - one that trusts people "with the power to control their destiny". This can only happen with a proportional electoral system that ensures everyone has a vote that counts.

### **Dudley North CLP**

Conference calls on the Labour Party to include in its General Election manifesto a commitment to appoint an independent commission to carry out a review of the electoral system for electing members of the UK Parliament. This commission should report within 3 years of the General Election and MPs should be given the opportunity to vote on its recommendations. If MPs vote in favour of a change then this should be implemented in time for the next General Election.

### **Hammersmith CLP**

The 2022 Labour Party conference made the historic decision to support proportional ;(PR) for general elections.

A motion resolving to include PR in our next manifesto and to implement this change in the first term of a Labour government passed with the overwhelming support of both CLP's and affiliated trade unions.

A Labour government cannot come soon enough, nor can the democratic renewal it will bring with it.

The Tories have failed Britain but it is First Past the Post (FPTP) that has helped empower them to govern so callously, destructively and unaccountably - all without winning a majority of the popular vote.

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It has undermined public faith and engagement in our politics and satisfaction with British democracy is at an all-time low. ;It has made millions of voters feel

that their voice does not count. with only those in marginal seats truly listened to and sought after.

As a democratic, socialist party, Labour's commitment to PR is an expression of our values of equality, democracy and fairness.

All votes should count, no matter where they are cast. British voters deserve a Parliament that fairly reflects their choices.

This CLP calls upon Conference to ensure that the Leadership, Shadow Cabinet, NEC and NPF recognise the Labour Party's commitment ;to a fair, proportional voting system and to champion the inclusion of a commitment to PR in the next Labour manifesto.

### **Newcastle-Under-Lyme CLP**

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### **Stoke-On-Trent North CLP**

Tatton CLP believes Labour should investigate party list or some other form of proportional representation and implement the preferred method as early as possible, preferably within the next parliament.

Of the 43 European countries, 40 use a form of proportional representation. UK, Belarus and France are the only ones to use winner takes all FPTP systems and so are very much the outliers.

In the UK, since 1950 Labour have formed the govt in 8 out of 30 elections, commanding a workable majority in only 4. In that time the single right wing

party formed the government in the other 22, despite the right wing vote never being in the majority of any electorate. In that time, the third / fourth leading parties or significant other parties and those that formed coalitions when needed were LibDem, SNP, SDP, Plaid Cymru, Green - all centre or left leaning parties and all of which fared worse than Labour, with very few seats compared to votes received.

If PR was adopted it would mean a more representative, inclusive elected list with the majority of votes and seats left of centre to form a government. Any coalition would almost inevitably still see Labour as the largest, leading left of centre party, with other parties willing to go into coalition likely to be of similar leanings, enabling the majority of Labour's policies to be implemented year on year.

This would almost certainly command cross party support across parliament except for the vested interests of the Conservatives.

### **Tatton CLP**

Conference believes:

The Conservative government is trampling on our Democratic freedoms, restricting the right to protest, introducing voter ID laws and misleading parliament. Faith in British Democracy is at an all-time low.

First-Past-the-Post focuses our politics on a minority of voters in swing seats. Consequently, millions of people feel their votes are wasted.

The Conservatives are able to pass anti-union and anti-migrant legislation on a minority of the vote. Proportional Representation would make this much less likely.

Conference notes that:;

The right to vote is the cornerstone of British Democracy.; Every vote should count equally.

Three-quarters of Labour's affiliated Trade Unions officially support Proportional Representation.

44% of all submissions to the National Policy Forum called for Proportional Representation to be included in the Labour manifesto.

Labour already uses Proportional Representation for internal elections, including our National Executive Committee.

Proportional Representation has already been enshrined in the UK by the last Labour government, where it is working effectively in the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly.

If Labour do not introduce Proportional Representation imminently the party could be missing a once in a lifetime opportunity to Democratise the UK.

Conference resolves that:

Labour must commit to introduce Proportional Representation for general elections in the next manifesto. During its first term in office the next Labour government must change the voting system for general elections to a form of PR.

Labour should convene an open and inclusive process to decide the specific proportional voting system it will introduce.;

### **Weaver Vale CLP**

Conference notes that:

First Past the Post (FPTP) does long-term damage to the health of our democracy; under it our political system has catastrophically failed to represent people's wishes, needs and votes.

To build a better society, address distrust and alienation in politics and to safeguard the union, everyone must have an equal voice. There are systems of PR that retain a strong constituency link between MPs and their electorates, while ensuring that votes count equally and seats match votes.

At Conference 2021 80% of Constituency Labour Parties voted for PR; in 2022, with key trade unions also in agreement, Conference committed the Labour Party to introducing Proportional Representation for the House of Commons.

Conference resolves that:

Labour must respect the internal democracy of the party and make a commitment to introduce Proportional Representation for general elections in the next manifesto.

During its first term in office the next Labour government must change the voting system for general elections to a form of PR.

Labour should do so by convening an open and inclusive process to decide the specific proportional voting system it will introduce.

### **West Dorset CLP**

Conference believes that people are increasingly disillusioned by politics and politicians and that Labour needs to restore faith in politics

Labour in government will clean up politics and restore trust in our democracy and our politicians.

The next Labour government will reform the political system and its institutions so that it works for everyone and re-engages people in the political process

ensuring no legitimate voter is locked out of democracy and that those who contribute to our society have a say in how their community is run.

This will include:

- Establishing a new independent Integrity and Ethics Commission, with the power to investigate misconduct and breaches of the ministerial code
- Banning second jobs for MPs with only very limited exceptions and prevent the revolving door between lobbying and ministerial office by putting more stringent restrictions on ministers from lobbying, consultancy or any paid work related to their former job after they leave office
- Looking at the use of Photo Voter ID in elections to understand the impact and act on the evidence to ensure no legitimate voter should be locked out of democracy.
- Introducing votes for 16- and 17-year-olds, in line with Scotland and Wales,
- Stopping Conservative plans to allow foreign money to pour into British politics and will create strict rules about donations from shell companies.
- Learning from best practice in other countries about ways to improve trust in politics.

### **Bedford CLP**

Conference notes that, in spite of strong opposition led by Labour in Parliament, the Tories pushed through laws to force voters to produce photographic identification at polling stations before they could vote in national and local elections.

As predicted by those opposed to this unnecessary restriction on the right of electors to vote, this resulted in many voters being either not allowed to vote or being deterred from attending polling stations if they thought they did not have the specific form of identification as set out by the new law.

Conference calls on the next Labour government to repeal this legislation as soon as possible and take measures to enable as many voters as possible to participate in elections to enhance our democratic process of elections.

### **Solihull CLP**

1. In all Party documents regarding democracy there is no formal or succinct definition of what we regard as being a democratic vote. This should be rectified, because it is a core principle of our identity as a democratic socialist party.
2. Therefore, Conference adopts the following working definition of a democratic vote:.

3. "For all members of a given electorate, a democratic vote requires the following criteria to be fully met: One person, one vote; all votes to carry equal weight; and all votes must count equally to the outcome(s) being voted upon."
4. In a UK General Election, the outcomes, are the election of both a constituency MP and the election of a party to lead the next government.
5. In practice, a citizen's vote only counts towards the first of these. Two thirds of voters are disenfranchised as their votes do not count towards the election of a representative national government.
6. Therefore, Conference further resolves that 'First Past the Post' voting is not a democratic electoral system, and that the Party unequivocally commits to abolishing it if it forms the next UK government.

### **Wyre and Preston North CLP**

Restoring trust and overcoming the alienation we see in politics requires a Labour government making the transformative changes our society desperately needs after 13 years of Conservative government.

Changes to the current voting system would result in unstable and weak governing groups with little progress being achieved and a large platform is provided for extremist parties.

There is also no consensus for a new system and any proposed change to our voting system would have to be carefully thought-through not dictated by political leaders or forced upon the country from the top down

Labour will retain First Past The Post and is committed to the constituency link as the means of electing our government because it is the electoral system most likely to lead to a strong Labour government able to make the transformative changes our society requires.

### **Warley CLP**

## **ENERGY**

Conference

Recognises the urgent need to reduce demand for fossil fuels in order to limit the scale and impact of climate change;

agrees that meeting climate targets must go hand in hand with protecting jobs in the energy sector, that the skills and expertise of the workforce are key to a successful transition, and that a worker-led transition through collective bargaining will guarantee jobs, pay and conditions for Scotland's energy workforce



believes that whatever need for oil and gas continues in future would be better met by domestic production than by imports, and that operators and service companies should redouble their efforts to achieve net-zero in oil and gas production from the UK continental shelf

believes that a cliff-edge in UK oil and gas production would impact on investment in offshore safety, environmental protection, the drive for net-zero and low-carbon energy production both offshore and in key regions such as North East Scotland, seriously damaging the prospects for a successful energy transition for the UK as a whole

supports a balanced energy transition which delivers new jobs in new energy industries to the benefit of the existing energy workforce, while making a major contribution to tackling the worldwide climate crisis

and supports the creation of a National Energy Agency to set standards and targets, coordinating energy transition including workforce planning; and of public Regional and Municipal Energy Agencies to own and operate distribution networks, decarbonise heat and electricity supplies, and supply energy to households.

### **Aberdeen Donside CLP, Aberdeen Central CLP**

Conference notes;

- Our system of economic regulation is failing to meet the challenges of climate change, demographic growth and a stagnant economy.
- Our fragmented energy supply system has been appallingly regulated and does not serve the public or deliver the good jobs and skills the just transition needs.
- Meanwhile, our system of generation and transmission is adapting too slowly to the challenge of climate change and Labour's ambitious mission to deliver a clean power energy system by 2030.
- Under the Conservatives, our vital national water infrastructure has deteriorated. Water companies have built up huge debts, which have been used to pay billions in shareholder dividends rather than investing to improve the resilience of our water supply and tackling the environmental and health impacts of wastewater systems.

Conference resolves:

- A next Labour government will deliver utilities and infrastructure fit for the 21st century and the drive to net zero.
- A Labour government will toughen the regulatory framework for water, setting mandatory targets to halve leaks and holding those running water companies to account to ensure they work in the public interest.

- Building a resilient, green energy system is a national mission, which needs to be properly co-ordinated with a clear plan, and to provide a dividend to the British people.
- Labour will fundamentally reform our system of supply, generation and transmission and distribution so that it delivers cheaper bills for consumers and businesses, clean energy, and energy security.

### **Hyndburn CLP, North Tyneside CLP**

Conference notes that:

After thirteen years of Conservative government in Westminster and the SNP in Holyrood, the United Kingdom has suffered the worst inflation among developed economies due to its exposure to fossil fuel prices. It has not created enough jobs in new industries, is falling behind our competitors, has given up its global climate leadership position, and is set to renege on legal international obligations.

Conference also notes that:

Under the last Labour government, energy bills were 30% cheaper, the UK had deployed the equivalent of three nuclear power stations in cheap onshore wind capacity, over one million homes were being insulated every year and the UK had reduced greenhouse gas emissions by nearly a quarter.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Make Britain a clean energy super power, with net zero electricity by 2030, working in partnership with the private sector, improving regulation and reforming planning
- Cut energy bills permanently by insulating millions of homes and moving to cheaper renewable energy generation.
- Create over a million good quality jobs, protecting and rebuilding our industrial heartlands and coastal communities.
- Make the UK energy secure, by using our abundant natural resources to free ourselves from the manipulations of Vladimir Putin and petrostate tyrants.
- Lead the world by accelerating towards net zero and protecting our planet for future generations
- Create Great British Energy, a publicly owned energy company, and a National Wealth Fund, to ensure that everyone benefits from the wealth created through the transition.

### **North East Somerset CLP**

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**Stroud CLP**

Conference notes:

- The severity of the climate emergency with global temperature records regularly broken and extreme weather events devastating communities around the world.
- The reliance on oil and gas imports meant that fuel bills rocketed last winter, resulting in the cost of living crisis.

Conference believes:

- The Conservative Government is failing to act, exacerbating the situation.

- The Climate Change Committee warns that the UK is missing targets on every front.
- The longer we delay, the worse the environmental impact will be; the more costly to the environment and our economy.
- The next Labour government must restore our international credibility, show climate leadership and make Britain a green energy superpower.
- Conference supports:
  - Establishing a new publicly-owned clean energy company.
  - A windfall tax on oil and gas company profits to reduce family energy bills.
  - A plan to insulate 19 million homes and promote retrofitting.
  - Encouraging British investment to harness marine and tidal energy and grow wind, nuclear, geothermal and solar power
  - Funding further British research and development into ground-breaking environmental solutions, such as in green engineering and renewables
  - Establish a national wealth fund to invest in green industries like hydrogen, gigafactories, green steel, carbon capture and renewable energy manufacturing.

## **Holborn and St Pancras CLP**

### Cost of living

#### Conference notes

- The Tory cost of living crisis has hit working people hard, with the UK uniquely exposed to the soaring price of food, energy and essentials.
- The UK has faced stubbornly high inflation and has persistently had the highest inflation of any major advanced economy.

#### Conference believes:

- The government has failed to act decisively to tackle the cost of living crisis, and left billions on the table by failing to properly tax the eye-watering profits of oil and gas giants and to close tax loopholes enjoyed by mega-rich non-doms.

#### Conference resolves:

- A Labour government would take action now to tackle the cost of living crisis and the soaring cost of essentials.
- Close the gaping loopholes in the government's windfall tax on oil and gas giants, raising billions to help ease the cost of living for working families.

- Support energy intensive industries, like food manufacturers, with a temporary energy intensive industry support fund to help ease the cost of food and other essentials.
- In the long-term, make Britain a clean energy super power to lower energy bills for businesses and families with cheap, clean, home grown energy.
- Close the non-dom tax loophole used by the mega-rich to avoid tax to fund free breakfast clubs for all primary school children.
- Cut red tape at ports to ease frictions and lower costs for businesses importing essentials like food.

### **Poplar and Limehouse CLP**

Given the cost of living crisis, the energy crisis, and the climate crisis:

Conference calls upon the next Labour Government to establish an Energy and Environment Ministry with a remit to:

1. oversee the UK energy economy to ensure that it is operated for the benefit of the people and the national economy;
2. introduce a meaningful windfall tax on the excess profits accruing to energy companies;
3. expand the plans for Great British Energy to allow it to become a retail supplier of green energy with the power to set its own rates and not be subject to international energy markets
4. ban standing charges for energy supply, to ensure that consumers pay only for what they consume
5. work with international partners in Europe and beyond to decouple the price of renewable energy from the price of gas and oil on international markets
6. introduce a campaign of insulation of the national housing stock with consideration and inducements given to a minimum standard of energy efficiency for new homes, licensed rental properties and social housing
7. decrease the threshold for accessing free home insulation to those receiving universal credit. The current system excludes the working poor;
8. introduce a scheme to encourage the installation of domestic renewable power generation systems with batteries.
9. reduce the subsidies given to wood pellets and address the question of their sustainability.

### **Scarborough and Whitby CLP**

The Western Isles Labour Party (Na h-Eileanan an Iar CLP) welcomes the announcement of the £28 billion GB Energy fund to be based in Scotland and calls for direct community and consumer benefit from renewable projects supported by the UK government.

**Na h-Eileanan an Iar CLP**

## **EQUALITIES**

An incoming Labour government should take steps to ensure human rights for people with learning disabilities and reduce inequalities, these inequalities result in violations of their human rights.

- People with a learning disability in the UK - 1.5 million.
- Life expectancy - 23 years less for men and 27 years less for women (general population 81 years),
- Three preventable deaths per day.
- DNR Orders are placed on people with LDs with 'Learning Disability' or 'Downs Syndrome' used as justification.
- 49% of deaths are preventable,
- 2,000+ people with LDs are incarcerated in mental health facilities, sometimes decades.
- The Education and Healthcare Plan (EHCP) process is unfit for purpose.
- Employment - 6% in 2015 to 5.1% in 2020/21.

People with learning disabilities face inequalities that lead to shortened lives, poverty, disadvantage and a failure to thrive.

We call upon the incoming Labour government to:

- Take immediate action to reduce health inequalities,
- Conduct a review of all DNACPR orders applied to people with LDs and introduce controls to prevent further inappropriate orders.
- Ensure the NHS complies with its statutory obligations (reporting deaths, learning from deaths and duty of candour),
- Prioritise moving 2000 people with LDs who are incarcerated in mental health facilities back to their families and provide support so that they can live in the community.
- Reform the EHCP system to ensure it is fit for purpose and take action to ensure compliance by local authorities.
- Take action to increase the employment rates.

## **City of Chester CLP**

Access to NHS services is crucial to achieve a healthy and thriving population and far too many people are struggling to register with a dentist or GP, secure timely medical appointments, waiting too long for an ambulance response or are stuck on a hospital waiting list. This issue is even more acute in rural, village and small-town communities, where service provision is patchy and disparate.

Access to healthcare can also be a real issue for the LGBT+ community. Too many experience health inequalities, which can lead to misdiagnosis, delayed diagnosis, inappropriate treatments and can prevent LGBT+ people from seeking medical help and support. The Government must be held to account for their failure to progress the recommendations of their own 'LGBT Action Plan 2018: Improving the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people'.

This is the legacy of 13 years of Conservative Government, who have taken hospital waiting times to record levels. They have squandered the extensive improvements made by Labour, who delivered significant reductions in waiting times by investing in new buildings, better paid staff and services delivered locally.

This conference calls on the next Labour Government to deliver:

- proper resources for the NHS, to bring down waiting times and improve ambulance responses
- decent pay and conditions for NHS staff
- local access to dentists and doctors for every individual, regardless of whether they live.
- specialist health services for LGBT+ people.
- the outlawing of conversion therapy in all its forms.

## **Congleton CLP**

Conference notes that:

- The trans community are under threat: by the media, by the Conservative Government, and by a resurgent far-right;
- Trans people currently wait more than 5 years to access gender affirming care while mental health in the trans community is at crisis point;
- The current system of legal gender recognition in the UK is outdated, overly bureaucratic and invasive;
- The Equality Act, one of Labour's proudest achievements in Government, is under attack by a hard-right Tory Government.

Conference believes that:

- Labour must stand unequivocally in support of the trans community and against anti-trans hate;
- Trans people should have the right to change their legal gender through a less bureaucratic, demedicalised process;
- Physical and mental health outcomes for trans people are far worse than for non-trans people, and this healthcare disparity must be closed;
- There is no conflict between trans rights and women's rights.

Conference resolves that the Labour Party must:

- Work with transgender groups to adopt a definition of transphobia;
- Offer a trans-inclusive space with zero tolerance for transphobia;
- Amend the Gender Recognition Act in Government to introduce self declaration UK-wide, as our sister parties have done in Germany, Spain and elsewhere;
- Oppose the Tory effort to undermine protections for trans people by revising the Equality Act;
- Improve access for trans people to NHS transition-related care, so people are able to be their authentic selves.
- Invest the resources necessary to meet the legal target of a maximum 18 week wait for access to gender-affirming healthcare.

### **Leeds East CLP**

Our healthcare system has been subjected to years of Conservative austerity, with cuts falling disproportionately on services that are a lifeline for so many LGBT+ people. Only a Labour government can rebuild an NHS that works for everyone, including LGBT+ people and the hardworking NHS staff who provide the care on which we all rely.

To do this we must prioritise:

- Mental health services and suicide prevention. LGBT+ people experience mental health issues at disproportionate rates compared to the general population, with particularly high rates of suicidal ideation, especially amongst trans communities. A preventative approach should be taken to tackling the mental health crisis, with services properly funded, staffed and resourced to ensure faster treatment for patients.
- Introducing comprehensive training on LGBT+ issues for staff working in health and social care fields. Mental health professionals recruited under Labour's workforce expansion plans should receive dedicated training to support high-risk groups such as LGBT+ people.



- This should include specific support in social care settings, to ensure that all LGBT+ people, including older people in care homes and other forms of supported living, can access services without any form of discrimination.
- Increased investment in gender identity clinics in order to reduce the long waiting times faced by trans people, which are currently up to eighteen months for hormones and four years for surgery.

## **LGBT Labour**

This conference notes with alarm the growing scale of social inequality within the United Kingdom, with the country now one of the most unequal in the developed world. Conference further notes that the abysmal failure of the Tories' empty 'levelling up' promises has left more people in poverty – and has disproportionately disadvantaged significant and already vulnerable groups in society while a wealthy elite has become even richer.

Conference recognises that social inequality lies at the heart of core problems that blight the nation. Thirteen years of Conservative-led government have had a dramatic and damaging impact upon key aspects of our lives, while the years of austerity-driven inequality have been exacerbated by the impact of the Covid pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis.

Conference notes that social inequality has particularly pernicious effects in such important areas as:

- Health and wellbeing
- Childcare and early years provision
- Public transport
- Housing
- Access to work
- Social care
- Energy

Conference therefore calls for Party policies to be built upon the overarching principles of social justice. It calls for the Party to:

1. Commit to eradicate the glaring inequalities which have developed in the past decade
2. Produce a Social Equality Charter to detail how this approach will become the cornerstone of all policies.
3. Establish a Social Justice Commission which would have the ability to conduct a 'social equality impact assessment' to ensure that all policies

are developed and enacted with the aim of overcoming inequality, injustice and disadvantage.

## **North Somerset CLP**

Conference notes that:

The Conservatives have used LGBT+ issues to stoke division and seek to create “wedge issues” rather than protect people from discrimination and harm. The current process of legal gender recognition is intrusive, outdated, and humiliating. Trans people face serious challenges to get support in accessing healthcare, both mental health and physical health, housing and in the workplace. Conference further notes that:

Labour has always been the party of progress and equality for LGBT+ people. Labour passed the 2004 Gender Recognition Act and the 2010 Equality Act and broke new political ground to make life better for people. Enabling trans people to legally change their gender for the first time was done by the Labour Party and protecting them – and millions of people covered by one of nine protected characteristics – from discrimination and harassment was also an achievement of the Labour Party.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

Modernise, simplify and reform the gender recognition law to a new process with less bureaucracy and more dignity for those who wish to legally change their gender.

Strongly support the implementation of the 2010 Equality Act that protects trans people, including its provision for single-sex exemptions.

Commit to work to end discrimination against trans people and ensure they are treated with respect and dignity in society. Implement a no-loopholes ban on conversion therapy.

## **Harrogate and Knaresborough CLP**

### **ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN POLITICS**

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Labour will clean up our politics and undo the damage the Tories have caused through sleaze and scandal.

Labour will:

- Establish a new independent Integrity and Ethics Commission, with the power to investigate misconduct and breaches of the ministerial code, including access to any evidence it needs.
- Ban second jobs for MPs, with only very limited exemptions for public service roles or to maintain professional qualifications.
- Ban former ministers from lobbying, consultancy or any paid work related to their former job for at least five years, closing the revolving door between ministerial office and lobbying for companies they used to regulate.
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### **Barking CLP**

## **FOOD**

Conference believes that UK Food Policy requires overhaul after years of neglect, with focus at every level of Government. Learning from the 2007-08 commodity price crisis and anticipating structural problems ahead, the last Labour

government developed the Food 2030 strategy, only for it to be discarded by the Coalition.

Conference believes food poverty must be eliminated. Poor diets cause untold health damage and NHS cost. Food production and food security are depleted. Current trade deals threaten high quality food standards. Conference endorses Keir Starmer's mission on building an NHS fit for the future, and reaffirms that food security should form part of ongoing work to focus on prevention of illness.

The food supply chain needs clearer direction to address the mix of environmental, social, health and economic challenges in a way that values all those engaged in food production. A food and public health strategy is needed to address the range of challenges from diet-related causes of ill-health to improving biodiversity, all while supporting a prosperous transition to net zero.

Conference believes a new National Council for Food Security and Resilience should be created to help provide scientific and policy coherence in this mission to achieve UK food resilience and to assist co-ordination between the UK devolved nations and regions.

Conference therefore commits the Labour Party to ensure Food resilience, sustainability and the ending of food poverty be a focus of our mission driven approach to government, commencing with the reinstatement and acceleration of Labour's 'Food 2030' vision.

### **Tooting CLP**

That the Labour Party consider the Dimbleby Report as a basis for an integrated policy approach to a comprehensive food strategy for the nation.

Justification: Much of the background research has already been undertaken and government actions spelt out.

Note / caveat: References to agricultural policy will need to be reviewed in the light of our exit from the EU.

Relevance to Labour Party priorities: This report covers agriculture, climate change, the dysfunctional free market and spiralling costs of healthcare and, most importantly, the resultant inequalities in health.

Sources: National Food Strategy (the Dimbleby Report), 2021 (<https://www.nationalfoodstrategy.org/>); and 'Ravenous: how to get ourselves and our planet into shape', Henry Dimbleby with Jemima Lewis, Profile Books, 2023."

### **Westminster North CLP**

Conference believes that greater recognition needs to be given to the distinct issues faced by rural communities

Believes that in more scattered rural communities, where collective transport is unviable, an incoming Labour Government must find innovative and carbon neutral ways of helping those on the lowest income to access jobs, health, education and other public services, for example by providing low-cost e-bikes and providing scrappage schemes for environmentally damaging vehicles.

Believes that a balanced housing policy for rural areas must include increased provision of Council and not-for-profit properties for rent as well as addressing the affordability of house prices for those who wish to get on the housing ladder.

Calls on an incoming Labour Government to develop as a priority a coherent rural development strategy. This should :

- include an ambitious national food strategy to increase our food security while delivering environmental and health benefits;- fully utilise the potential for less productive land in rural areas to be used as carbon sinks, through afforestation and other means in order to contribute to achieving our ambitious 'net zero' target and to the restoration of nature and biodiversity.

**Ludlow CLP**

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Conference notes:

4.2 million UK children were living in poverty in 2021/22 - 29% of children, nine in every class of 30.71 per cent of children in poverty are in working households.

44% of children in lone-parent households live in poverty. Children from Black and minority ethnic groups are more likely to be in poverty (48%) compared with those in white British families (25%).

The last Labour Government prioritised reducing child poverty with a comprehensive strategy and investment “ the number of children in poverty fell by 600,000.

In an NEU survey published in April 2023, 94% of teachers said that poverty affects pupils' learning: teachers witness signs of tiredness and fatigue (89%), an inability to concentrate (85%) or to complete homework (77%), and frequent ill health (67%).

Means testing means 800,000 children in poverty are not receiving FSM whereas universal FSMs benefits all children: children share a meal, socialise and develop healthy eating habits; the stigma attached to children on benefits is removed; and educational inequality is narrowed.

Conference welcomes:

The decision of the London Mayor to fund free school meals for primary children in the capital for the next school year and of the Wales and Scotland Governments to roll out FSM for primary children to at least year 5.

Conference calls upon the next Labour Government to:

Implement, as an urgent first-term priority, universal FSM for all pupils in compulsory education, starting with primary children in the first year of Government.

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

Proposed motion to Conference that the next Labour government agrees to provide healthy free school meals throughout the year including holidays.;

### **Stafford CLP**

Conference notes that free school meals are a way of ensuring that all children receive a nutritious, hot meal every day. Nutritious food at school helps children to focus on their learning and supports their education and wellbeing.

Conference notes that means testing leaves many struggling families ineligible for Free School Meals, and that the low eligibility threshold means that too many children in need due to the cost of living crisis, and years of Conservative neglect are missing out. Children are means-tested by household, regardless of the number of children in the family, and a child is only eligible if their household receives £7,400 per year or less.

All children receive their school meals for free until the end of year 2. After that, in England, only children who meet the criteria qualify.

Conference notes that the Welsh and Scottish governments are implementing free school meals for all primary school pupils. Some Labour local authorities have introduced free school meals schemes. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has announced a £130m emergency scheme to introduce universal free school meals in London primary schools for one year.

This conference notes that the Conservative government has consistently refused to adopt a universal free school meals scheme for all primary school children.

Conference resolves that the next Labour Government must deliver universal free school meals for all primary school children, with a view to expanding the offer to secondary school pupils.

### **Kingston and Surbiton CLP**

In England, one in three children living in poverty are considered "too wealthy" to receive free school meals. This is because school food is means tested. To be

eligible for a free school meal, a child's household must be in receipt of universal credit, with total annual earnings £7,400, a sum far less than the State pension.

Means testing means stigma. We don't talk about 'free school pencils' or 'free school footballs'. We don't question how hospital patients or military personnel have their food funded.

Food is the most basic of provisions and is something that all children need to thrive, achieve at school and reach their true potential during their lifetime.

Research shows that school meals are the most nutritious lunch option for children. When provided at the point of access, they have been shown to improve children's health and attainment at school.

Universal provision benefits the poorest of children the most, therefore narrowing inequalities during and beyond school life.

Scotland, Wales, London and York are all introducing universal free school meals.

At last year's Labour Party Annual Conference an emergency motion was passed advocating for the introduction of universal free school meals.

Polling has shown that a majority of the public are in favour of providing free school meals for all children.

North-East Hampshire CLP calls upon the Labour leadership to commit to rolling out universal free school meals including during school holidays.

All children deserve nutritious food as a basic human right.

Please support.

### **North East Hampshire CLP**

This Conference Notes:

1. The current criteria for free school meals, results in one in three children living in poverty who cannot access this provision in England.
2. Growing evidence demonstrates universally provided free school meals benefit children's health, attainment, behaviour, lifetime earnings, local economies, families' budgets, and staff working conditions.
3. Cost-benefit analysis of expanding free school meals (source PwC), shows significant returns on investment: which could generate £99.5bn for the economy over its first 20 years.
4. Scotland, Wales and London are starting to provide universal free school meals.
5. Labour Party Conference 2022 passed an emergency motion supporting universal free school meals.

This Conference Believes:

1. That providing free school meals to all children would improve their health and educational outcomes, reducing inequalities.
2. The state has a moral responsibility to feed those it requires to be in schools. As it does in hospitals, prisons etc.
3. It is unjust to means test children for this one part of the school day.
4. Universal free school meals is a right and economically virtuous investment in future generations.

This Conference Resolves:

1. To campaign for universal free school meals.
2. To encourage and support the next Labour government to deliver said meals.
3. To campaign for sufficient investment accompanying any expansion of said meals, to cover the associated costs, including staff, food and energy.
4. To write to the Leader of the UK Labour Party and relevant shadow cabinet members, calling on them to publicly support this expansion.

**Norwich North CLP**

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That, like in hospitals, prisons, military settings, and other public places where the state provides food, the state has a moral responsibility to feed those it requires to be in schools.

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### **Morley and Outwood CLP**

This CLP notes:

- The Conservative cost of living crisis has hit families across the UK and hurt their finances.
- It's an appalling hallmark of Conservative failure that after 13 years child poverty is soaring. Too many children and young people being held back from opportunities because of their material circumstances. Food poverty is far too high and foodbank usage is a Conservative scandal.
- Faced with an economic crisis made in Downing Street, Labour in power has extended the provision of free school meals.

This CLP calls on the Labour Party to:

- Establish breakfast clubs in every primary school which are accessible to all children, including those with SEND needs.
- To reduce child poverty as part of Labour's Mission to break down barriers to opportunity;
- To make sure every child is able to thrive at school, ensuring school uniforms and equipment are affordable for all families.
- Ensure families and children see improved economic circumstances under the next Labour Government.

### **Tynemouth CLP**

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- Ensure families and children see improved economic circumstances under the next Labour Government.

**Bolsover CLP**

## **HEALTH SERVICES AND FUNDING**

Supporting the nation's mental health and wellbeing is central to our vision of a future, informed by our core values of equality, social justice, opportunity for all, compassion, communality, and respect.

Extensive international research confirms the toxic effects of austerity, free market economics and that more unequal societies create greater levels of mental ill-health. High levels of mental ill-health cost the UK economy at least £117.9 billion annually according to a recent report by the Mental Health Foundation.

Labour Party General Election Manifesto, as a minimum will prioritise:

1. Putting mental health and wellbeing at the heart of policy making, particularly economic policy. All government departments will be committed to the delivery of policies that promote mental health and address the longer-term impact of the pandemic on people's wellbeing.
2. Allocating significant additional ringfenced funding for mental health interventions targeted at prevention, promotion, and progressive enhancement of NHS services. Mental health funding having parity with physical health.
3. Significantly increasing the chronically underfunded mental health research budget.
4. Immediately establishing a Task Force of stakeholders and world experts, reporting before end of 2023, to identify key priorities for additional investment, policies, and resources to achieve a UK mental health revolution.
5. A comprehensive NHS Workforce Plan detailing practical recommendations for staff recruitment, quality training and retention of mental health professionals. Implementing a coherent strategy to achieve our vision of a nation of psychologically healthy and resilient citizens and communities where all have the opportunity to flourish.

**Sheffield, Hallam CLP**

This Party welcomes the recently announced mission to build an or nurses and allied professionals such as physiotherapists and midwives.

### **Blackley and Broughton CLP**

That this CLP notes with concern the increasing media coverage of Labour's plans to raise the levels of privatisation of our NHS. Lack of funding and starved of investment after years of Tory government has left our NHS on the verge of collapse. All levels of NHS staff working under extreme pressures with a serious lack of resources and patients waiting for hours in corridors or in the back of ambulances putting lives at risk.

This CLP believes Labours plans to ease NHS waiting lists by further privatisation is not the answer.

The Paterson scandal is just one example where a corrupt surgeon who, for personal financial gain, maimed potentially thousands of women in the private hospital sector by telling them they had cancer when they didn't and then charging to perform surgery removing external and internal body parts. It demonstrates the lack of regulatory power over the private sector putting even more patients at severe safety risks.

This CLP calls on the Labour Party to campaign immediately to remove our NHS from the critical list by calling for:

- Establishment of a -£20billion emergency fund to save a struggling NHS
- Commitment to invest in a fully publicly owned NHS and guarantee free healthcare for all
- To pay all NHS staff properly, as without fair pay increasing staffing shortages will cost more lives.
- Commitment to reverse privatisation by bringing all outsourced contracts back in house and committing to a comprehensive, universal and publicly accountable NHS free at point of use.

### **Blyth Valley CLP**

Conference notes:

13 years of Tory austerity have left our NHS in crisis. Nurses, paramedics and other health workers have been forced to strike for fair pay in a cost-of-living crisis.

More than 100,000 NHS roles are vacant. NHS wait times are at record levels.

Deaths are higher than normal.

9 in 10 NHS dentistry practices are not accepting new patients.

Trade unions and the Socialist Health Association have long warned of the damaging effects of NHS privatisation.

Major disparities exist in maternal deaths for black women, while trans people must wait years to access gender-affirming care.

2/3 of voters want the NHS reinstated as a fully public service.

Conference believes:

The NHS is Labour's greatest achievement.

It is imperative the NHS remains comprehensive, universal, publicly-run and free at the point of delivery. Fair pay is vital to ending the NHS recruitment crisis.

Conference resolves for the next Labour government to:

Renationalise the NHS, returning all privatised sections to public control and ending outsourcing.

Repeal the Health and Care Act 2022 and eliminate Integrated Care Systems. Immediately enact an inflation-busting pay rise for NHS staff.

Reinstate free dental checks, aim towards reinstating free essential dental care. Enact a major, long-term real-terms rise in NHS funding to fix the crisis and adjust to an ageing society.

Improve trans healthcare outcomes and invest in policies to tackle healthcare inequalities.

### **Calder Valley CLP**

The proposition to establish an 'NHS Pharmaceuticals and Well-Being Division' is a visionary step safeguarding the NHS from privatisation, ensuring its long-term sustainability.

This proposal advocates an NHS Pharmaceutical Division to manufacture generic medications at substantially reduced costs. This not only curbs the NHS's staggering annual expenditure of £17.8Bn on medicines but also extends a helping hand worldwide to people through providing affordable access to cheaper medicines.

Revenue generated from generic medications can fund NHS research. Moreover, subsidising leisure centres and gyms underscores commitments to preventive healthcare, ultimately reducing the burden of chronic diseases. In the long run this will save healthcare costs because unhealthy lifestyles, lack of access to exercise facilities and high costs are contributing factors towards obesity, costing the NHS £6Bn a year.

This is an audacious vision for the NHS's future, not only securing its finances but also elevating its global stature. By making affordable essential medicines, advocating healthy lifestyles across the nation, investing in research and

promoting preventive health measures, we found a stronger, more prosperous society. Let's celebrate the NHS's 75th anniversary with this radical decision to revitalise, optimise & unleash its immense potential. It's time to change the NHS dynamics and place it on a path to lasting success whilst dispelling privatisation once and for all'

### **Charnwood CLP, Crawley CLP**

Conference celebrates:

75 years of achievement by Labour's National Health Service, which despite repeated attempts to dismantle and undermine it, continues to provide equal access to health care, without user charges.the continuing provision by the Welsh government of a publicly provided and funded NHS.

Conference resolves that the reinstatement of an NHS fit for the future will be a top priority for the Labour Government and notes that this was the central focus of the unanimously supported 2022 Conference NHS Composite, which we fully reaffirm. Central to this is the elimination of the Tories' corporate capture of NHS commissioning structures and service provision.

Conference notes the disastrous deterioration in our NHS during 13 years of Tory misrule, in particular since the passage of the 2022 Health and Care Act (HCA), which replaced England's single, national health service with 42 Integrated Care Systems modelled on US market provision. Labour will abolish the HCA and all its toxic structures.

Conference reaffirms Labour's commitment to direct employment of NHS workers and to eliminating the use of outsourcing. This will enable trade unions to secure fair pay and conditions for their members, whose selfless work during and since the pandemic has saved tens of thousands of lives.

Conference therefore resolves

To repeal the Health and Care Act 2022 and to reverse and eliminate all aspects of integrated care systems at the earliest opportunityTo fully renationalise and restore England's universal, comprehensive, publicly provided national health service.

### **Liverpool Wavertree CLP**

The Tory National Health Service Crisis

Conference Notes That:

1. 13 years of Tory austerity have left our NHS in crisis;
2. Nurses, paramedics and other health workers have been forced by the Conservative Government to strike for fair pay in a cost-of-living crisis;

1. More than 100,000 NHS roles are vacant;
2. NHS wait times are at record levels;
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4. Reinstatement free dental checks;
5. Enact a major, long-term real-terms rise in NHS funding to fix the current crisis and adjust to an ageing society

### **Shrewsbury and Atcham CLP**

Conference is concerned at the withdrawal of local health services and lack of provision, and wish to introduce accountable elected local people with voting rights in the NHS Trust and ICB's in order to stand up for the wishes of local people.

### **Redditch CLP**

The NHS is at the heart of this party and our country. The Labour Party will invest in the future of our NHS, but should extend this to ensuring NHS staff are given a fair deal at work. The parking charges should be exempt for all NHS staff.

### **Harborough, Oadby and Wigston CLP**

Conference celebrates:

- 75 years of Labour's National Health Service.
- the continuing provision by the Welsh government of a planned, publicly provided and funded NHS.

Conference confirms its support for the 2022 Conference NHS Composite. Central to this is the elimination of the Tories' corporate capture of NHS commissioning structures and service provision.

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The next Labour government will ban political donations from private healthcare corporations, their lobbyists, or those invested in private healthcare corporations. Labour and Labour MPs will not accept such donations.

Conference therefore resolves

- To repeal the Health and Care Act 2022 and to reverse all aspects of integrated care systems at the earliest opportunity
- To fully renationalise England's universal, comprehensive, publicly provided national health service with funding levels in line with the achievements of the last Labour Government.

**Socialist Health Association, Oldham West and Royton CLP,  
North Devon CLP, Oxford East CLP**

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

Conference notes:

- That the UK higher education system places a significant financial burden on students and their families, discouraging many from pursuing;
- higher education and saddling graduates with huge amounts of debt - The introduction of tuition fees in 1998 was initially set at £1,000 per year, but has since increased dramatically, students in England now pay up to £9,250 per year for their degree;

- The current system of tuition fees has contributed to the commodification of education, treating students as consumers and universities as businesses, rather than as places of learning and research;

Conference believes:

- That the current system of tuition fees unfairly burdens students from low-income families and exacerbates social inequalities;
  - That the abolition of tuition fees would remove a significant financial barrier to higher education, making it more accessible, and help to create a fairer, more equal society;
  - That education ought to be a civic right, not a commodity;
  - That students and staff should have real power over their institutions
- Conference therefore resolves that Labour must:

- Proudly and publicly support the abolition of tuition fees and reinstatement of maintenance grants for all students in the UK;
- Work with trade unions and student groups to build a fairer, more accessible higher education system in government, where students, staff and local communities have real democratic power over their higher education institutions;
- Commit to working towards a society that values education and invests in the future of young people, with transformed higher education as a starting point.

### **Uxbridge and South Ruislip CLP**

Conference notes:

- Under the last Labour government, we had the best higher education sector in the world – now, there is more disillusionment with the system than ever among students.
- The number of free school meals pupils going to university has flatlined.
- Student debt is higher than ever, as Conservative interest rate hikes have disproportionately affected graduates.
- Having scaled back funding, the Conservatives are now abolishing certain courses altogether.
- Conservative rhetoric on ‘free speech wars’ is an affront to academic freedom and a distraction from the real issues of resources and funding.

Conference believes:

- Higher education is vital not just for young people but for the whole economy; good higher education means good jobs and new technology.



- The sector needs a resolution to issues over pay and fees that will provide support to students while providing funding sufficient to keep our universities as world leaders.
- The economic crisis caused by the Conservatives means there are no easy options for an incoming Labour government, but we need ambitious reform within those limitations.
- Students deserve a university sector that allows them to achieve their dreams.

Conference resolves:

- That any solution to the decline of our higher education requires the end of Conservative government.
- To wholeheartedly support Keir Starmer and our shadow cabinet in their efforts to expose Conservative lies and challenge their thirteen years of decline.
- To support the Labour Party in setting out an ambitious vision for universities that can bring higher education into the 21st century.

### **Labour Students**

Conference notes that:

- Britain has some of the best higher education institutions in the world. Our internationally recognised universities and research bases provide ground-breaking research year on year.
- The Conservatives have routinely belittled the contributions of Universities and attacked them as institutions as well as attacking their student cohorts.
- The Conservatives' broken tuition fees system is holding people back, failing to provide the stable funding universities need, and does not even deliver what was promised to taxpayers.
- For new students taking out loans from September 2023, this will get worse. Low and middle earning graduates will see their payments rise while the highest earners will see their repayments fall.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Ensure the university system provides excellent teaching, fosters cutting-edge research and supports researchers, prepares graduates for successful careers, and is genuinely accessible to people of all backgrounds.
- Ensure Universities play a role in their local community and local economy, providing more routes into study or work within the University.

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- Reform the broken tuition fees system, to ensure that people from every background and all parts of our country have the opportunity to study at Britain's world-class universities, benefiting individuals, the economy and wider society.

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### **Great Yarmouth CLP**

## HOUSING

Britain's housing crisis denies millions of people their right to a decent home. Labour in government must resolve this with a new generation of council housing, liberating those living in the poor quality and expensive private rental sector. Abolishing Right to Buy, as in Wales and Scotland, will stop the loss of desperately needed homes, and rent revenue for councils. It has the added advantage of being a cost-free policy.

The shocking death of Awaab Ishak and the growing numbers living in unsafe homes highlights the urgency of improving quality, standards and enforcement across tenures. Retrofitting all existing homes, including non-carbon heating, is necessary for improving living conditions as well as tackling climate change.

This conference determines that Labour commits to:

- Fund 150,000 social rent homes a year, including at least 100,000 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) council homes with secure tenancies;
- End affordable rent and fixed term tenancies;
- Fund the retrofitting of all council housing;- Invest in Direct Labour Organisations to create well paid, unionised jobs and apprenticeships to deliver this;
- Abolish right to buy;
- Review council housing debt to address the under-funding of HRAs;- Reintroduce rent controls;
- Compulsory registration and regulation of private rental homes, with high energy efficiency and quality standards;
- License landlords and agents, and increase funding for councils to regulate the sector; - Empower councils to restrict, license and tax holiday homes and AirBnBs;
- Properly regulate temporary and supported accommodation.

**Worthing West CLP, Leeds Central CLP, Stevenage CLP, Stone CLP, Huddersfield CLP, Rushcliffe CLP, Hackney South and Shoreditch CLP, Warwick and Leamington CLP, Wantage CLP, South East Cornwall CLP, Swindon South CLP, South West Wiltshire CLP, Bury North CLP, Bognor Regis CLP, Littlehampton CLP**

Conference notes:

- House prices are higher than ever, up 70% in 10 yearsHouse prices have risen to more than 8x earnings
- More adults over 30 are living with parents than ever before

- Interest rates and inflation are climbing - mortgages are becoming even more unaffordable Private rents are higher than ever, still increasing, and standards are falling
- More households in temporary accommodation than ever - over 100,000
- Government spends £23.4bn a year on housing benefit, much going directly to landlords

Conference resolves that Labour should:

- Build more homes, of all tenures, based on local housing need and demand, accompanied by ambitious and legally enforced targets
- Offer local authorities a new major programme of council housing grants, paid for by the subsequent reduction in the housing benefit bill
- Commit to reform the 1961 Land Compensation Act and end the scandal of 'hope value'
- Ban foreign purchases before UK residents have a chance to buy Enact a fair right to buy with no net loss of council homes Control rent increases and end no-fault evictions
- Bring empty homes back into use by restoring the 6-month rule and giving councils flexibility on council tax, EDMOs and CPOs
- Drive down short-term lets, second homes and other inflationary factors through tighter regulation of estate agencies, landlords and Airbnb-type firms giving councils powers to compete with them; enforce a 90-day cap; and increase taxes Restrict home ownership by shell companies

### **Ealing Central and Acton CLP**

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Many people cannot afford to heat their homes or pay an excessive proportion of their income on rent. Others fear poor fire-safety, live with dangerous cladding, or suffer under the feudal system that is leasehold.

We know that only Labour can fix Britain's broken housing system. Labour already has the policies to do this, and our Shadow Front Bench is working with leaders across all sectors to ensure that the essential human right to decent and genuinely affordable housing can become a reality for all.

We need now to ensure every voter knows that transforming Britain's housing will be a priority for the next Labour Government, especially as it underpins other priorities such as good health and social care, affordable living costs and achieving net zero.

Annual Conference agrees that the Labour Party will make housing a winning issue at local and national levels by:

- Showing how things will be different under a Labour Government
- Showing how we would develop an equitable, genuinely affordable, accountable, and sustainable housing system
- Regularly promoting Labour's policies for tackling housing failings that affect all tenures and ages, throughout the country

**Hitchin and Harpenden CLP, Northampton North CLP, Erith and Thamesmead CLP, Bexleyheath and Crayford CLP, Winchester CLP, Greenock and Inverclyde CLP**

This Labour Party notes:

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- Many people cannot afford to heat their homes or pay an excessive proportion of their income in rent. Others fear poor fire safety, live with dangerous cladding, or suffer under the feudal system that is leasehold.

This Labour Party believes:

- Only Labour can fix Britain's broken housing system. Labour already has the policies to do this, and our Shadow Front Bench is working with leaders across all sectors to ensure that the essential human right to decent and genuinely affordable housing can become a reality for all.
- We need now to ensure every voter knows that transforming Britain's housing will be a priority for the next Labour Government, especially as it underpins other priorities such as good health and social care, affordable living costs and achieving net zero.

This Labour Party resolves:

- We will make housing a winning issue at local and national levels by:
- Showing how things will be different under a Labour Government
- Explaining how we would develop an equitable, genuinely affordable, account- able, and sustainable housing system
- Regularly promoting Labour's policies for tackling housing failings that affect all tenures and ages, throughout the country

**Harrow West CLP**

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Annual Conference agrees that the Labour Party will make housing a winning issue at local and national levels by:

- Showing how things will be different under a Labour Government;
- Showing how we would develop an equitable, genuinely affordable, accountable, human and sustainable housing system;
- Regularly promoting Labour's policies for tackling housing failings that affect all tenures and ages, throughout the country, including recognising the significant challenges, especially for rural areas, of second homes, short term holiday lets and low wages.

### **North Herefordshire CLP**

According to a post-pandemic IPSOS report (2021), social cohesion globally is under assault because of a disconnect with and a lack of trust in government.

Social cohesion begins at community level where investment and provision of services creates a collective belief in the VALUE of that community of people. The future presents multiple challenges, not least the climate and biodiversity crises for which communities MUST be prepared.

This motion demands that a holistic or composite approach to building homes as components of SUSTAINABLE, community planning is taken to ensure FUTURE security, safety and resilience:

1. Current housing upgrades and ALL new house building must be regulated to:
  - Rethink home design, materials and space standards
  - Protect against extreme weather.
  - Use sustainable materials from certified sources and offer community energy or water conservation systems where appropriate.
  - Construction companies must be accredited and upskill their workforces
2. Sustainable community planning will invest in the infrastructure and services required at a local urban or rural level:

- Management of all community assets is vital for sustained residential quality and the sense of belonging to that place.

### 3. Green Infrastructure must be integral to any community

Improving, extending and linking well-managed Green and Blue Infrastructure enables human connection to nature, induces community well-being and aids biodiversity restoration.

This conference emphasises the need for a detailed analysis of community service provision with local council engagement to grow community strength and cohesion.

## **Northampton South CLP**

Conference notes:

Britain's housing crisis denies millions of people their right to rent or buy a decent home. This failure of government has left families in cramped, poor quality, squalid homes.

Council budgets are squeezed to the bone, three generations finding themselves permanently living in council funded 'temporary accommodation', diverting resources and putting pressure on local government, now barely able to perform their statutory duties.

Thirteen years of Conservatism has priced a whole generation out of the housing market.

House building needs time and ambitious investment.

Conference believes:

Austerity has broken existing housing models and the next Labour government must attack this crisis innovatively and on many fronts, improving the quality of housing and the supply of housing at the same time.

Conference recognises that many people became 'accidental' landlords and are now facing higher than affordable mortgages and passing; these costs onto tenants whose dreams of home ownership and security are extinguished as housing stock erodes.

Second home landlords facing large capital gains taxes bills as a consequence of skyrocketing prices could be incentivised to sell sooner to free up much needed existing stock.

Conference resolves:

- That the Labour Party review capital gains tax breaks to incentivise landlords of one and two bedroom homes to sell up.
- Remove the right to buy.

- Reintroduce rent controls.
- Empower councils to tax and regulate AirBnB and second holiday homes.
- Disincentivise the purchase and mothballing of off-plan property purchase by foreign investors.
- Reintroducing targets for building social housing.

### **Old Bexley and Sidcup CLP**

Conference calls upon Labour to secure a service charge review that brings fairness and accountability for tenants and residents. The recent report by the Social Housing Action Campaign (SHAC) exposed the scandal of widespread illegitimate service charging by housing association landlords, with frequent erroneous charges. Tenants and leaseholders face huge increases in service charges without the breakdown details of; charges as required by existing legislation.

The Charter for Social Housing Residents White Paper; acknowledged the barriers tenants and residents faced when attempting to seek redress from their landlords. Tenants suffer ineffective complaints processes, highly challenging and bureaucratic Housing Ombudsman services and expensive inaccessible Tribunal routes.

We call on government to ensure that charges are both valid and justified. We call for government to initiate an urgent full review of service charging and stronger legislation to protect tenants and residents. The review should include:

- independent audit requirements for service charges stronger governance over future service charging. full refund to tenants and residents for errors or over-charging compensation to tenants and residents where applicable.
- A legal requirement for fully itemised bills, with validated receipts. Enforce the existing provisions within Section 22 the Housing Act (1985) which provides for tenants access to facilities for inspecting the service charge accounts.
- Improved complaints processes so that errors are addressed swiftly and efficiently.
- Require Boards of Housing Associations to improve monitoring of service charging and complaints systems so that they abide by their fiduciary duties.

### **South Staffordshire CLP**

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housing, liberating those living in the poor quality and expensive private rental sector. Abolishing Right to Buy, as in Wales and Scotland, will stop the loss of desperately needed homes, and provide rent revenue for councils. It has the added advantage of being a cost-free policy. The shocking death of Awaab Ishak and the growing numbers living in unsafe and damp homes highlights the urgency of improving quality, standards and enforcement across tenures. Retrofitting all existing homes, including non-carbon heating, is necessary for improving living conditions as well as tackling climate change.

This conference determines that Labour commits to:

- Fund 150,000 social rent homes a year, including at least 100,000 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) council homes with secure tenancies
- End affordable rent and fixed term tenancies
- Fund the retrofitting of all council housing
- Invest in Direct Labour Organisations to create well paid, unionised jobs and apprenticeships to deliver this
- Abolish right to buy
- Review council housing debt to address the under-funding of HRAs;
- Reintroduce rent controls
- Compulsory registration and regulation of private rental homes, with high energy efficiency and quality standards;;
- License landlords and agents, and increase funding for councils to regulate the sector
- Empower councils to restrict, license and tax holiday homes and AirBnBs
- Properly regulate temporary and supported accommodation.

### **Bath CLP**

This conference condemns leasehold as a feudal, hugely exploitative system, where freeholders have become increasingly dominated by offshore shadowy companies and investment trusts and together with commercial management companies exploit innocent leaseholders.

Conference condemns the Tory Government's failure to deliver on their promise to protect the ten million Britons who own their homes in a leasehold and to legislate on making collective enfranchisement (purchase) of existing long lease apartment sites and new homes, easier and cheaper.

Conference therefore resolves that the next Labour Government should, within its first term in office:

- a. replace Leasehold with a Commonhold system based on co-operative principles;
- b. implement the Law Commission's recommendations to reform Leasehold by increasing the rights of leaseholders to collectively buy and/manage their property;
- c. legislate to make a co-operative legal structure the preferred company structure for the management of enfranchised sites and Right to Manage Companies, replacing the existing, undemocratic, legal structures (company limited by guarantee) and instilling the proven benefits of co-operative principles into these organisations to ensure longevity; and
- d. enable a new member led secondary co-operative to provide services and support to its member organisations with this aspect to be supported with funds currently used to fund LEASE (The Leasehold Advisory Service).

### **Newport West CLP**

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The shocking death of Awaab Ishak and the growing numbers living in unsafe homes highlights the urgency of improving quality, standards and enforcement across tenures.

This conference determines that Labour commits to:

- Fund 150,000 social rent homes a year, including at least 100,000 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) council homes with secure tenancies;
- End 'affordable rent' and fixed term tenancies;
- Fund the retrofitting of all council housing, including non-carbon heating and urgent measures to address the housing disrepair crisis;
  - Invest in Direct Labour Organisations to create well paid, unionised jobs and apprenticeships to deliver this;
- Abolish right to buy;
- Review council housing debt to address the under-funding of HRAs;
- Reintroduce rent controls;
  - Compulsory registration and regulation of private rental homes, with high energy efficiency and quality standards;

- License landlords and agents, and increase funding for councils to regulate the sector;
- Empower councils to restrict, license and tax holiday homes and AirBnBs;
- Facilitate community led co-operative models of housing.
- Properly regulate and increase funding for emergency, temporary and supported accommodation.

### **East Worthing and Shoreham CLP**

#### This Labour Party Notes

- The UDHR says that there should be equal and non-discriminatory access to adequate housing.-
- Many disabled and older people - particularly those who use wheelchairs - cannot find a home that suits them. It is estimated that there are 14.6 million disabled people in the UK: 22% of the population. 1.2 million people use wheelchairs.
- The 2016 English Housing Survey calculated that only 7% of homes are accessible.
- Only 32% of planning authorities surveyed in 2018 had committed to building even a proportion of accessible housing, to Building Regulation M4(2), and only 18% to a proportion of housing built to Category 3 standard, M4(3), wheelchair-accessible.
- The London and Liverpool Plans require those authorities to ensure that 100% of new homes meet at least Category 2, with 10% at Category 3.
- In July 2022 the government announced it would make Category 2 the national minimum standard for nearly all new homes.

#### This Labour Party Believes

- We need to build more accessible homes and more homes accessible for wheelchair users.
- We need to enforce policies in Local Plans that cover both social and private housing.
- As a minimum, every new home should be suitable for disabled or older people to move into or to age in place, i.e. M4(2) standard.

#### This Labour Party Resolves

- A Labour government should commit to M4(2) as standard for all new housing.
- Local plans should be required to demand 10% of new homes, social and private, to be Category 3 standard.

## High Peak CLP

Conference Notes that:

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Conference Resolves that:

Labour commits to:

- Fund a minimum of 150,000 social rent homes a year, including at least 100,000 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) council homes with secure tenancies
- End 'affordable rent', fixed-term tenancies and Section 21 evictions
- Fund the retrofitting of all social housing
- Invest in Direct Labour Organisations to create well paid, unionised jobs and apprenticeships to deliver this
- Abolish right to buy
- Review council housing debt to address the under-funding of HRAs
- Reintroduce rent controls
- Compulsory registration and regulation of private rental homes, with high energy efficiency and quality standards
- License landlords and agents, and increase funding for councils to regulate the sector
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- Properly regulate temporary and supported accommodation

## Macclesfield CLP

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Retrofitting all existing homes, including non-carbon heating, is necessary for improving living conditions as well as tackling climate change.

This conference determines that Labour commits to:

- Fund at least 150,000 social rent homes a year, including at least 100,000 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) council homes with secure tenancies;
- Fund the retrofitting of all council housing;
- Invest in Direct Labour Organisations to create well paid, unionised jobs and quality apprenticeships to deliver this;
- Review right to buy
- Review council housing debt to address the under-funding of HRAs;
- Reintroduce rent controls;
- Compulsory registration and regulation of private rental homes, with high energy efficiency and quality standards;
- License landlords and agents, and increase funding for councils to regulate the sector;
- Empower councils to restrict, license and tax holiday homes and AirBnBs;
- Properly regulate and invest in long term funding for temporary and supported accommodation.
- Introduce a covenant on properties sold through right to buy to ensure they cannot be rented privately.
- Introduce means to ensure cheaper mortgages

## **Lincoln CLP**

Conference Believes:

The current dysfunctional state of the UK housing market requires a radical overhaul to make it fit for purpose.

Such a vital topic requires its own separate commission which recognises that truly affordable, secure and habitable housing is absolutely essential to a decent life.

Conference Resolves:

To implement a housing commission (to include relevant housing experts, charities and interest groups) with the power to make public recommendations to the Labour Party and to assist in the development of its housing policy.

Areas for housing commission to address shall include:

The formulation of an agreed definition of affordable housing that is truly affordable.

The implementation of effective measures to disincentivise properties being kept empty for long periods of time.

The imposition of fair and equitable taxation models for income and wealth gained from property development and exploitation (as compared with other income).

The development of a programme of house building that meets the diverse housing needs and tenures of the local population.

The creation of housing savings schemes that are open to all income levels.

### **Chesham and Amersham CLP**

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Showing how things will be different under a Labour Government  
Showing how we would develop an equitable, genuinely affordable, accountable, and sustainable housing system, including building of a new generation of social housing, with prices linked to local wages, not market values

As soon as legislatively possible, end no-fault evictions Regularly promoting Labour's policies for tackling housing failings that affect all tenures and ages, throughout the country

### **Camborne and Redruth CLP**

Flawed Conservative housing policy since Margaret Thatcher's 'right to buy' has caused an unprecedented housing crisis across Britain. It is increasingly difficult to afford a decent, secure place to live, with growing numbers unable to cover housing costs left facing homelessness.

Private rents have soared due to the Tory mortgage crisis, with buy-to-let landlords increasing rent to cover costs or selling up. Meanwhile housing benefit has been frozen at 2020 levels, while Councils across the country have massive housing shortages.

This has meant large numbers bidding for each property and many families facing years waiting to be offered housing, with the number of households and children in temporary accommodation at record highs. This is often poor quality, poor value and increasingly sees households moved miles away from the area, isolating vulnerable families without local support and impacting their ability stay in work or education, as well as their health, often for years.

Conference resolves a Labour Government should explore:

- Improving regulation of private rental and temporary accommodation landlords, with national standards and allowing Councils to prosecute landlords who fail to maintain inhabitable premises.
- Supporting Councils to invest in building Council housing;
- Prohibit the sell-off of public buildings to private developers;
- Reform Compulsory Purchase Orders to allow vacant properties to be brought into public ownership.
- A statutory maximum distance families or vulnerable people can be placed outside of their home local authority without their consent.
- A prohibition on evictions being used in retaliation for enforcing tenants' rights.

### **Lewisham West and Penge CLP**

Conference notes :

A report commissioned by Crisis and the National Housing Federation, carried out by Heriot-Watt University and published in 2019, estimates that c. 340,000 homes need to be supplied in England each year, of which 145,000 should be affordable.

Secure good-quality housing gives people a firm foundation from which to build their futures.

Children's development has been shown to be particularly disadvantaged by insecure housing, and poor quality, overcrowded housing has been shown to have a significant impact on the mental health of parents and children (London Assembly Health Committee 2019).

The Conservative 'think tank' Policy Exchange said in a recent paper (May 2023) that chronic housing undersupply has reduced the mobility of the labour force, absorbed potential productivity gains in the UK's cities, dampened consumer demand and diverted bank lending away from productive areas.

A shortage of affordable homes has caused a crisis in the home rental market with prices spiralling at rates higher than inflation as demand greatly outstrips supply, leading to sub-standard homes being marketed at expensive rates.

Conference calls upon the Labour Party to put a major programme of affordable housing building into its next manifesto, with the building of council homes being central to this policy and also to assist councils in upgrading and maintaining existing stock.

### **Putney CLP**

We, the Tamworth Constituency Labour Party, call upon the Labour Conference to advocate for the abolition of leaseholder housing as a form of legal arrangements within our housing stock. We ask that conference recognises the severe adverse effects it inflicts upon residents and identifying it as a form of medieval landlordism.

Leasehold arrangements have perpetuated a system where residents are subjected to exorbitant ground rents, unpredictable service charges, and restrictive clauses that undermine their housing security. The feudalistic nature of leasehold agreements mirrors medieval landlordism, granting disproportionate power to freeholders while impinging upon the rights and well-being of residents.

This system has caused financial distress, limiting the ability of leaseholders to truly own their homes. It has also been a source of exploitative practices and mismanagement by some freeholders, who profit at the expense of residents' quality of life. By outlawing leasehold housing, we can usher in a fairer, more equitable housing landscape that ensures all residents have the security and agency they deserve.

We urge the Labour Party to prioritise the abolition of leaseholder housing, aligning with our commitment to social justice and housing equality for all. By considering other arrangements such as commonholding which are far more



equitable. Let us take a stand against this archaic system and lead the way towards modern, tenant-focused housing policy.

### **Tamworth CLP**

Conference notes:

- Over 50,000 households have been threatened with homelessness by section 21 'no fault' evictions in the four years since the Tories committed to abolish section 21 in 2019;
- Private renters are experiencing one of the worst cost-of-living crises in decades, paying the highest rents on record, accompanied by rising energy prices, inflation in the cost of household essentials, and a real-terms decline in weekly earnings of 3.2%;
- The Tories have engineered the decline of social housing for ideological reasons and overseen the net loss of 165,000 social homes in the last decade; while the number of households in temporary accommodation rose year-on-year, every year, since 2011 - €" doubling from 48,010 at the end of 2010, to 101,300 at the end of 2022;
- The number of rural households on local authority waiting lists in England increased by 31% between 2019 and 2022, while rural rough sleeping increased by 24% in one year.
- Annual conference agrees that the Labour Party will make reform of housing a winning issue at local and national levels by:
- Supporting the Party's plans for an ambitious social house building programme to be delivered with powers to purchase land at current use value, and develop it in the public interest;
- Opposing government attempts to prevent people served with possession notices from receiving immediate assistance from their local council to avoid homelessness;
- Developing distinct policy proposals to deliver more social housing in rural areas of England;
- Empowering councils to restrict, license and tax holiday homes and Airbnbs.

### **Tonbridge and Malling CLP**

Britain is in the midst of a housing crisis of the Conservatives' making. Average house prices across England are now over eight times average earnings, locking millions of families out of home ownership. Homelessness and rough sleeping have risen sharply over the last 13 years whilst soaring rents and insecurity are rife in the private rented sector.

Under the Tories, this is set to get worse, with housebuilding projected to fall to the lowest level since the Second World War.

Conference believes;

- A home should be a place where people build a life and raise a family, but too often they are treated as a speculative financial asset. Labour's approach will ensure a decent, secure and affordable home for everyone regardless of tenure. Conference resolves:
- To build more houses will support aspiration and bring the dream of homeownership to millions more families, rebalancing the market towards working families. To put construction of genuinely affordable and social rented homes at the heart of plans to fix the housing crisis. To reform the planning system in England to provide the clarity and certainty that industry and local government need to get Britain building more houses. To fundamentally reform the private rented sector, overhauling its regulation to markedly drive up standards and conditions and provide tenants with long-term security and better rights.

#### **Ilford South CLP, Ilford North CLP**

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The shocking death of Awaab Ishak and the growing numbers living in unsafe homes highlights the urgency of improving quality, standards and enforcement across tenures.

Retrofitting all existing homes, including non-carbon heating, is necessary for improving living conditions as well as tackling climate change.

This conference determines that Labour commits to:

- Fund 150,000 social rent homes a year, including at least 100,000 Housing Revenue (Social rent to be clearly defined and linked to income not market rent levels, for example, 30% of income) Account (HRA) council homes with secure tenancies;
- End "affordable rent" and fixed term tenancies;
- Fund the retrofitting of all council housing;
- Invest in Direct Labour Organisations to create well paid, unionised jobs and apprenticeships to deliver this;

- Abolish right to buy;
- Review council housing debt to address the under-funding of HRAs;
- Reintroduce rent controls;
- Compulsory registration and regulation of private rental homes, with high energy efficiency and quality standards;
- License landlords and agents, and increase funding for councils to regulate the sector;
- Empower councils to restrict, license and tax holiday homes and AirBnBs;
- Properly regulate temporary and supported accommodation.

### **Reading West CLP**

#### New Forest West Constituency Labour Party

Britain's housing crisis denies millions of people their right to a decent home. A lack of good-quality, truly affordable housing has pushed millions of households into the poor-quality and expensive private rental sector. By following Wales and Scotland and ending Right to Buy, a Labour government can prevent the loss of vital homes and increase rent incomes for councils.

This conference determines that Labour commits to:

- Fund 150,000 social rent homes a year;
- Reintroduce rent controls to prevent excessive increases;
- Abolish right to buy;
- Invest to make all council houses energy efficient;
- Register and regulate all social housing and private rental homes, ensuring they meet high energy efficiency and quality standards;
- License landlords and agents, with increased funding for councils to ensure proper regulation;
- Give councils the power to limit, license and tax holiday homes and AirBnBs;
- Regulate temporary and supported accommodation properly;
- Regulate and draw up high standards of rental property to ensure a safe and habitable home for all tenants;
- Regulate all tenancies to give rights to tenants including the abolition of 'no fault' evictions.

### **New Forest West CLP**

Sevenoaks CLP believes that:

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The shocking death of Awaab Ishak and the growing numbers living in unsafe homes highlights the urgency of improving quality, standards and enforcement across tenures. Retrofitting all existing homes, including non-carbon heating, is necessary for improving living conditions as well as tackling climate change.

Sevenoaks CLP resolves to call upon the Labour Party to:

- Fund 150,000 social rent homes a year, including at least 100,000 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) council homes with secure tenancies while ensuring homes are upgraded to a good standard;
- End "affordable rent" and fixed term tenancies;
- Review council housing debt to address the under-funding of HRAs;
- Reintroduce rent controls;
- Compulsory registration and regulation of private rental homes, with high energy efficiency and quality standards;
- License landlords and agents, and increase funding for councils to regulate the sector;
- Empower councils to restrict, license and tax holiday homes and AirBnBs;
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### **Sevenoaks CLP**

Conference Notes:

- Since 1980 there has been an enormous reduction in council and social homes, falling, in England, from 5.5M in 1980 (5.1M council homes) to 4.1M in 2022 (with only 1.6M council).
- New housing reached a pre-pandemic peak of 243,000 in 2019/20 against an estimated annual need of 300-340,000 homes, with the shortfall inevitably leading to price inflation.
- LGA figures show that of 2,782,300 homes granted planning permission since 2010/11, only 1,627,730 have been built.

Conference Believes:

- The current developer-led system is failing to deliver new housing at sufficient scale to meet demand and is not delivering genuinely affordable housing.

- Developments are often undertaken in a piecemeal fashion and without delivering the necessary local infrastructure.

Conference Resolves:

The next Labour Government will:

- Equip local authorities with powers to take the role of lead developer, including powers to compulsory purchase land at current land-use value (rather than “hope” value) and ensuring the necessary infrastructure is delivered.
- Work with local authorities to deliver a new programme of social and council home building, available at social rents, aiming to reach at least 100,000 new starts a year over the course of the first term, and to bring existing stock up to the decent homes standard.
- Support local authorities with building the institutional capacity to deliver, and with a Housing Fund to lend capital to local authorities, housing associations and other providers.
- Deliver a programme of “garden city” type settlements, repurposed for the 21st Century, showcasing the best in green urban planning.

### **North Wiltshire CLP**

Conference notes that:

- Britain is in the midst of a housing crisis of the Conservatives’ making.
- Average house prices across England are now over eight times average earnings, locking millions of families out of home ownership.
- Homelessness and rough sleeping have risen sharply over the last 13 years whilst soaring rents and insecurity are rife in the private rented sector.
- Under the Tories, this is set to get worse, with housebuilding projected to fall to the lowest level since the Second World War.

Conference believes:

- A home should be a place where people build a life and raise a family, but too often they are treated as a speculative financial asset.
- Labour’s approach will ensure a decent, secure and affordable home for everyone regardless of tenure.

Conference resolves:

- To build more houses will support aspiration and bring the dream of homeownership to millions more families, rebalancing the market towards working families.

- To put construction of genuinely affordable and social rented homes at the heart of plans to fix the housing crisis.
- To reform the planning system in England to provide the clarity and certainty that industry and local government need to get Britain building more houses. To also carry out leasehold reform.
- To fundamentally reform the private rented sector, overhauling its regulation to markedly drive up standards and conditions and provide tenants with long-term security and better rights.

### **Hendon CLP**

In a rich country like Britain, it is a major scandal that many people are dying because of poor housing conditions, such as damp and mould, or have no home at all.

Many people cannot afford to heat their homes or pay an excessive proportion of their income on rent. Others fear poor fire-safety, live with dangerous cladding, or suffer under the feudal system that is leasehold.

We know that only Labour can fix Britain's broken housing system. Labour already has the policies to do this, and our Shadow Front Bench is working with leaders across all sectors to ensure that the essential human right to decent and genuinely affordable housing can become a reality for all.

We need now to ensure every voter knows that transforming Britain's housing will be a priority for the next Labour Government, especially as it underpins other priorities such as good health and social care, affordable living costs and achieving net zero.

Annual Conference agrees that the Labour Party will make housing a winning issue at local and national levels by:

Showing how things will be different under a Labour Government  
Showing how we would develop an equitable, genuinely affordable, accountable, and sustainable housing system with council housing at its heart  
Regularly promoting Labour's policies for tackling housing failings that affect all tenures and ages, throughout the country

### **Bermondsey and Old Southwark CLP**

## **INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY, EDUCATION AND SKILLS**

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to deliver a long-term Plan for Green Steel, including the £3 billion investment through a National Wealth Fund, to achieve near zero emission steel production by 2035. Conference further welcomes Labour's vision for introducing and championing an industrial strategy

in Government based on a genuine partnership with business, workers and unions.

Conference believes decarbonising the steel industry is one of the biggest challenges facing the industry, but one we must get right and ensure we decarbonise in a just, fair way for the workforce.

Conference notes the recent announcement from the Government and Tata Steel regarding the future of steelmaking in Port Talbot and believes an electric arc-only model is not the right strategy for the future of our steel industry.

Conference further notes that new technologies are emerging for the decarbonisation of the steel industry, and for workers to feel confident in facing the green transition, training and development opportunities must be created in Labour's modern skills system.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- i. Fight for a just transition for all steelworkers and reject the government's short-term sticking plaster approach to the steel sector that is being acted upon company by company.
- ii. Advocate for a combination of technology options to decarbonise the steel industry, including but not limited to, electric arc furnaces, carbon capture, DRI technology and hydrogen-based steelmaking.
- iii. Champion the significant £3 billion steel commitment, which would be transformative in enabling the industry to decarbonise, with employers and in communities.

## **Community**

Conference believes the UK's recovery must be based on an industrial strategy that creates well-paid, unionised jobs.

Conference notes that President Biden's administration worked with unions to create more than 800,000 manufacturing jobs, and believes that a new approach to technical education is needed if workers and the UK are to fully benefit from economic change.

Following the passing of the Biden Inflation Reduction Act and the EU's Green Deal Industrial Plan, Conference condemns the Sunak Government's failure to respond, which puts energy and manufacturing investment and jobs at risk.

Further noting that Conservative Ministers seek confrontation with union members, Conference believes that a new approach to industrial relations must accompany Labour's industrial strategy.

Conference therefore welcomes Labour's commitments to:

- Create new industrial relations structures around the everyday economy covering mostly low-paid women through the School Support Staff Negotiating Body and the social care Fair Pay Agreement.
- Establish Skills England and the Council for Economic Growth with union representation, and give workers a real voice in trade talks.
- Institute a right of union access to workplaces to organise and promote recognition through procurement as fundamental parts of the New Deal for Working People.

Conference calls on Labour to:

- Further develop and implement its Inflation Reduction Act response in Government.
- Ensure unions have a voice in the setting of growth priorities and reform of skills curricula.
- Set a strategic target of growing the manufacturing and engineering sectors as part of its wider industrial strategy to create a high-growth, high-investment, high-wage economy.

## **GMB**

Conference recognises the importance of lifelong learning, skills development and training and the institutions and services that provide them. Workers having the right skills, as well as opportunities for lifelong learning, developing new skills, and retraining, is crucial to securing good jobs and adapting to a continually changing work environment. As such, the skills system is an important tool of Labour's industrial strategy.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to developing and supporting a modern skills system and recognition of the vital role of trade unions in encouraging workers to take up training opportunities. Conference recognises the progress made by Welsh Labour through its responsive approach to skills and employability, including extra support for young people, low paid workers, and workers facing redundancy, and welcomes Labour's commitment to explore the lessons learned from these initiatives.

Conference calls on Labour to:

- Support the further education institutions and training providers that are crucial to the delivery of meaningful and effective lifelong learning for workers.
- Ensure that workers have a right to paid time off for lifelong learning and training.



- Ensure that the reform of the Apprenticeship Levy into a 'Growth and Skills Levy' is focused on supporting all workers, especially those facing disadvantages in the labour market, to benefit from meaningful training and development opportunities.
- Ensure that workers have a voice in decisions made, locally and nationally, about Labour's skills strategy and how the skills budget is used.

### **Union of Shop, Distributed & Allied Workers**

Conference welcomes Labour's pledge to reform the childcare, education and skills systems, raising standards everywhere, and preparing people for work and life.

From early years, to schools, colleges, universities and adult education, Conference believes success is built on the whole education workforce being recognised and rewarded for the work they do.

Conference believes that a priority for Labour is to re-establish the Schools Support Staff Negotiating Body and welcomes the pledge to do so.

This body must establish and sustain national terms and conditions, training, career progression routes, ensuring fair pay rates for support staff.

Such reform will ensure Labour can support schools recruit and retain the staff needed to deliver a high-quality, inclusive life-long education.

Conference also believes that good industrial jobs and education are built on good early years and childcare provision, and recognises the sector suffers from low pay and a lack of planning. Labour must reverse this in government.

Conference recognises similar recruitment and retention problems in Further Education undermined and underfunded by the Tories, damaging their ability to teach the skills required for economic growth and green jobs and give young people a full range of opportunities.

Conference further believes that Universities need a funding model that ends low pay amongst staff and provides high quality education to students and supports the research and excellence for which they are known.

Conference resolves that Labour's plans for education, skills and childcare provision are central to electoral success built on a well-rewarded and skilled workforce.

**Unison**

## **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Conservatives' cuts to the development budget have caused immense damage, with billions stripped from vital lifesaving programmes. This includes

cutting support for vulnerable women and girls in Afghanistan and malnourished children in some of the world's poorest countries.

Labour has a proud record on international development, establishing DfID in the first place and in doing so helping to make Britain a world leader in development expertise.

Labour will restore Britain's leadership in international development. This will ensure that we are ready to play our part in tackling the converging global crises of poverty, famine, inequality, health insecurity and climate change, and get the UN Sustainable Development Goals back on track.

Labour is committed to spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on development as soon as the fiscal situation allows. This will be implemented alongside the restoration of transparency and accountability to British aid spending, ensuring that taxpayer money is always treated with the respect it deserves.

A future Labour government will put in place a new model for international development, with the independence needed to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Labour will restore Britain's global leadership in tackling the build-up of unsustainable debt by actively exploring incentives, regulatory and legislative for debt relief, including multilateral initiatives.

## **Glasgow Anniesland CLP**

### **ISRAEL - PALESTINE**

Labour has a long and proud tradition of supporting human rights. Human rights are core Labour values at the heart of Labour's policy and practice.

An important step forward in achieving stability in the Near and Middle East is for Israelis and Palestinians to agree an immediate ceasefire and for negotiations to then resume in the spirit of the Oslo and Abraham Accords.

The current situation in Israel and the Occupied Territories is untenable, against international law and is rightly condemned by the international community. Labour calls for a peaceful end to the conflict that secures territorial integrity for both Israelis and Palestinians.

Labour calls for ICC investigations into potential war crimes committed by Israeli and Palestinian forces.

Labour stands with the international community in providing economic, diplomatic and humanitarian assistance to the peoples of Israel and the Occupied Territories.

Labour supports civil rights in Israel and the Occupied Territories, including labour rights, freedom of speech and freedom of association.

Labour will work closely with our international allies to provide assistance and refuge to those of all political persuasions, faiths and creeds fleeing conflict in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories – be they Israelis, Palestinians, or peoples of the Old City of Jerusalem.

Labour reaffirms, honours and acknowledges our commitment to the Council of Europe's *raison d'être* : to uphold the human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

### **Brent Central CLP**

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### **Finchley and Golders Green CLP**

## **KASHMIR**

The motion proposed by Cllr Majid Mahmood (Birmingham, Hodge Hill CLP) and seconded by former Cllr Mohammed Aikhlaq (Birmingham, Hodge Hill CLP) is as follows:

Conference is concerned about the ongoing violence and human rights abuses in the disputed territory of Kashmir.

Conference notes all UN resolutions in relation to this disputed territory and urges a future Labour government to continue the recognition of UN resolutions in relation to the rights of the Kashmiri people.

In government Labour will work internationally to find a lasting settlement and bring an end to this conflict, this will only be achieved by bringing India and Pakistan together, working with the people of Kashmir.

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**Stoke-on-Trent Central CLP**

## **LABELLING OF MEDICINES AND MEDICAL PRODUCTS**

Conference notes:

In February 2022, the world's first medicine to be certified to contain no animal-derived products went on sale in Germany. Paravegano, a paracetamol product, uses a plant-based source of the excipient magnesium stearate. Some companies have thus taken the opportunity to lead the way in catering for vegetarian and vegan communities. However, many licences continue to be issued for medicines based on capsules with animal-derived gelatine, despite the fact that there are plant-based alternatives available, such as hypromellose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (HMPC), which are non-reactive and do not contribute to animal suffering. Patient information is not readily available as to the animal content of most medical products.

This is of great concern to the UK's vegetarian and vegan communities, who wish to make choices that reflect their deeply held philosophical belief in avoiding animal exploitation in all forms. This is also an issue of concern for Muslims, Jews and people who are intolerant of or allergic to some animal products. There is evidence from pharmacists that poor communication around the animal content of medical products has led to poor compliance with prescribed medical treatment, with negative health outcomes for patients.

Conference supports:

Mandatory labelling of medicines and medical products that have ingredients derived from animals, so that patients can make informed choices about the medicines they take. Mandatory use of plant-based alternatives in ingredients where these exist, these products to be stocked and prescribed as the default.

**Eastbourne CLP**

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

NOTING

That following the LASPO Act 2013 and other Tory cuts, legal aid in civil and family cases has been drastically reduced

That in consequence many of the poorest and most vulnerable members of our society are deprived of access to justice through our courts and tribunals

That vital social benefits such as the National Health Service (NHS) are available especially to those who are most in need of such benefits

That by contrast access to justice in our courts and tribunals is often unavailable to those who need it most.

#### RECOMMENDS

That Labour should establish a National Legal Service (NLS) which would frame and regulate the provision of public funds for civil and family cases utilising the private, public and community sectors

That the NLS would put the interests of people with legal problems first – in the same way that the NHS puts the interests of people with health problems first

That Labour should ensure that the NLS is adequately resourced to ensure civil and family legal aid is available at the point of need

That Labour should acknowledge the resulting economic and social benefits of a fair and properly funded justice system.

**South Norfolk CLP, Society of Labour Lawyers CLP**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND DEVOLUTION**

Pontypridd CLP welcomes the Gordon Brown report commissioned by the Labour Party and fully endorses its recommendations.

The transfer of political and financial powers for Scotland, Wales and the English regions, together with protection in law for the devolution settlements will create a stronger and more stable union. The abolition of the House of Lords and its replacement with an elected second chamber to represent the UK's nations and regions is vital if we are to secure the union into the future.

Pontypridd CLP calls for the inclusion of the report's recommendations in full in Labour's general election manifesto and in the first year legislative programme of the next Labour Government.

**Pontypridd CLP, Cynon Valley CLP, Ogmore CLP**

Conference welcomes the conclusion of the Brown Commission on the UK's Future that Labour should establish a radical devolution of power to locally elected and locally accountable representatives best placed to identify the needs and opportunities in their own areas, and to unleash the potential that exists everywhere throughout the country. Our aim must be to put power and resources in the hands of communities, towns, cities, regions and nations, to make their own decisions about what will work best for them.

Conference therefore resolves that the next Labour Government should legislate to transfer powers from Westminster to local communities including over

employment support, transport, energy, climate change, housing, culture and childcare.

## **West Worcestershire CLP**

Shipleigh CLP notes that:

Well-funded public services are the key to a functioning local community. Since 2010, councils have been deprived of the funding they need to deliver for local communities, with budgets slashed by nearly a quarter during this time.

Austerity has entrenched the deprivation between poorer and richer areas, with England's most deprived council authorities seeing a cut almost triple that of the richest.

Councils now face a very real risk of insolvency caused by inflationary costs and growing demand for services.

This Branch/CLP believes that:

As the largest party in local government, Labour is expertly placed to listen to local voices and deliver real change for communities.

Reforming local government and its funding model provides an opportunity for Labour to deliver lasting change for our communities.

Reforming local government and demonstrating Labour's impact is a vital way that the party can win the trust of the public.

Labour should not just seek to increase the pot of local government funding, but to ensure its distribution is based on need.

This Branch/CLP resolves:

Labour must:

Restructure how local government is funded, not only increasing the pot but rethinking the formula to distribute funds based on need.

Review the system of business rates, which has only widened the gaps between richer and poorer local authorities.

Review the competitive nature of bidding, ending the system which pits councils against one another.

## **Shipleigh CLP**

Women's Conference notes that:

1. Despite moving closer to achieving gender parity among Labour councillors, data suggests no more than a third of Labour council leaders are women.
2. To date, only one metro mayor is a woman, and only three elected Labour police and crime commissioners are female.

3. Women of colour, disabled women, LBT+ women and carers remain under-represented in local government leadership roles.
4. Women Labour councillors still report cultures of sexism, the pigeon-holing of women into traditionally masculine and feminine cabinet briefs, a “wait your time” approach to succession planning, and a rigidity of meeting patterns which can be incompatible with work and caring responsibilities.
5. The Conservative Government have dragged Local Government backwards by outlawing hybrid access to council meetings, which disproportionately impacts women.
6. Despite an increased number of authorities adopting the LGA/LWN parental leave policies’, there remains no legal right for councillors to take parental or carers’ leave, making it harder to combine and sustain parenting and caring with public life.

Women’s Conference resolves that:

1. Labour will lead a cultural revolution in local government, taking action to make council life inclusive, flexible and embracing of talent, in order to attract, support and retain a diversity of future leaders.
2. The next Labour Government will remove legal barriers to hybrid council meetings.
3. The next Labour Government will create a statutory right for parental and carers’ leave for all levels of public office.

### **Labour Women's Network**

#### Conference Notes

- The intense funding pressures forced on local authorities as a result of 13 years of Conservative ideological austerity.
- The inflationary pressures applied to local authorities budgets as a result of the Conservatives mismanagement of the economy.
- The hard work of local authorities keeping vital services running despite brutal Conservative cuts.
- The large disparities in the core spending power of local authorities between the poorest and wealthiest areas.
- The call from the F20 group of local authorities consisting of many of the lowest funded councils for a fairer distribution of local government funding. The F20 group includes Labour-led Bury, Coventry, Kirklees, Luton, Medway, Trafford, Warrington, and York.

Conference calls upon the Labour Party



- To commit to properly and fairly funding local authorities when in government.

## **Warrington North CLP**

Conference welcomes Labour now being the largest party in local government following the election results on May 4th.

These results led to more than 20 new Labour Councils in England who brought forward vital cost of living plans in their first 100 days.

Conference recognises the important role of Labour councillors in opposition groups large and small, standing up for their local communities and holding administrations to account effectively.

Conference pays tribute to hard working council officers who support communities day in, day out in a wide range of roles as well as the monumental role they played throughout the Covid lockdowns.

The need for adequate long term resourcing of local government is essential for service delivery, in particular statutory services. The Local Government Association workforce survey shows there is also a recruitment and retention crisis in a number of key areas for councils.

Conference condemns successive Conservative governments for cuts to local government funding alongside flawed competitive bidding processes as we saw with Levelling Up.

Conference welcomes the positive approach to local government from the Labour frontbench team – in particular ensuring there is a voice from local government at Shadow Cabinet.

This relationship is essential as many aspects of the next Labour Government will be delivered in partnership with local government in England, Scotland and Wales by handing powers to local leaders to deliver the improvements their communities need.

**ALC**

## **MATERNAL HEALTH**

Conference believes that preparation for parenthood is crucial for levelling up opportunities for children and can help tackle disparities in their mental and physical health.

However, preconception care remains undervalued and largely unavailable in the UK and the Conservative Government's health policies have either failed to help people of reproductive age or are too little too late for women entering maternity care.

Conference therefore calls upon the next Labour Government to adopt a Preconception Care Strategy to improve the health of expectant parents and to implement an immediate five point action plan to:

1. Make preconception care services available to everyone in the UK to tackle spiralling inequality
2. Incentivise GPs, maternity services and family hubs to normalise preconception care to improve pregnancy and post-natal care
3. Add preconception care to the curriculum to teach pupils the importance of healthy pregnancies
4. Move preconception healthcare into related health policies that address obesity and weight management, alcohol and smoking
5. Encourage large organisations including the NHS to give staff access to medical or health and wellbeing professionals before conception.

### **Mid Derbyshire CLP**

Conference calls on the Labour to evaluate the efficacy of health care provision for BAME communities; to set new standards and targets to eliminate the institutional and structural racism within the healthcare system that results in poor health outcomes for BAME women.

BAME women are four times more likely to die from complications surrounding pregnancy and childbirth than white women in the UK. These shocking statistics of disproportionately higher levels of risks and maternal deaths are made worse by their social and economic status and racial stereotypes that harm their lived experience of pregnancy and childbirth.

Death in pregnancy and childbirth is rare thanks to advances in medical technology and early detection of complications and risks. But according to one report, the chance of death is 1 in 2,500 for black women in the UK. The five-fold higher mortality rate amongst Black women compared with white women requires urgent investigation and action. BAME women need to be listened to and taken seriously. We need to challenge and eliminate prejudice and racial stereotypes that pose serious risks to BAME Women.

Every woman deserves the best care. Black and BAME women should have access to the best medical care during pregnancy.

Conference calls on Labour to establish a comprehensive system of National Health Service data collection; set targets; and monitor and reduce the pregnancy risks; deaths and disproportionate maternal mortality outcomes of BAME Women. This NHS data should be published annually.

### **BAME Labour**

Conference notes:

The Ockenden Review into maternity services at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Trust, released May 2022, reviewed the care of 1,486 families and a total of 1,592 clinical incidents, from 1973 to 2020.

12 cases of maternal death were considered by the Review, where none of the mothers had received care in line with best practice at the time.

1 in 4 of the 498 cases of stillbirth reviewed were found to have significant or major concerns in maternity care that, if managed appropriately, might or would have resulted in a different outcome.

The Review found there were significant staffing and training gaps throughout all the medical workforce. It supported recommendations of the Health and Social Care Committee to immediately increase the budget for maternity services by £200-350 million a year. It contained recommendations for improving maternity services nationwide.

Mothers and babies lives were put at risk due to an ideologically driven practice of wanting 'natural births' and low Caesarean rates.

Conference resolves to:

Publicly back the Ockenden Review's calls for maternity services to be appropriately funded, in order that maternity services can be as safe as possible. Set up a NHS recruitment drive to ensure midwives secure fully funded NHS midwifery degrees which guarantee staff wards are safe in the years to come. Ensure all medical care depends on evidence based practice to prevent dangerous ideological driven outcomes. Ensure the review recommendations are fully enacted

**North Shropshire CLP**

## **MEDIA**

Conference believes that when campaigning for change we ignore media power to shape public opinion at our peril. Action to reverse Tory austerity damage to public services, equalities and human and trade union rights requires media reform too.

Conference acknowledges the PLP's support for the Leveson Inquiry and opposition to the Tory Government's decision to cancel Part 2.

Recognising the political priority of media reform goes beyond Leveson's remit, Conference resolves a Labour government should:

Reinstate Leveson 2, to rebuild trust in print media.

Implement Leveson's press regulation recommendations. Self-regulation has failed: the newspaper industry funded Independent Press Standards Organisation protects proprietors' interests not the public's need for effective redress.

Recognise investment in regional, local and independent news outlets is crucial, as the 2019 Cairncross Review did: public service journalism cannot be left to market forces.

Prepare legislation to challenge large corporations' domination of press ownership and high levels of media concentration.

Replace the BBC's Royal Charter with Parliamentary and public scrutiny, making the prime public service broadcaster more publicly accountable with reduced government influence.

Change Ofcom's governance and purposes to be tougher on media ownership and promote public service values instead of commercial operators' interests.

Appoint more socially representative regulators, rather than media industry heads.

Establish an organisation to promote public service content for media platforms, funded by a levy on major tech companies.

Require internet and social media providers to establish enforceable codes about content.

**Skipton and Ripon CLP**

## **NEW DEAL FOR WORKING PEOPLE**

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed how grotesquely undervalued workers are in our society. Instead of learning lessons from this life-altering period, inequalities are growing and are being exacerbated by today's world of work.

Business leaders used to be paid to build companies, create growth and secure employment. Now, profiteering is increasingly shaping our world of work, with short-term profits favoured over long-term investment.

The expansion of the gig economy has created a major barrier to improving pay, conditions and security for workers everywhere. Companies bogusly self-employ workers with no consequence, pushing down wages across entire sectors of the economy. These companies and their employment practices need to be fundamentally changed.

Outside the workplace, our society is literally crumbling and public services are beyond breaking point. Yet the wealthiest in our society escape fair taxation and profiteering has become the norm.

It is clear that after thirteen years of Tory rule, the world of work is completely broken and workers need change immediately.

Congress resolves that the next Labour government should:

- Understand that the New Deal for Workers is an electoral advantage, not a disadvantage and implement it in its entirety when elected
- Expand their commitment to sectoral collective bargaining beyond one sector to tackle the imbalance of power in the workplace
- Commit properly to implementing a single status of worker and end bogus self-employment within the first term of a Labour Government
- Commit to reforming taxation so that the wealthiest pay their fair share and our public services are properly funded

**CWU**

Conference commends Keir Starmer's key role in developing A New Deal for Working People and welcomes the vital role Andy McDonald and Angela Rayner have played making it government-ready. Working with trade union affiliates, the New Deal will be immediately implemented in full when in government, to shift balance towards labour, away from capital.

Conference affirms there will be no regression from the New Deal.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to repeal in full the Trade Union Act 2016, the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2022 and the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 (MSLs).

Conference agrees with TUC 2023 policy to build mass opposition to the MSLs laws, up to and including a strategy of non-compliance and non-cooperation to make them unworkable, including industrial action.

Labour in government will immediately implement A New Deal for Working People in full including:

Widespread rollout across the economy of sectoral collective bargaining. Single status of worker. Repeal of anti-trade union legislation including Trade Union Act 2016, the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023.

End 'fire and rehire' and 'fire and replace', replace the inadequate statutory code and reform the law to provide effective remedies against abuse. A fully resourced Single Enforcement Body.

Laws regulating industrial action should ensure that UK law complies in every respect with the international obligations ratified by the UK, including those of the ILO.

Increase Statutory Sick Pay and extend to self-employed. Simplify the process of union recognition and ensure reasonable access within workplaces.

**Fire Brigades Union**

## **PENSIONS**

Our elderly, who have contributed so much to this country and continue to play an important role in looking after grandchildren and contributing to charitable work receive one of the lowest State Pensions in Europe

This is both intolerable and unnecessary since the UK is the fifth richest country in the world.

With the cost of living increasing, inflation increasing, the cost of food continuing to increase, electricity and gas bills doubling, pensioners health and wellbeing is under enormous threat.

Action has to be taken.

This conference calls on the next Labour Government to reinstate the triple lock on state pensions as the first phase of addressing this issue.

To progressively increase the state pension to the mid-payment level of other European countries and thereafter maintain the state pension at least at the level of the fifth richest European country's payment.

**Edinburgh Northern and Leith CLP**

## **POLICE REFORM**

Conference notes that:

- Feeling safe and secure is the bedrock on which opportunities are built, communities can thrive, and local economies can prosper. Yet, under successive Conservative Governments, that sense of security has slowly eroded over the past 13 years.
- The Conservatives have hollowed out neighbourhood policing, closed police stations and undermined the vital criminal justice institutions that tackle crime and stop criminals.
- Too often people fear that when things go wrong, no one will come, and nothing will be done. And even if criminals are caught, victims fear that justice will be delayed or not delivered at all. In 2022 over two million crimes went completely unsolved.
- Labour has made it its national mission to raise confidence in every police force to its highest levels and reverse the collapse in the proportion of crimes solved.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Overhaul our police standards system, by introducing new national compulsory standards on vetting, checks and misconduct.
- Make it a mandatory requirement for all police forces to implement the National Police Chiefs' Council Race Action Plan
- Rebuild neighbourhood policing by recruiting more police officers and PCSOs and embed them in communities.
- Ensure each police service in England and Wales has a specialist rape and serious sexual offence (RASSO) unit.
- Ensure LGBT+ hate crime is taken seriously by the police and public bodies, so we do not see biases leading to more victims.

### **South Leicestershire CLP, Newcastle upon Tyne North CLP**

## **PUBLIC ORDER ACT**

Conference notes:

1. on 6 May 2023, coronation day, under the powers of the 2023 Public Order Act, 64 people were arrested, including:
  - 3 women's safety volunteers
  - 6 members of campaigning group Republic
  - a monarchist bystander
  - 13 Animal Rising activists attending a training course
  - Members of Just Stop Oil

and were held in custody for more than 12 hours, before being released without charge " the Metropolitan apologised for its actions;

1. intersectional discrimination impedes disadvantaged minorities, including BAME, GRT, LGTBI, disabled and women, to access their rights;
2. black people are six times more likely to be stopped than white people;
3. increasing authoritarianism of the state and militarisation of the police translate into increased police violence against demonstrators;
4. concerns that frontbench statements suggest a Labour government would not repeal the new Act.

Conference believes:

1. freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and the right to freedom of expression and protest are fundamental human rights;

2. the 2023 Public Order Act significantly undermines these rights, introducing new protest banning orders, among other new powers;
3. the draconian restrictions of the Act conflict with a democratic society and will likely be used against trade unions, climate activists, and other campaigning organisations pursuing progressive change;
4. the Labour movement was born out of resistance and has a proud history of protest.

Conference calls upon the next Labour government to defend the right to protest and repeal the Act within two years of taking office.

### **Montgomeryshire CLP**

Conference notes:

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- Labour has made it its national mission to raise confidence in every police force to its highest levels and reverse the collapse in the proportion of crimes solved.
- The first and most important means of restoring confidence and trust in the police is to ensure that they are there to tackle crime.
- Labour has been clear that police had sufficient powers to police protests and did not need or ask for the new measures in the Public Order Act. Labour opposed the Bill because it targeted peaceful protest, not the irresponsible groups breaking the law, threatening our national infrastructure or putting public safety at risk.
- Our communities deserve a stronger and brighter future, and a Labour government means safer streets and safer communities.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Properly monitor the impact of the Public Order Act
- Always protect the right to peaceful protest and the right to picket in industrial disputes, which have won so many of our historic freedoms, while ensuring workers' lives are not thrown into chaos and that emergency services can always attend in a crisis.
- Continue to support measures to put buffer zones around abortion clinics included within the Public Order Act, to establish the fundamental right to access healthcare free from harassment.

### **Birmingham Yardley CLP**



This conference stands against the increase in police powers to impose restrictions on freedom to protest. The Police, Crimes, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act (2022) gave more power to the police to impose restrictions and shut down protests more easily, as well as increasing stop and search powers. The Public Order Act (2023) gave further powers to the Police to prevent 'disruptive' protest tactics and further restrict the right to protest.

The UN Human Rights Chief, Volker Türk, said "The Public Order [Act] is deeply troubling legislation that is incompatible with the UK's international human rights obligations regarding people's rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association"

This conference believes:

- The right to protest is a cornerstone of modern democracy, and protests are inherently disruptive.
- Protests give a voice to those who are often underrepresented in our political system.
- The police do not require more powers, especially while they often abuse the ones they already hold.
- Both the PCSC Act (2022) and the Public Order Act (2023) are authoritarian Acts that restrict individual freedoms to express political views.

This conference resolves that:

- The Labour Party reaffirms its commitment to protecting the right to protest.
- The next Labour manifesto must include a commitment to repeal both the PCSC Act (2023), and the Public Order Act (2022) within its first 100 days of government

### **Daventry CLP**

That this Conference notes with concern the increasing influence of populist, authoritarian movements internationally, some now in governments around the world.

The growth of authoritarianism represents the greatest threat to democracy since the rise of fascism in the 1930s. Recent developments are a warning that this growth will lead to new forms of fascism taking power in what is becoming a fundamental global attack on democracy and liberty. This attack is growing increasingly confident and strident in the UK.

Conference notes this trend began in the UK with far-right organisations such as UKIP using the Brexit referendum to shift the Conservative party to the right. This is illustrated by Tory anti-immigrant /refugee rhetoric and the opprobrium

heaped on so-called “woke” people. The Tory party is now becoming infused with far-right tropes and delusions, which is reflected in its legislative priorities. One of the most significant developments in this process is the Public Order Act 2023.

Therefore, Conference expresses concern at some signals from some in the leadership of the Labour Party that this Act may not be removed entirely and that it could be tweaked in some way by a future Labour Government.

Conference resolves that The Public Order Act 2023, along with parallel attacks on our democracy such as the voter ID regulations, should be completely removed as a priority by an incoming Labour Government.

**Eltham CLP**

## **PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

- Labour's plan for Great British Energy (GBE): a public company investing in clean energy generation to de-risk and crowd in private finance
- The rate of return on oil and gas (10-15%) exceeds renewables (4-8%)
- In 2022, only 5% of oil and gas company capital expenditure went to renewables
- Fossil fuel companies make record profits while they exacerbate the climate crisis
- The public strongly back public ownership of energy (66%)

Believes:

- Privatisation is a massive barrier to a rapid energy transition and decarbonisation, with investment directed towards highly profitable fossil fuels
- Public ownership of the whole energy system would maximise energy security, eliminate regional inequalities, and reduce energy prices
- Workers and communities must be directly involved in designing and implementing energy transition plans to avoid mass layoffs and regional economic decline
- A participatory approach to public ownership would maximise worker and citizen control throughout the system

Resolves to support:

- Democratic public ownership of the whole energy system, including:

- Nationalisation of energy transmission and distribution; energy supply; the UK operations and infrastructure of fossil fuel companies
- Creating a National Energy Agency to set standards and targets; own industries of national importance (e.g., oil and gas, offshore wind, nuclear); coordinate energy transition, including workforce planning
- Creating public Regional and Municipal Energy Agencies to own, invest in, and operate distribution networks; decarbonise heat and electricity; supply energy to households
- Capitalising GBE to completely supplant the private energy sector
- The decommodification of energy, facilitating a right to energy

**Sleaford and North Hykeham CLP, Wycombe CLP, Southend West CLP,  
Ceredigion CLP**

Conference notes:

That public ownership is popular with voters, with polling indicating these levels of support:

- Energy 66% (Survation, 2022)
- Water 69% (Survation, 2022)
- Royal Mail 68% (Survation, 2022)
- Railways 67% (Survation, 2022)
- Buses 65% (Survation, 2022)
- Social Care 64% (Survation, 2020)
- NHS 84% (YouGov, 2017)
- Additionally, 61% of the public think local and central government should try to run services in-house first, before outsourcing (Survation, 2015,) 82% want schools to mostly be run in the public sector (Survation, 2020;) and 63% want utilities to mostly be run in the public sector (Survation, 2020.)

Conference believes:

- The crises caused by soaring energy bills and the scandal of raw sewage being dumped into rivers have highlighted the failures of privatisation in Britain.
- Private companies are making mega-profits from public services - these vast sums should instead be invested to improve services, to give their workers a pay increase and to lower costs for consumers.

- That the Tory corruption and outsourcing crises during the pandemic further illustrated the need for public ownership and democratic control.
- A clear commitment to extending public ownership of key utilities and public services can be a big vote winner for Labour.

Conference resolves:

- To oppose further Tory privatisation and outsourcing, including of the NHS, education and local government services.
- To support public ownership of key services and utilities including energy, water, railways, buses, social care, the Royal Mail and the NHS prioritising energy, water and the NHS.

### **Aberconwy CLP**

Conference notes:

That public ownership is popular with voters, with polling indicating these levels of support.

- Energy - 66% (Survation, 2022)
- Water - 69% (Survation, 2022)
- Royal Mail - 68% (Survation, 2022)
- Railways - 67% (Survation, 2022)
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### **Clwyd South CLP**

This conference believes that public services should be in public hands, not making profits for shareholders. We support common ownership of rail, mail, energy water, and their associated distribution networks.

### **Brentford and Isleworth CLP**

Public Power Now

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### **Bexhill and Battle CLP**

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Conference resolves:

- To oppose further Tory privatisation and outsourcing, including of the NHS, education and council services.
- To support public ownership of key services and utilities including energy, water, railways, buses, social care, the royal mail and the NHS.

### **Horsham CLP, East Hampshire CLP**

Conference believes:

- The crises caused by soaring energy bills and the scandal of raw sewage being dumped into rivers have highlighted the failures of privatisation in Britain.
- Private companies are making excessive profits from public services and executives are taking large salaries and bonuses – these vast sums should instead be invested to improve services, to give their workers a pay increase and to lower costs for consumers.
- That the Tory corruption and outsourcing crises during the pandemic further illustrated the need for public ownership and democratic control.
- A clear commitment to extending public ownership of key utilities and public services can be a big vote winner for Labour.

Conference resolves:

- To oppose privatisation and outsourcing, including of the NHS, education and council services.
- To support public ownership of key services and utilities including energy, water, railways, buses, social care, the royal mail and the NHS.

### **Croydon South CLP**

Conference notes: That public ownership is popular with voters, with polling indicating these levels of support

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Conference resolves:

- To oppose further privatisation and outsourcing, including of the NHS, education and council services.
- To support the principle of public ownership of key services and utilities including energy, water, public transport (to include Isle of Wight ferries), social care, the royal mail and the NHS.

### **Isle of Wight CLP**

This conference calls upon the next Labour Government to bring both The Bus and The Rail Industries back under social ownership.

The privatisation of both industries has proved to be a huge obstacle to the development of joined up Transport Policy.

Social Ownership of both Bus and Rail industries is a necessary step to getting Britain moving and to help address climate change with the challenges ahead.

### **Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford CLP**

## **REFORM OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT**

Conference notes that the latest data shows that - after 13 years of Tory austerity and attacks on workers' rights - 4.2 million children are now living in poverty, in the fifth largest economy in the world.

Conference notes that the two-child cap on benefits is pushing 1.1 million children deeper into poverty.



Conference notes that 7 in 10 children living in poverty are in working families.

Conference believes that abolishing the two-child cap on benefits is one of the most effective routes to alleviate child poverty. It would immediately lift 250,000 children out of poverty and a further 850,000 children would be raised out of deep poverty, at a cost of just £1.3 billion.

Conference believes that punishing families for having more than two children doesn't push parents back into work - it only drives more children into poverty.

Conference believes that the explosion in child poverty is the biggest issue of the day and eradicating it should be at the forefront of the next Labour government - just as it was in 1997 when we last came to power.

Conference calls for the end to the cruel and ineffective two-child benefits cap to be included in the Labour manifesto for the General Election.

### **Liverpool Riverside CLP**

Conference recognises:

- The Labour Party has a long tradition of alleviating Child Poverty.
- In 1999 the Labour Government announced its intention to end child poverty, introducing a range of measures including child tax credits, increased support for childcare and increased maternity pay. By 2010 nearly a million children were taken out of poverty.
- Labour's commitment to ending Child Poverty was crystalised in 2010, with the Child Poverty Act which ensured governments produce a child poverty strategy and move towards UK-wide targets to reduce poverty.

Conference notes

- So called Welfare Reform by the Coalition and Tory Governments has amounted to increased inequality and greater poverty with over 2 million more children living in poverty than in since 2010.
- In Britain today 4.2 million children (29%) are living in poverty with children in larger families at a far greater risk of living in poverty.
- The two-child limit is pushing 1.1 million children deeper into poverty.

Conference Resolves to:

- Make ending Child Poverty be the top priority of a Labour Government. A strategy to do this must form part of the Labour Party's first year in office.
- Require, that in Government, Labour reintroduce an updated Child Poverty Act which creates a statutory duty for all government to reduce child poverty across a variety of measures.

- Insist a Labour Government end the two-child limit to all benefits to directly lift 250,000 children out of poverty and work towards achieving a fairer society for all children.

### **Ellesmere Port and Neston CLP**

Hove & Portslade CLP notes the publication of a report from the 'Larger Families Project' ('Needs & Entitlements – Welfare reform and larger families') on a three year study showing that the case for scrapping the two-child cap, and the overall benefit cap, is “overwhelming” and that currently both policies are causing “extreme hardship” and failing to incentivise claimant families to find more work or limit the number of children they have.

It further notes that:

- the two-child cap disproportionately impacts BAME families who tend to have bigger families.
- the UK is the only country in the world with a two-child limit.
- The Child Poverty Action Group say lifting the cap would lift a ¼ million children out of poverty.
- Hove & Portslade CLP believes that there is an overwhelming and unassailable case for the need to end the two-child limit and to centre support for families with children in a much more positive light within the social security system.
- Therefore, Hove & Portslade CLP calls on the next Labour government to remove the two-child benefit cap when the economic situation permits.

### **Hove CLP**

Conference notes:

1. Labour's Five Missions include 'a focus on reducing child poverty'.
2. The two-child limit on child tax credits and Universal Credit is a major driver of child poverty. It denies means-tested support worth up to - £3,235pa per child to third and subsequent children in households.
3. 1.5m children live in families affected by the policy, with minority-ethnic families and single-parent families disproportionately affected.
4. Abolishing the cap would lift 250,000 children out of poverty and reduce poverty for 850,000 more, costing approximately - £1.3bn pa.
5. The societal cost of child poverty is estimated at - £39bn pa. The Women's Budget Group estimates that lifting 250,000 children out of poverty could

save roughly £2.3bn in future societal costs: almost twice the cost of scrapping the two-child limit.

Conference believes:

1. Labour cannot achieve its objective of reducing child poverty without scrapping the two-child limit.
2. Abolishing the policy will have an immediate beneficial impact on children suffering hardship. It is also, as the End Poverty Commission suggests, the most cost-effective way of reducing child poverty.
3. Scrapping the two-child limit is an investment that will bring net benefits to society, reducing the burden on our economy and our health and education services.
4. It is immoral to treat some children as less deserving than others because of the circumstances of their birth.

Conference therefore calls upon the Party to include a pledge for the immediate abolition of the two-child limit in its next election manifesto.

**Stoke-on-Trent South CLP, Cunninghame North CLP, Meriden CLP, Ribble Valley CLP, West Suffolk CLP, Enfield North CLP, Wolverhampton South West CLP, Orpington CLP**

Motion to conference: Welfare and child poverty.

Conference notes that the Labour Party founded the modern welfare state in the aftermath of the Second World War and how the last Labour Government built on this legacy by introducing measures including Child Tax Credits, Pension Credits, the Winter Fuel allowance, and the Education Maintenance Allowance.

Conference further notes with concern the party leadership's pledge to keep the Conservative Government's two-child cap on benefits, a policy estimated to be responsible for keeping 250,000 children in poverty and that has previously been condemned by the party Leader and Deputy Leader.

Conference believes the two-child cap penalises children for the size of the families they are born into, which is no fault of their own. It is a classist and sexist policy that exacerbates economic disparity between men and women, disproportionately impacting single mothers and Black and Minoritised Ethnic women.

Conference further believes that the £1.3bn a year needed to reverse this policy could be funded by closing tax loopholes that benefit the wealthy. For example, Tax Justice UK estimate £1.4bn could be raised annually by closing inheritance tax loopholes.

Conference resolves that the next UK Labour Government should continue the mission of its predecessor to abolish child poverty, using the welfare state to redistribute wealth from the few toward the many.

Conference further resolves to call on the current UK Labour Leadership to reverse its policy on the two-child benefits cap, pledging to abolish it in government, for example, by ending tax loopholes.

### **Cardiff North CLP**

The Conservatives have let down children. They have cut funding for children's services and closed 1,300 Sure Start Centres. Child poverty has increased. We have a record number of children in care. Our child welfare and mental health systems are in crisis.

Meanwhile, private companies are making exorbitant profits from children's homes, despite the scandals of neglect and abuse.

Under the last Labour government, Sure Start centres provided early support to families. Labour prioritised children's wellbeing, invested in family support services and lifted a million children out of poverty. The next Labour government must put children first again.

Conference resolves that the next Labour Government will end the crisis in children's social care by:

- Pursuing a prevention-first strategy, with steady investment in early intervention.
- Tackling the structural inequalities that mean children from Black and ethnic minority groups and disabled children are more likely to be in care.
- Radically improving child and adolescent mental health services.
- Investing in free legal advice and advocacy for families involved with the child welfare system and supporting them to make safe plans for their children.
- Enabling children who cannot live at home to be raised by loving relatives and friends, and supporting these kinship households through financial, employment, legal and benefits reforms.
- Improving outcomes for care experienced young people including supporting them to have lasting, loving relationships.
- Coordinating continued support for care leavers.
- Ensuring no child is detained due to their or their family's immigration status.
- Planning for a respected, well qualified social care workforce.

## **Chichester CLP**

This conference is proud of the last Labour government's achievements in providing our children with prosperity and security by lifting 1.4 million children out of poverty through the child tax credit, introducing Sure Start, improving our schools and increasing higher education admissions. This conference reiterates the Labour party's belief in ensuring a bright future for all children regardless of their background or circumstance.

Whilst the last Labour government lifted a generation of children out of destitution, 13 years of Tory government has shamefully led to nearly 4 million children living in relative poverty - more than 1 in 4 children. When George Osborne chose to impose the two-child cap on the child tax credit and universal credit, that was a political choice to shame and scapegoat vulnerable families rather than supporting them. As our country faces overwhelming challenges on all fronts, we must reflect on where we stand as a party. While fiscal responsibility is vital, our political decisions must unashamedly prioritise our children.

This conference resolves that the next Labour government must:

- Reopen the previous Labour government's SureStart centres
- Guarantee childcare from the end of parental leave to the end of primary school
- Provide free breakfast clubs and school lunches for all children
- Abolish the two-child limit and benefit cap
- Set out a long-term plan to eradicate child poverty with annual targets

## **Filton and Bradley Stoke CLP**

Scrap the Two-Child Limit

Conference notes:

1. Labour's Five Missions include 'a focus on reducing child poverty'.
2. The two-child limit on child tax credits and Universal Credit is a major driver of child poverty. It denies means-tested support worth up to £3235 per child per year, for the third and subsequent children.
3. 1.5 million children live in families affected by the policy, with minority-ethnic families and single parent families disproportionately affected.
4. Abolishing the cap would lift 250,000 children out of poverty and reduce poverty for 850,000 more at an annual cost of £1.3bn.

5. The societal cost of child poverty is estimated at £39bn per year. The women's Budget Group estimates that removing the cap will save roughly £2.3bn in societal costs.

Conference believes:

1. Labour cannot achieve its objective of reducing child poverty without scrapping the two-child limit.
2. Abolishing the policy will have an immediate beneficial impact on children suffering hardship. It is also, as the End Poverty Commission suggests, the most cost-effective way of reducing child poverty.
3. Scrapping the two-child limit is an investment that will bring net benefits to society, reducing the burden on our economy and our health and education services.
4. It is immoral to treat some children as less deserving than others because of the circumstances of their birth.

Conference therefore calls upon the Party to include a pledge for the abolition of the two-child limit in its next election manifesto.

### **North East Hertfordshire CLP**

Conference notes:

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3. 1.5m children live in families affected by the policy, with minority-ethnic families and single-parent families disproportionately affected.
4. Abolishing the two-child limit would lift 250,000 children out of poverty and reduce poverty for 850,000 more, costing approximately £1.3bn pa.
5. The societal cost of child poverty is estimated at £39bn pa. The Women's Budget Group estimates that lifting 250,000 children out of poverty could save roughly £2.3bn in future societal costs: almost twice the cost of scrapping the two-child limit.

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### **Bristol South CLP**

Conference notes:

1. Labour's Five Missions include removing barriers to opportunity for every child.
2. The two-child limit on child tax credits and Universal Credit is a major driver of child poverty, denying support worth up to £3,235pa per child to third and subsequent children in households.
3. 1.5m children live in affected families, with minority-ethnic and single-parent families disproportionately affected.
4. Abolishing the limit would lift 250,000 children out of poverty and reduce poverty for 850,000 more.
5. The Women's Budget Group estimates lifting 250,000 children out of poverty could save society £2.3bn, almost twice the approximate £1.3bn cost of scrapping the two-child limit.
6. To date, about 1,000 women have had to use the rape clause to apply for money they need for their families.

Conference believes:

1. It is immoral to impose a policy that condemns children to poverty due to the date and circumstances of their birth.
2. Labour cannot reduce child poverty without scrapping the two-child limit.
3. Abolishing the limit would immediately beneficially impact children suffering hardship. The End Poverty Commission suggests it is the most cost-effective way to reduce child poverty.
4. Scrapping the limit is an investment that will bring net benefits by reducing the burden on our economy and services.
5. It is inhumane to oblige women to disclose details of rape and trauma as part of benefits claims.

Conference calls upon the Party to pledge to abolish immediately the two-child limit in its next election manifesto.

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Conference therefore calls upon the Party to include a pledge for the immediate abolition of the two-child limit in its next election manifesto.

Basingstoke CLP puts a motion to Conference that the next Labour government prioritises rescinding the benefit cap on two children.

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### **Nottingham North CLP, Islington North CLP**

The two-child limit came into force in 2017 as part of a series of welfare cuts. Every year since, more and more children are born without the state support offered to their siblings. 1.5 million children – one in every ten children growing up in the UK – is now affected by this policy.

Scrapping the two-child limit could lift 250,000 children out of poverty directly and improve the financial circumstances of 1 million children. One in four children in some of England and Wales's poorest constituencies are in families left at least £3,000 poorer by the policy.

60% of households affected by the policy have at least one adult in paid employment. Of the remaining non-working households, many include a parent with a disability or health issues, or a parent who acts as a full-time carer.

This conference determines that Labour commits to opposing the two-child limit and scrap this policy when in power.

### **South Derbyshire CLP**

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3. Scrapping the two-child limit is an investment that will bring net benefits to society, reducing the burden on our economy and our health and education services.
4. It is immoral to treat some children as less deserving than others because of the circumstances of their birth.

Conference therefore calls upon the Party to include a pledge for the immediate abolition of the two-child limit in its next election manifesto.

**Exeter CLP**

## **SOCIAL CARE**

The Conservatives have let down children. They have cut funding for children's services and closed 1,300 Sure Start Centres. Child poverty has increased. We have a record number of children in care. Our child welfare and mental health systems are in crisis.

Private companies are making exorbitant profits from children's homes, despite the scandals of neglect and abuse.

Under the last Labour government, Sure Start centres provided early support to families. Labour lifted a million children out of poverty. The next Labour government must put children first again.;

Conference resolves to:

- Pursue a prevention-first strategy, with steady investment in early intervention.
- Tackle the structural inequalities that mean children from Black and ethnic minority groups and disabled children are more likely to be in care.
- Radically improve child and adolescent mental health services.
- Invest in free legal advice and advocacy for families involved with the child welfare system and support them to make safe plans for their children.
- Enable children who cannot live at home to be raised by safe, loving relatives and friends; and support these kinship households through financial, employment, legal and benefits reforms.
- Improve outcomes for care experienced young people.
- Coordinate continued support for care leavers.
- Ensure no child is detained due to their or their family's immigration status.
- Plan for a respected, well qualified social care workforce.
- Adopt the recommendations of the Independent Review of Children's Social Care and back a 'total reset' of children's social care

### **Dulwich and West Norwood CLP**

This motion addresses the nationwide shortage of carers, crucial for caring for elderly and vulnerable people at homes, safely, and with quality of life.

The UK's shortage of carers, due to poor remuneration and an image as a 'Cinderella service' is a widespread problem. Since Brexit, the government has, in desperation, granted 12-month visas to foreign workers to fill the caring gap. Many are excellent, but, this is just a temporary measure.

In its 2019 Manifesto for Health and Social Care, the Labour Party pledges to set up a National Care Service, operating alongside the NHS. The aim is to eliminate the current postcode lottery of care at home.

We propose the establishment of a nationally implemented career structure for employed Home Carers, with mandatory training (possibly day-release), an inspection regime, full and part-time contracts (not zero hours), and national pay scales governing remuneration.

We believe that a career structure, with recognition and financial appreciation will greatly increase recruitment and retention into this vital sector.

If such measures are not taken, we believe that elderly and vulnerable people will suffer, with an increasingly piecemeal service. Furthermore, hospital beds will continue to be occupied by those who are ready to leave, but are waiting for home care to be found.

The ageing population, and medical advances, are here to stay. Efficient social care is key to preserving healthy lives, with fewer hospital admissions. We commend this motion to Conference.

### **Bristol North West CLP**

That this conference condemns the neglect of social care in England under 13 years of Conservative rule; and is appalled by the fact that Age UK research shows that 2.5 million people over 50 have unmet care needs. The Conservatives' social care reforms have done nothing to tackle underfunding, poor quality care or sector capacity.

Conference notes that poor pay and conditions mean there are 165,000 careworker vacancies in England; and that this recruitment and retention crisis can only be addressed by a significant boost to careworkers' pay and conditions.

Conference further notes that increased funding for social care will also play a key role in tackling record NHS waiting lists; as many patients cannot be safely discharged because of a lack of adequate social care provision in the community.

Conference welcomes UNISON's campaign for a National Care Service in England, which launched in April 2023 and backs the call for a National Care Service that:

gives access to quality care for all those who need it;

- is focussed on providing world-class social care, not delivering profits for shareholders;
- has national pay, terms and conditions for all care workers and a proper workforce plan;
- has the long-term and adequate funding for a high-quality care service; and includes an emergency pay boost for all careworkers, helping to end the staffing crisis.
- Conference therefore resolves that the next Labour Government must deliver a National Care Service based on the principles set out above.

### **Sutton and Cheam CLP**

Conference notes the ongoing crisis in social care.

Conference recognises that radical reform is needed if we are to care for an aging population.

Conference believes that reforming and fixing our broken social care system should be a priority for a future Labour government. Just as Labour had the vision and foresight to create the NHS, we must engineer a fully funded National Care Service. Conference further believes that this pioneering service must have at its heart a workforce strategy which gives social care workers an equivalent status to those working in healthcare, and a decent wage for all care workers.

A priority for the Labour Party should be a well-funded social care system, fully staffed by a well-trained workforce, and building on the foundations of the Dilnot Report, so that people can receive personalised care and support at times of crisis and change.

Conference therefore resolves to establish a National Care Service that will:

- guarantee the necessary public funding to deliver a world class system of care and support so that receiving high-quality care does not come down to the financial means of the recipients of the service;
- extend the insourcing of care services through public procurement, removing profit from our social care system;
- implement national standards on terms and conditions, negotiated with the representatives of social care trade unions, to ensure care workers are paid at least in line with average wages, with clear routes for training and progression.

### **Wimbledon CLP**

- After a decade of cuts to local government, too many people are left to cope without the social care support they need. There is a chronic workforce crisis, staff are undervalued, and standards of care are not consistently high.
- Despite repeated promises to fix social care, the Conservatives have delayed reforms and instead asked councils to increase taxes on working people to plug funding gaps.

Conference further notes that:

- Reform to social care is long overdue and must give people who rely on it the support to live the lives that they choose, in comfort and with dignity.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Have a long-term plan for reform of adult social care, that will lead to a world-class National Care Service.

- Work in partnership with older people, disabled adults, families, trade unions, and workers to build a system which is locally delivered but underpinned by high national standards.
- Recruit and retain more carers by introducing better rights at work, decent standards, fair pay and proper training with opportunities for progression.
- Have a fair pay agreement collectively negotiated across the social care sector.
- Support independent living with the principle of 'home first'.
- Offer support for family carers, who have been pushed to breaking point.
- Give people in care homes a new legal right to see their loved ones.
- Raise standards across the sector by requiring all providers to demonstrate financial sustainability and responsibility, to value their staff, and to deliver high quality care.

### **East Yorkshire CLP**

Conference notes that the Social Care structure in this country is in need of significant reform.

Conference believes that Social Care is underfunded, under-resourced and undervalued by those who have the power to change this situation.

Conference resolves to call upon a Labour government to provide investment to improve care provision within the public sector, delivering a National Care and Support Service for Independent Living (NaCSILs) with nationally mandated standards but designed and delivered locally which is:

- guided by a taskforce on independent living led by service users
- democratically accountable
- publicly funded
- Free at the point of use, and
- Not for profit.

There will be a national objective assessment criteria to avoid any postcode lottery for care. Care and services such as the provision of equipment and adaptations to support independent living will be provided in-house by the local authority using a directly employed workforce.

Staff will have a proper career structure with improved pay, terms and conditions, tackling high vacancy rates and transforming training.

Labour will ensure unpaid family carers get a generous allowance, proper information, advice and breaks and more flexibility in the workplace.

Within the first term of a Labour government, care charging will cease.

The NHS and NaCSILs will not merge but will work in partnership around users' needs and wants. The service will be guided by Independent Living principles. It will not be more of the same.

**Tottenham CLP**

## **SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE**

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to deliver a long-term plan for reform of social care which would prevent new contracts being given to care providers who do not meet high standards.

Conference reaffirms its support for a National Care Service based on needs, that is locally delivered, and where people are helped to stay in their homes for as long as possible and where disabled adults have choice and control over their support.

Conference believes success will be built on a workforce well prepared for the care needs of today and the future and welcomes the establishment of a national Fair Pay Agreement in adult social care, empowering social care trade unions to negotiate fair pay, terms, conditions, staff benefits, and training.

Labour must ensure all care providers demonstrate financial sustainability and responsible tax practices, value their staff, ensure all social care workers are paid fairly for what they do and deliver high quality care for service users.

Conference further believes that the creation of a National Care Service, based on these values will benefit every family in the country and will lead to a service that sits alongside the NHS as one of Labour's finest achievements.

Conference therefore resolves that Labour will put a National Care Service at the centre of the election campaign.

Conference further resolves that Labour must work closely with the unions representing the social care workforce to build a National Care Service that rewards them for their work and ends poor pay and exploitation for good.

**Unison**

## **SWIMMING**

In a Nation surrounded by water and with many inland lakes and waterways it is vital for our children to learn to swim. We call on a Labour Government, when elected, to pledge specific funding to keep our public swimming pools open. Swimming is not just a safety issue, it also improves physical and mental health for all ages.

## **TECHNOLOGY AND AI IN THE WORKPLACE**

Conferences believes that the rapid proliferation of the use of new or advanced technologies in the workplace has left many working people in stressful and precarious positions.

Surveillance technologies are already being used to exacerbate workplace inequalities, drive down conditions and create unsafe work environments. We have seen this across employers in our industries, where workers are being pressured by constant surveillance to work harder and faster for less.

The introduction of automation and AI in the workplace and key infrastructure without proper regulation could have catastrophic consequences. There is a growing problem in the lack of knowledge and policy surrounding the development of technologies like AI and the labour movement must improve our resources if we are to confront the inappropriate use of these technologies in the workplace.

If these technologies continue to be introduced without trade union agreement, they will result in a degradation of pay and conditions and infringe on our basic human rights. The gap in workers rights in regards to technology must be addressed and an iron-clad legal right to wider consultation must be introduced.

Conference resolves:

- The next Labour Government should work with trade unions to ensure that the legal right to consultation on the introduction of invasive, automated or artificial intelligence technologies in the workplace is enshrined in law
- Labour should commit to working with trade unions to gain an understanding of the unscrupulous use of technology in the workplace and campaign against it

**CWU**

Conference notes the increasing pace and impact of automation, new technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the workplace including surveillance technologies.

Conference further notes how these technologies can automate jobs, exacerbate workplace inequalities, increase workplace pressure and stress, drive down skills, violate basic human rights and accelerate rampant profiteering and wealth inequality.

Analysts at McKinsey are already forecasting that AI could increase corporate profits by a further \$4.4 trillion.



Conference calls on the Labour Party to develop a comprehensive package of legislative, regulatory and workplace protections to ensure that when in government the positive potential of technology is realised for all including the fair distribution of productivity gains. This to include:

- protections of workers' data, human characteristics, acquired knowledge and experience, as the intellectual property of the worker;
- a collective bargaining framework ensuring that such intellectual property is properly recognised, valued, and compensated;
- a legal duty on employers to consult trade unions on the use of intrusive forms of technology and AI in the workplace;
- a legal right for all workers to have a human review of decisions made by AI systems so they can challenge decisions that are unfair and discriminatory;
- amendments to the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Equality Act to guard against discriminatory algorithms;
- a programme of re-skilling and up-skilling existing workforces;
- support for the creation of new training and apprenticeship schemes reflecting changing job roles.

**Unite**

## **TRANSPORT**

Vision Zero is a global movement to end traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by taking a systemic approach to road safety. The premise of this strategy is that road deaths and injuries are unacceptable and preventable.

First implemented as the national road policy in Sweden in 1997, Vision Zero has now been adopted by more than 20 cities around the world including Greater Manchester and Greater London with the goal that, by 2040, all deaths and serious injuries will be eliminated from their transport networks.

On average, five people die every day on the road in the UK and 84 are seriously injured

1. Transport accidents are in the top three causes of death for children and young people.
2. In recent months, five people have been killed and four others suffered serious injury in road collisions in Birmingham, with campaigners calling for emergency action to be taken.

Birmingham Northfield Labour Party believes road danger reduction is a systemic issue calling for systemic, collective action.

We call on the Labour Party to adopt a Vision Zero approach to road danger that incorporates the following key principles:

- Safe speeds - encouraging speeds appropriate to the street;
- Safe streets - designing an environment forgiving of mistakes;
- Safe vehicles - reducing risks posed by the most dangerous vehicles;
- Safe behaviours - improving the behaviours of people using our roads;
- Post-collision response - learning from collisions and improving justice and care for the injured.

We call for these principles to be embedded into national and local transport policy.

### **Birmingham, Northfield CLP**

Motion on Conference to be submitted to CLP

- i. That Conference calls for a policy commitment to reverse the Tory cut of -£0.8bn on Active Travel and to reinstate the spending of at least -£3.8 bn to promote cycling and walking, to promote good health and a cleaner environment.
- ii. That conference calls for improvements to public transport so that the rest of Britain can enjoy the facilities and prices enjoyed in London. This should include improvement to the regularity, range and price reductions for buses and trams, so that public transport becomes a first choice for travel before the motor car. The party should continue to support the use of non-fossil fuels in transport: this should include the electrification of trains, a full service to places as well as the capital cities and a proper service between cities in the Midlands and North of England.
- iii. That Conference calls for the nationalisation of the Railways and a price structure that will attract the public away from more polluting forms of transport.

### **Mansfield CLP**

This conference supports the RMT and Louise Haigh Shadow Minister for Transport; in their opposition to the mass closure of Railway ticket offices, which will have a negative impact on staff, passenger safety and the safe staffing levels of our railways.

Conference notes the extended consultation in response to 170,000 comments and serious concerns raised by Disability rights organisations.

This is all part of what Louise Haigh has called 'the managed decline of our Railways.'

Conference believes the mass closures of ticket offices must be opposed for the following reasons:

They have a vital role in providing advice to passengers ensuring they get the best value for money.

They serve the needs of those who are unable or choose not to buy tickets online due to lack of access to the internet - people with disabilities and the elderly.

They contribute to safe staffing of stations.

The proposals will inevitably result in the majority of our railway stations being unstaffed.

Unstaffed stations will lead to increased risk for vulnerable passengers - the elderly, those with disabilities particularly those with sight impairments, and suicide risks.

The changes will lead to widespread job losses.

It is part of the continuing attack on rail workers pay and conditions. Conference instructs the Party to: -

Reject and oppose these changes in full and commit to reverse them when we form the next government. support the Rail unions defence of working conditions and improvements in pay to counter the cost of living crisis.

### **Sheffield Heeley CLP**

There is a huge discrepancy between the public transport system in the Southwest and the rest of the country, most notably the Southeast. My motion to conference is that we look closely at the rail and road public links in the Southwest with a view to: -

- a. Re- instate rail links from towns in the Southwest and reopen all stations closed by Beeching.
- b. Ensure that every village has a proper bus service which links its residents to the nearest railway station.
- c. Make all such transport affordable so that people use public transport in preference to cars.
- d. Look at storage ideas on buses to accommodate luggage. One idea is with an attached trailer.

Conclusion.

This will go a long way to improve the environment (less traffic) , reduce rural isolation for many people, old and young, and promote the economy more

generally as it relies heavily on a decent public transport system both for its residents and for the many annual visitors.

### **Torrige and West Devon CLP**

Conference notes:

That railways and rail services are essential for economic growth and for the environment. Welsh Government analysis which found that, between 2001 and 2029, Wales will have been underfunded by between £2.9Bn and £8Bn in rail funding. The appalling and deliberate labelling of projects such as HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail as 'England and Wales' projects, to avoid Wales receiving the appropriate consequential funding. We believe that this situation is unjust and immoral and holds back vital investment that would improve the lives of people in Wales.

Furthermore, we note the Commission led by Gordon Brown, 'Reviewing our Democracy and Renewing our Economy', has supported the case for those powers available to Scotland to be given equally to Wales.

Conference therefore resolves that:

Powers and responsibilities for rail and rail infrastructure should be devolved to the Welsh Government, as is the case with Scotland. There should be associated appropriate fair funding formulas that come with these powers and responsibilities. Regardless of this devolution of powers, UK government should assign a fair funding formula for government rail spending in Wales.

### **Cardiff West CLP**

Labour must commit to increasing passenger and freight volumes on the rail network. The party could achieve this with the following measures:

- Labour will commit to keeping ticket offices open, as closing them doesn't make financial sense.
- Labour will look at improving long distance trains from the commuter belts to tourist destinations to increase revenue on the railways.
- Labour will look at improving services on tourist branch lines to increase tourist usage of the railway overall.
- Labour will commit to a rolling electrification programme to decarbonise the railway and to reduce running costs; In particular Labour will look at electrifying commuter lines and freight lines that are also used by express trains.
- Labour will look at selective four tracking of existing lines and reopening of rural connecting lines to help separate express passenger trains and freight services.

- Labour will look at improving the station throats at major stations outside London to increase capacity and to improve reliability.

## **Buckingham CLP**

### **UK-EU RELATIONS**

Conference notes that: The Tories negotiated a hard Brexit in 2019 that has decimated exports, affected the cost of living, increased paperwork for business and led to thousands of jobs being lost.

- As industries continue to relocate away from the UK, the window of opportunity to tackle the problems Brexit has caused to our economy and our country is narrowing as businesses transfer operations to other European nations and preference employing those with EU passports.
- The European Union has shown itself willing to negotiate with the UK for mutual benefits including trade and security.

Conference recognises that:- Given the urgency of action to prevent further job losses, spending time and attention campaigning to re-join the EU at present would not be in the best interests of the UK,

- Our priority must be to salvage as much trade and as many opportunities including for our young people as possible.

Conference therefore calls on Labour to:- Make rebuilding our relationship with our European neighbours a priority for our first term in office for the benefit of national security, our economy, our climate and our trade

- Include in Labour's manifesto a commitment to reducing the paperwork Brexit has caused and securing better access to European Markets for British workers and businesses.
- Commit to negotiating a visa system to tackle the travel and trading delays British business, students and workers are experiencing.

### **Wirral South CLP, Hertford and Stortford CLP, Birmingham Edgbaston CLP, Walthamstow CLP, Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale CLP**

Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale CLP notes that:

- The Tories negotiated a hard Brexit in 2019 that has decimated exports, affected the cost of living, increased paperwork for business and led to thousands of jobs being lost.
- As industries continue to relocate away from the UK, the window of opportunity to tackle the problems Brexit has caused to our economy and our country is narrowing as businesses transfer operations to other European nations and preference employing those with EU passports.

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This CLP therefore calls on Labour to:

- Make rebuilding our relationship with our European neighbours a priority for our first term in office for the benefit of national security, our economy, our climate and our trade
- Include in Labour's manifesto a commitment to reducing the paperwork Brexit has caused and securing better access to European Markets for British workers and businesses.
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### **Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale CLP**

Conference recognises the growing body of evidence in the media and produced by independent national and international bodies attesting to the damage done to the UK by the country's decision to leave the EU, specifically to the UK economy and it's businesses, the future of young people, the scientific and artistic communities, the employment market and the country's international reputation and influence.

Conference calls on the Labour Party and future Labour government to re-establish closer ties with our European neighbours:

To demonstrate that Britain is 'open for business', increase investment flows and remove bureaucratic hurdles hampering businesses To enable public and private employers, including the NHS, to freely recruit the staff needed from the EU To restore the links and relationships previously enjoyed by the scientific and artistic communities including participation in Horizon Europe and other scientific programmes To remove barriers faced by young people developing their education, lives and careers within the EU To ensure that legislation passed during the country's decades of EU membership is retained and that any legislation lost through the Retained EU Law Bill is re-instated.

### **Rutland and Melton CLP**

Conference notes that:

- The Tories negotiated a hard Brexit in 2019 that has decimated exports, affected the cost of living, increased paperwork for business and led to thousands of jobs being lost.
- As industries continue to relocate away from the UK, the window of opportunity to tackle the problems Brexit has caused to our economy and our country is narrowing as businesses transfer operations to other European nations and preference employing those with EU passports.

- The European Union has shown itself willing to negotiate with the UK for mutual benefits including trade and security.

Conference recognises that

Given the urgency of action to prevent further job losses, spending time and attention campaigning to rejoin the EU at present would not be in the best interests of the UK,

- Our priority must be to salvage as much trade and as many opportunities including for our young people as possible,

Conference therefore calls on Labour to

- Make rebuilding our relationship with our European neighbours and Northern Ireland a priority for our first term in office for the benefit of national security, our economy, our climate and our trade
- Include in Labour's manifesto a commitment to reducing the paperwork Brexit has caused and securing better access to European Markets for British workers and businesses.
- Commit to negotiating a visa system to tackle the travel and trading delays British business, students and workers are experiencing.

### **Maidenhead CLP**

This Conference condemns the destructive, divisive, damaging Brexit negotiated by Boris Johnson and endorsed by successive Tory Prime Ministers. Conference notes that none of the benefits promised by Brexit, including the £350 million per week for the NHS, have materialised. On the contrary our exit from the EU has exacerbated the problems of war and pandemic and has led to rocketing inflation, economic stagnation, declining living standards, increased destitution, a health service in crisis, threats to workers rights, and industrial and social dislocation unseen for a generation. Conference also notes that Britain's standing and global influence has greatly diminished since our exit from the EU.

Conference calls for the following –

A Manifesto commitment to retain existing EU rights, minimum standards and protocols including all employment, health, safety and environmental protections.

That in Government Labour will seek an early restoration of the free flow of goods and services with the EU and prioritise the mutually beneficial removal of all unnecessary regulations, customs and passport checks which are destroying jobs and hampering business and manufacturing here and in Europe.

Conference affirms our foundational commitment to Internationalism in Europe and across the Globe. We condemn right wing nationalism, neo-fascism,

xenophobia and discrimination on grounds of sex, race, culture, colour, creed or sexual orientation. Conference pledges to work with all European democratic Parliaments, Trade Unions and like minded political parties to achieve a peaceful, prosperous, tolerant, sustainable, and socially just future for all.

### **East Lothian CLP**

#### Conference notes

the vast damage that hard Brexit is causing by reinforcing Tory attacks on services, living standards and rights.that polling shows a growing majority want to rejoin the EU, sitting now at 50-31 according to Omnisis.a March 2023 Omnisis poll which found 72% of the public and 66% of Leave voters support “mutual free movement” between the UK and Europe.

#### Conference believes

Labour has a responsibility to criticise the Tories’ ultra-hard Brexit and offer an antiracist, internationalist alternative.withdrawal from the single market has brought economic ruin for workers.excluded from social and medical support, migrants have been left vulnerable to employers. Restrictions on migrant workers’ rights have diminished the power of all workers to unionise and fight exploitation and many EU citizens are falling through gaps in the Settled Status scheme.Labour must reject “good migrant/bad migrant” narratives and oppose all legislation that undermines migrants’ rights.even if rejoining the EU is further on the political horizon, a Labour government must take action to reverse Brexit damage in the short term.

#### Conference resolves that Labour will

rejoin the Single Market and Customs Union.re-enter Europe’s free movement area and end the hostile environment with policies including extending voting rights to all UK residents, replacing Settled Status with an automatic Right to Stay, ending indefinite detention, abolishing “no recourse to public funds” and rejecting any immigration system based on incomes, utility to businesses or number caps.aim to rejoin the EU.

### **Edinburgh Central CLP**

To deliver prosperity at home, we must re-establish the UK as a trusted and reliable partner. As part of our mission for the UK to achieve the highest sustained economic growth in the G7, Labour will improve the UK’s trade and investment relationship with Europe, but Labour will not rejoin the EU, the Single Market or the Customs Union.

A Labour government will strive for the highest standards in areas such as workers’ rights, environmental protections and production standards.



A Labour government will reduce trade barriers for British business and ensure better access for professionals providing services in EU markets.

To boost international scientific collaboration, Labour will strongly support the Horizon programme, and actively seek out further forms of international scientific collaboration to lead and take part in. Labour will also seek to secure a veterinary and phytosanitary agreement with the EU, as well as mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

Labour will address the lack of regard the Conservative government has given to our services sector and the barriers it now faces in trading with our nearest neighbours.

A Labour government will support businesses and consumers by working to reduce unnecessary red tape in interactions with the EU.

Labour will develop long-term structures to ensure cooperation between the UK and EU in key areas such as defence and security, the green just transition, energy, cultural exchange, tackling cross border crime and protecting supply chains by removing trade barriers in food manufacturing and supply, improving food security here within the UK.

## **Erewash CLP**

Conference notes:

The method of departing the EU chosen by the Conservative Govt has led to reduced foreign inward investment, a worsening balance of trade deficit, reduced labour mobility, and a labour shortage in many industries, most obviously the labour shortages have been seen in tourism (both outbound and inbound) agriculture, hospitality and in the NHS and care sectors.

One consequence has been to restrict the freedoms of young people both in the UK and the EU to travel, study and work across the whole of the EU and the UK. The labour shortages are compounded by the xenophobia released by the referendum and the Tory's 'hostile environment'.

All of these are having a negative impact on growth and our ability to properly fund our public services

Conference believes:

It was a mistake for the UK to agree a Free Trade agreement with the EU that didn't include greater labour mobility provisions, especially for young people.

Conference resolves that

Labour will call for an extension for the existing UK Youth Mobility Scheme to individual EU nations on a bilateral basis. This can be achieved before the review of the UK-EU TCA in 2025/26. This will allow 18-34 yrs old to be able to work in the

UK and EU countries for up to 2 years without a route to residency, as such it should not be included in immigration figures.

### **Streatham CLP**

This Conference notes that:-

The Labour Party has laid down an exciting vision for Green Economic growth which is based on long term invest in green industries and in associated skills and workforce development. This recognises that clarity and certainty are needed to build business confidence and to inspire the employees of tomorrow to seek training and jobs in this industry.

We also recognise the vital importance of establishing a new and mutually beneficial relationship with Europe and the urgent need to address the barriers currently facing UK business who are trading with Europe.

The relaunch of the economy on a solid green platform, coupled with the reinvigoration of trade and relations with the EU would have both immediate and longer terms benefits of creating jobs, careers, and restructuring the economy for shareholders, investors, business managers and workforces. But all this will only deliver electoral gain if voters believe our commitment to be total and can see the benefits that these policies with bring to their lives. This motion therefore calls for:

1. Firm, long-term commitments to investment in green industries and associated workforce development.
2. A clear and urgent timetable to establish a new and productive relationship with Europe on trade, travel and study along with technology and security cooperation.
3. Detail at a constituency level as to the impact these policies will have on local economies in terms of job creation, training opportunities, infrastructure investment e.t.c.

### **Rossendale and Darwen CLP**

The Tories negotiated a hard Brexit in 2019 that has decimated exports, affected the cost of living, increased paperwork for business, led to thousands of jobs being lost, and destabilised the peace process in Northern Ireland.

As industries continue to relocate away from the UK, the window of opportunity to tackle the problems Brexit has caused to our economy and our country is narrowing as businesses transfer operations to other European nations and preference employing those with EU passports.

The European Union has shown itself willing to negotiate with the UK for mutual benefits including trade and security.

This CLP recognises that

Given the urgency of action to prevent further job losses, spending time and attention campaigning to rejoin the EU at present would not be in the best interests of the UK,

Our priority must be to salvage as much trade and as many opportunities including for our young people as possible,

This CLP therefore calls on Labour to

Make rebuilding our relationship with our European neighbours a priority for our first term in office for the benefit of national security, our economy, our climate, and our trade

Include in Labour's manifesto a commitment to reducing the paperwork Brexit has caused and securing better access to European Markets for British workers and businesses.

Commit to negotiating a visa system to tackle the travel and trading delays British business, students and workers are experiencing

Work to bring the stabilising influence of cross-community Labour politics throughout the island of Ireland.

## **Northern Ireland CLP**

## **UKRAINE**

Conference notes the continued suffering of the Ukrainian people following Putin's brutal and illegal invasion last year. The UN has condemned human rights violations in Ukraine following the invasion, triggering 'the most massive violations of human rights' in the world today.

It is now clearer than ever that Putin must be defeated in Ukraine.

Conference recognises the Labour Party's firm commitment to provide long-term support for Ukraine in its struggle to defend their territorial sovereignty in light of Russian aggression.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to work with its allies across the international community and hold Putin and his associates to account, including the dictatorship in Belarus. This includes pushing for the creation of a special tribunal to hold Russia to account for the crime of aggression.

### **Runnymede and Weybridge CLP, South Thanet CLP, Windsor CLP**

The first duty of any government is to keep Britain safe and protect our citizens. Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine has brought war to Europe and driven up food and energy bills across the continent.

In a world which is becoming increasingly unstable a future Labour government must ensure Britain is properly equipped to take on the threats facing the country.

Labour is and has always been an internationalist party and under a Labour government, Britain will once again be a trusted partner in world affairs: promoting our values and interests while delivering prosperity and security at home.

Conference resolves that:

- Labour's support for NATO, our nuclear deterrent and our armed forces will remain absolute.
- Labour will ensure our defence spending meets our NATO commitments.
- Labour will invest in the UK's defence manufacturing base.
- Labour guarantees continued long-term UK support for Ukraine and will work with allies to provide the assistance it needs to defend itself.
- A Labour government will seek new alliances and deepen others to strengthen our resilience to new threats including a new EU-UK security pact and developing the new AUKUS partnership.
- Under a Labour government, Britain would take an active role in international efforts to secure strategic arms limitation and multilateral disarmament and reduce nuclear risk.

#### **Mid Sussex CLP**

Conference notes the continued suffering of the Ukrainian people following Putin's brutal and illegal invasion last year. The UN has condemned human rights violations in Ukraine following the invasion, triggering 'the most massive violations of human rights' in the world today.

It is now clearer than ever that Putin must be defeated in Ukraine.

Conference recognises the Labour Party's firm commitment to provide long-term support for Ukraine in its struggle to defend their territorial sovereignty in light of Russian aggression.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to work with its allies across the international community and hold Putin and his associates to account, including the dictatorship in Belarus. This includes pushing for Vladimir Putin and others figures in the Russia state to be held to account by the International Criminal Court in the Hague.

#### **Bosworth CLP**

## **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**

This Conference notes that:

- Shift work is widespread in many industries, particularly hospitality, as well as health and care workers, retail, cleaning, security and porter staff, and can often entail late-night working;
- Many workers, especially women, are increasingly worried about their safety travelling to and from work at night;

This Conference believes that:

- While employers may feel their duty of care to staff ends when an employee finishes a shift, they also need to take into consideration journeys home, especially during unsocial hours;
- The weakness of enforcement of the law against sexual assault, including up-skirting, on public transport is appalling and only 2% of victims go on to report sexual harassment on public transport;
- Unite the union's Get Me Home Safely campaign, which calls on employers to take all reasonable steps to ensure workers are able to get home safely from work at night, is greatly needed and should be supported;
- Greater numbers of trained staff and stronger enforcement of the law against sexual assault and harassment on public transport are urgently needed;

This Conference agrees to:

- Support calls for the municipal ownership of buses to lower prices and improve service provision, especially for night-time and off-peak services.
- Call on Local Authorities to use their powers to include additional criteria when considering late opening applications from licensed premises dependent on venues providing free transport home for night shift employees.
- Extend employers' duty of care to include safe transport home policies for all workers who work late and unsocial hours.

### **Bournemouth East CLP**

Only with greater public awareness, scrutiny and accountability will Private Family Law Courts be able to fully protect the rights of children and Domestic Abuse (DA) victims.

The current system often fails to safeguard children and DA victims, especially in cases of Coercive Control (CC) due to lack of awareness and training.

We call on the Labour Party to campaign for legislation to:

1. Utilise existing research, including Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), which highlights the lifelong effects of traumatic experiences and commission rigorous research into the effects of judgements made in Private Family Courts.
2. Ensure judges, magistrates and CAFCASS staff receive properly funded high quality "Trauma -Informed" training into the experiences of children in abusive households, understanding how an abuser often causes further abuse to children.
3. Challenge the belief that a child must have a relationship with both parents, regardless of abusive behaviour.
4. Ensure that the recommendations made in the "Harms Report" and in "Practice Direction 12J" are implemented fully with funded training for all judges/magistrates and CAFCASS staff, including effective training on Coercive Control.
5. Extend the pilot of anonymous reporting in Family Courts to include Private Family Law, anonymously interviewing stakeholders on the effects of the family court judgements.
6. Commission academic research into the concept of "Parental Alienation".
7. Introduce local Trauma-Informed, multi-agency panels to review court outcomes, supporting judges/magistrates, implement research outcomes, ensuring accountability for safeguarding.
8. Ensure easier access to appeals.

### **Cheadle CLP**

Conference Notes that:

Every woman and girl should feel safe in their home, on our streets, in their school workplace and wider community. Yet, violence against women and girls remains endemic in Britain today.

Under the Conservatives, our criminal justice system is failing the women and girls who become victims of these crimes. The charge rate for rape has collapsed and across the criminal justice system, millions of victims are now dropping out. Too many victims wait years for justice because of the huge backlog in the courts, caused by 13 years of Conservative chaos in the justice system.

Tackling violence against women and girls must be a coordinated effort across Government, not just limited to crime and justice reform, to ensure Labour can deliver its mission in Government to halve levels of VAWG.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Introduce a guideline minimum sentence of seven years for rape, which better reflects the seriousness of the crime.
- Roll out Specialist Rape Courts to tackle the unacceptably low rates of prosecution for rape by fast tracking rape cases through the court system
- Introduce a specific new criminal offence for spiking.
- Overhaul police standards system, by introducing new national compulsory standards on vetting, checks and misconduct.
- Ensure each police force in England and Wales has a specialist rape and serious sexual offence unit.
- End the promotion and hosting of harmful content online to tackle harassment and abuse experienced on social media platforms.

### **Norwich South CLP**

Baroness Casey Review March 2023, focused on the Metropolitan police, makes recommendations that are attributable beyond London and reflects the poor care and attention given to the resourcing of services that support victims of sexual abuse and violence. It is noted that this includes some male victims but the majority of violence is perpetrated by men on women.

Jess Phillips as part of a Labour Women's Network panel discussion Let's Talk about Misogyny and Policing, described how violent crime against women and girls accounted for 19% but received only 5% of funding, a gross skewing of resources

Emily, a victim of rape, moved to London to rebuild her life, found that there was a three year waiting list for counselling, accessed through Rape Crisis. Emily's experience demonstrates the lack of services that help women and girls, stay with and see their assault through the criminal justice system.

Casey says:

"The Met's VAWG strategy rings hollow since its claim to be prioritising "serious violence" has really not included the crimes that most affect women and girls".

We ask Conference to resolve that under a Labour government and recognising the economic realities:

Funding is ring fenced and reflects the proportion of crime perpetrated against women and girls.

Casey's recommendation of every force having Protection Centres that form a protective ring around victims, helping them see cases through the criminal justice system.

Set accountable standards within forces for the way victims of sexual abuse and violence are treated.

### **Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough CLP**

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### **Liverpool West Derby CLP**

Domestic abuse is on the increase and domestic abuse is the most prevalent form of violence against women and girls. The 2019 to 2020 crime survey estimated 2.3 million people in the previous year experienced domestic abuse, with women more likely to be impacted.

The Ministry of Justice in 2022 reported 1 million victims of sexual abuse and 2.4 million cases of Domestic Violence and this is on the increase.

In March 2022 the Government pledged £47.1 million, over three years to provide support services and a further £7.5 million investment into interventions



such as charities and support agencies, although in 2019 the costs of domestic abuse to the health service was estimated at £2.3 billion.

However financial investment alone cannot prevent violence to women and girls. More radical intervention is required.

Halesowen and Rowley Regis CLP Women's Forum strongly condemns violence against women and girls and demands that a future Labour Government will;

- I. Change the cultural, social and political attitudes towards this by rolling out a comprehensive Education programme across all schools, colleges and universities to change attitudes and behaviour towards women and girls.
- II. Will prioritise a robust national public campaign to inform and promote awareness with the aim to transform attitudes in society to eradicate this unacceptable behaviour towards women and girls.
- III. Support girls to recognise coercive behaviour and boys understand how their behaviour affects women and girls. Submitted by Halesowen and Rowley Regis CLP Women's Forum.

### **Halesowen and Rowley Regis CLP**

Conference notes that:

- 100 people a year are dying at the hands of their intimate partners
- Nearly 1 in 5 crimes recorded by the police are domestic abuse related
- The economic and social costs of domestic abuse in England were just under £78 billion in 2022.

Conference recommends that:

The Party recommit to implementing the recommendations in the Green Paper 'Ending violence against women and girls':

1. Toughening sentences for rape, stalking, domestic murder. Reviewing sentencing for all domestic abuse. Introducing whole life tariffs for rape, abduction, murdering a stranger
2. Removing legal barriers that prevent victims getting the correct support ie legal aid and 'no recourse to public funds'
3. Introducing new custodial sentences for those who name victims of rape and sexual assault
4. Introducing a survivor support package to improve victims' experience in the courts – including fast tracking rape/sexual violence cases, legal help, better training for professionals

5. Introducing new measures for those who face additional barriers to protection/support eg migrant, BAME, LGBT+, disabled women and girls
6. Training for teachers to help identify, respond to and support child victims of domestic abuse
7. Introducing criminal sanctions for tech executives who do not act fast enough to remove misogynistic abuse on their platforms
8. Repealing the rape clause for social security claims, reviewing single payments for Universal Credit and ending the five week wait, to ensure domestic abuse survivors can access the support they need quickly.

### **Central Devon CLP**

In 1986 a 6-year-old Corby girl, Collette Gallacher, was raped and murdered by a depraved neighbour as she was on her way to school. While he admitted the rape he was conviction only for murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. The lack of a conviction for a sexual offence means he is not classed as a sexual offender. In March 2016, he was released on life licence. There were no conditions for him to be subject to the Sexual Offenders Notification Requirements, meaning he was free to change his name, move around and live a freer existence than being placed on the register allows. Within 16 months he was recalled to prison. In March 2022 he was released again on licence and has since been recalled back to prison.

Despite committing a sexual motivated murder and continuing to offend he is still not subject to any sexual offender notification requirements.

Corby & East Northants CLP calls on The Labour Party to lobby the government and put an opposition motion and debate to establish legislation that ensures those conviction of sexually motivated violence are made subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order as part of their license conditions. By virtue of that Order they will then be subject to the Sexual Offender Notification Requirements and finally the public will have the protect that such persons are on the 'sex offenders register'.

### **Corby CLP**

Conference notes

- A number of devastating and high-profile murders of women
- The centrality of relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) in schools to tackling VAWG.
- The need to ensure that measures addressing VAWG are fully inclusive of all victims of VAWG, including women who are BAME, transgender, disabled, or migrants.

### Conference condemns

- Evidence of widespread misogyny and racism in our police forces
- The rising impact of online misogynist influencers
- Tory Government attacks on relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) in schools
- Political actors who attempt to racialise VAWG by falsely stating or insinuating that it is disproportionately caused by specific demographic groups
- The underfunding of support services for victims of VAWG, including for under-served groups such as women who are BAME, transgender, disabled, or migrants.

### Conference calls for Labour to commit to:

- Providing sufficient funding for teaching relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) in schools
- Retaining LGBT-inclusive RSHE
- Sustained real-terms increases to funding for women's refuges;
- Proactively delivering trans-inclusive services including women's refuges, creating specific sensitive policies and delivering staff training
- Stand unequivocally against transmisogyny;
- Amending policies that may prevent BAME women from accessing these services such as immigration policies or where a man is situated as the interpreter.
- Requiring the Crown Prosecution Service and courts to enforce restraining orders, to campaign alongside all those speaking up against violence against women, and to resist measures which prevent women from taking to the streets to protest and express their legitimate anger.

**Coventry South CLP**

## **WATER**

### Conference notes that:

1. There is great concern that during the past year, raw sewage was pumped into our rivers seas and other bodies of water for 1.75 million hours, on average 825 times per day.
2. These timings show that the discharges have become routine, rather than an emergency response to exceptional conditions.

3. In response to a petition on such discharges the Government has stated that 'Tackling the harm caused by sewage is a top priority for Government'.
4. The Government has stated that 'Climate change has led to increased rainfall and water infrastructure has not kept pace with development growth'.
5. In addition to having a negative impact on local wildlife this also hugely affects the quality of life and the enjoyment of water-based activities for residents along our rivers and seas.

Conference believes that:

1. The rules on sewage discharges must be tightened and enforcement improved, in conjunction with the Environment Agency.
2. Housing developers must meet the costs of the required supply and disposal of water from new homes.
3. Future Labour government must ensure housing developers fund water infrastructure to meet the needs of new housing.
4. Future Labour government to examine economics of taking the water industry back under public control.

### **Stratford-On-Avon CLP**

Conference believes that water is a fundamental human need which therefore be publicly owned and provided.;

Privatisation has led to senior executives and shareholders pocketing over -£70 Billion in dividends while the standards of service and provision have deteriorated.

Large profits have been taken instead of investment in that standard and provision.;

Conference calls on the next Labour Government to make public ownership of water a priority

### **Hereford and South Herefordshire CLP**

Conference Notes that:

- Since 1989 the water companies have paid out - £72bn in dividends, while assuming - £60bn of extra debt. This represents a transfer of money out of our water industry.
- According to research undertaken by the Guardian: More than 70% of UK water industry is foreign owned. Meaning profits accrued from the water industry are being extracted from the UK economy.

- Regulator Ofwat says companies lost an average of 2,923.8m litres of water a day in 2021-22.
- The current crisis facing the UK water industry is a result of weak regulation and under-investment.
- Public support for public ownership of the water industry is high. Yougov polling showing 69% would support an end to privatisation, while only 8% support continued private ownership.

Conference resolves that:

- The Conservative and Conservative-Liberal Democrat governments are responsible for the breakdown of standards in the water industry over the past 13 years.
- The regulatory framework proposed by shadow secretary of state for environment, food and rural affairs, Jim McMahon at the 2022 Party Conference makes clear that Labour will begin to tackle the current crisis from day 1 of a Labour government.
- The Labour Party should oppose any plans for a public loan(s) to failing water companies. Instead any government financial support should be predicated on acquiring public shares in said companies, proportional to the value of support given.
- The Labour Party should commit to the principle of taking failing water companies into public ownership in its manifesto for the next general election.

### **Eastleigh CLP**

Conference welcomes the commitment to a future Labour Government improving the regulation of the water industry. However conference notes that the water industry in England in 2022 was responsible for 300,000 sewage spills representing 1.8 million hours when untreated sewage was discharged into rivers and the sea with clear public health risks. Conference notes that the industry paid out - £1.4 bn in dividends to shareholders in 2022 but that investment in the wastewater treatment has averaged out at only - £273m per annum during the 2020's. Conference notes that whilst the industry in England is privatised, in Scotland a public authority is responsible for water and in Wales a not for profit company has this mandate. Conference believes therefore that the next Labour Government should take measures to bring the water industry in England into common ownership.

### **Greenwich and Woolwich CLP**

Given the outrageous ways in which the private- Water Companies have performed since 1989 this CLP calls upon an incoming Labour Government to bring them back into public ownership.

## **Jarrow CLP**

This CLP notes that:

1. Water is the most valuable resource on our planet and is essential in sustaining life, therefore access to safe and clean water must be protected as a basic human right.
2. We have a duty of care to act in order to future-proof this country's water supply.

This CLP believes:

1. Climate change, population growth, pollution, ageing infrastructure and industry mismanagement over the last 30 years all threaten the future availability and quality of water sources in the UK.
2. This has left the industry ill-equipped to deal with the future it faces, referred to as 'The Jaws of Death' by Sir James Bevan in 2019.
3. A publicly-owned industry would provide stronger incentives to invest in environmental protection and sustainable practices including reducing water pollution, mitigating the impact of industrial waste, and promoting responsible water consumption to preserve local ecosystems.

This CLP calls upon Labour to:

1. Invest in maintaining and upgrading water infrastructure under public ownership; including improved leak detection and repairs which would reduce water wastage and decrease the likelihood of waterborne pathogens.
2. Prioritise equitable access to clean water for all citizens, regardless of their socioeconomic status.
3. Enshrine in law the necessary conditions to ensure sustainability and accountability for the management of all UK water to address the challenges posed by climate change and population growth.

## **Aldershot CLP**

Conference calls on the Labour Party to adopt a policy of renationalisation of the water companies.

Since the companies were privatised in 1989:

- they have raised water bills astronomically
- they have not invested sufficiently to improve water and sewerage services
- they have paid billions of pounds in dividends to shareholders.

Conference notes:

- the failure to deal with the problem of leakages
- the decline in quality of river and coastal waters, with increasing sewage outflows
- the threats to public health and to the environment posed by these failures.

Conference also notes that:

- many of the water companies are substantially owned by private equity firms and by foreign shareholders
- no other European country has adopted the English model of a fully privatised water system.

Conference further notes that opinion surveys have repeatedly shown renationalisation of water companies to be a popular policy.

### **Clacton CLP**

We all know water is essential for life. Yet our rivers face ecological collapse due to the Tories' scrapping of environmental protection laws and regulations. A new Labour Government must commit to high standards of purity in our rivers and seas, or the consequences will be disastrous for future generations.

Privatising our nation's water supply and sewerage has been a disaster. Michael Gove announced the ripping up of rules that building development companies blame for making England's housing crisis worse, but which most environmental groups including the RSPB and National Parks say are essential for protecting our rivers. Dumping raw sewage into rivers and seas has become a major political issue. If Labour vow to clean up rivers and make coastal areas safe for bathing again, it will cost the Conservatives seats in the next election.

Labour must vow to;

- Hold Company Directors and CEOs of Water Companies, OFWAT, Agrichemical industries and Building Developers personally responsible for their performance and sequester their personal wealth as well as their companies' profits – fining the company is ineffectual.
- Force water and sewage companies to invest their profits in upgrading sewage treatment plants and pipes that a modern, functional country would expect.
- House builders to have the clear responsibility that the right infrastructure is installed to handle sewage so that new homes are built without sacrificing our rivers' health.
- Reinstate the nutrient neutrality rules introduced when the UK was still a member of the EU.

This conference notes:

1. Outflows of raw sewage into our rivers and the sea threatens people's health, our economy and our environment.
2. Data from the Environment Agency last year revealed that SouthWest Water dumped raw sewage for a total 290,271 hours and is the second highest polluting water company in the country. The company this year was fined £2.15 million for sewage dumping.
3. On one day alone, in March 2023 there were sixteen incidents of beaches around Cornwall having unacceptably high levels of water pollution due to sewage discharge.
4. Despite a poor performance on pollution and investment in infrastructure, SW Water, along with other water companies, have continued to pay dividends to shareholders.
5. In the last financial year, SW Water paid £112m in dividends.

This conference calls on the next Labour government to:

1. Require water companies to end the dumping of sewage into the sea and rivers near bathing sites by 2030.
2. Increase the fines for sewage dumping to truly reflect damage done to the environment.
3. End dumping from storm overflows by 2040.
4. Require the water companies to produce implementation plans, including costings, to meet these targets.
5. End dividends to shareholders by the water companies, unless environmental production targets, particularly the necessary investment in infrastructure, is met.

**St Ives CLP**

As a CLP close to the south coast and with the River Test running through the heart of our constituency, we are horrified of the practice of dumping of sewage in our seas and rivers.

The next Labour Government on coming to power must:

- immediately stop bonuses being paid to executives in companies who are guilty of these practices,
- stop the practice of paying shareholders dividends in these companies and
- renationalise water utility companies within the first term of a Labour Government



## **Romsey and Southampton North CLP**

In response to the huge and growing national concern about the privatised water companies because of their lack of investment, inadequate treatment of sewage and pocketing of undeserved profits, we call for the Labour Party to include in their manifesto for the next general election:

- a firm commitment to bring back into public ownership the water companies in England and Wales;
- a commitment to prohibit sewage discharges into our seas, rivers, streams and canals;
- a promise to ensure continual re-investment in water companies and ensure Natural England & the Environment Agency have the resources they need to ensure the country has a clean and affordable world class water supply whilst protecting the environment.

## **Canterbury CLP**

Conference notes that:

1. Thirteen years of Tory failure have left Britain's water system in crisis;
2. Bills rose in April 2023, the largest amount in nearly 20 years;
3. A recent House of Lords Report criticised private water firms for prioritising profit maximisation over environmental protection;
4. More than 70% of water firms are owned by international investment funds, private equity firms and businesses lodged in tax havens;
5. Public ownership of water is supported by over  $\frac{2}{3}$  of voters;
6. There were 300,000 spillages into English rivers and coastal areas in 2022, lasting for more than 1.75m hours;
7. Since privatisation the nine main water and sewerage companies have paid out £72bn in dividends;
8. That shareholder payouts have been partially funded by water companies taking on £54bn of debt, in part at the public's expense;
9. Water firms are leaking 2.4bn litres of water a day through spills;
10. A Greenwich University paper suggested that nationalisation would pay for itself within seven years;
11. The Government is under no legal obligation to compensate newly nationalised water companies at full market value.

Conference believes that:

1. Public services should be run for people and the planet, not shareholders;

2. The Tory privatisation experiment has failed.
3. Conference resolves:
4. For Labour to bring water provision into full democratic public ownership within its first term of taking office. For Labour's commitment to full democratic public ownership of water provision. to be included as a pledge in the Labour Manifesto.

### **South Northamptonshire CLP**

#### Conference notes:

- That UK households are now paying £5bn extra every year because Tories "cut the green crap" – not investing in insulation and decarbonising our energy system.
- The Tories allow water companies to pollute our rivers, lakes and seas with effluence daily - whilst neglecting our vital water infrastructure. At the same time, they've allowed shareholders to walk away with billions in dividends as rewards for failure.

#### Conference believes:

- Only Labour is committed to tackling climate change by phasing out dependence on fossil fuels and implementing policies to speed the energy transition which offers the quickest route to bringing down energy bills, increase energy security and stimulate the creation of good, new unionised jobs in the energy and other new growth sectors.
- Only Labour is committed to ensuring adequate investment in new water infrastructure to prevent pollution, decrease leaks, and increase our resilience to extreme climate events.

#### Conference resolves:

- Labour's manifesto must offer energy and water infrastructure policies that can win the support of the British people and restore our reputation around the world, including:
- An enhanced national energy grid system to support the rapid scale-up onshore and offshore renewables. The establishment of a Clean Energy Alliance to bring down energy bills, increase energy security, and reduce green gas emissions globally.
- Establish a National Commission to review the long-term structure, funding and regulation of the water industry in England, ensuring that, as our climate changes, our water supplies, quality and low bills are secure for current and future generations.

### **Socialist Environment & Resources Association**

## **WORKERS' RIGHTS**

The recent announcement of the proposed building of an EV battery factory at Bridgwater is the first major economic development promising highly skilled technical jobs for the south west of England almost in living memory, and good news for the whole region. 30 years on from Mrs. Thatcher, we see that post-industrial malaise still affects many parts of the United Kingdom, and so many others seem to be 'Cinderella regions' reliant upon tenuous seasonal, retail or service employment.

This conference believes that the Labour Party must have a clear regional policy in which voters in every part of the United Kingdom are made aware of concrete measures which the next Labour Government will implement to produce decent high skill, high quality new jobs and growth in their part of the country. People in Wyre Forest must be just as clear what a Labour Government will mean for them as the people in Plymouth, Sunderland, Mansfield or Newport in terms of the economy of their region, the infrastructure, and the standard of jobs, and life available to themselves and their children under a new Labour government

### **Wyre Forest CLP**

This CLP notes:

- With the largest set of strikes in a generation and the OBR predicting a real terms fall in post-tax household income of 4.3% in the year 2022-23, the largest ever on record.
- The UK has some of the most draconian anti-strike legislation in Europe. The Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill. This will decimate trade unions across key sectors including Transport, Education, Health and Emergency Services.

This CLP believes that:

- the Labour Party is and was founded as the political arm of the trade union movement, and exists to represent its aims in Parliament.
- the right to strike is a democratic right in any fair and just society.
- an incoming Labour Government must seek to democratise our country, and shift power back towards working people, having been removed by successive Tory governments.
- like much of Europe, this should include sectoral collective bargaining allowing for fair pay and conditions while increasing the quality of services across the board.

This CLP resolves that:

- the next Labour government commits to repealing all Conservative anti-trade union legislation in our first term, including the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill 2022-23, Trade Union Act 2016 and the Employment Acts passed by the Thatcher government in the 1980s.
- the next Labour government commits to implementing sectoral collective bargaining to ensure minimum levels of pay and conditions in each sector, and preventing good employers being undercut by bad employers.

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

Conference condemns the Tories' drive to further restrict workers' rights to strike and organise, including through the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill and the Public Order Bill.

This adds to what are already among the most restrictive anti-strike laws outside authoritarian regimes: by leagues the most restrictive in Western Europe. Existing laws prevent industrial action in solidarity with other workers and in direct pursuit of political demands about how our industries and society are run - while severely hindering all industrial action.

Conference welcomes commitments to repeal the MSL Bill, as well as commitments in the 'New Deal for Workers' to expand union rights. However we underline repeated conference policy for abolition of all laws aimed against the right to strike. The next Labour government must act on this and repeal them all.

Conference resolves:

1. To reaffirm Labour's opposition to all laws introduced to limit rights to organise and strike
2. To urge CLPs to work with unions to campaign against anti-union laws
3. When next in government, Labour should repeal all anti-union and anti-strike laws (including the Public Order Bill) and replace them with positive legal workers' rights, including rights:
  - to strike freely by procedures, at times (without notice periods) and for demands of workers' own choosing.
  - for unions to determine their own decision-making procedures, including but not only through electronic and workplace voting.
  - to picket any workplace freely.
  - to strike in solidarity with other workers.
  - to strike over any issue, including political issues.

### **Salisbury CLP**

Conference notes:

Since the Tories came to power 13 years ago, in-work poverty, low pay, and financial insecurity have become rampant. Restrictive anti-trade union laws have made it harder for unions to organise and stand up for their members.

Labour's New Deal for Working People has been formed in partnership with Labour's affiliated unions, led by Angela Rayner.

The New Deal is a comprehensive plan to improve the lives of working people by strengthening individual and collective rights- repealing anti-trade union laws, including the Trade Union Act, and introducing new rights to help unions bargain, recruit, organise and win a better deal for their members.

Conference believes:

- Working people need better rights, stronger unions, and a Labour Government to win the new deal at work they deserve.
- The direct link to working people, through affiliated trade unions, makes the Labour Party unique and gives direct insight into the lives of the people we seek to represent.

Conference resolves:

- That an incoming Labour government will make the Green Paper on Employment Rights law within 100 days of taking office.
- To call on the Party to make issues around work, jobs and pay a core part of our vision and narrative.
- To welcome Labour's clear opposition to the Strikes Bill, and to repeal it if it is passed.
- To call on the Party to provide campaign materials and resources to enable CLPs to campaign on these issues in their community and with unions in local workplaces.

### **Nottingham South CLP**

Conference notes;

The creation of the National Minimum Wage was one of the greatest achievements of the last Labour government and lifted many working people out of poverty. Working people contribute so much to the wealth of our country. It is only right that they receive a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. People's disposable income is spent on products and services that provide a direct return to our economy and our public finances, as well as helping our high streets thrive. When working people's pay is squeezed, our economy and prosperity suffers.

Conference resolves:

- We are proud that the last Labour government created the National Minimum Wage.
- Labour won the argument then, but we now need to go further to help restore dignity at work and make sure work pays.
- The next Labour government would go further and make sure the minimum wage is a real living wage that people can live on. To achieve this, we would change the Low Pay Commission's remit so that alongside median wages and economic conditions, the minimum wage will for the first time reflect the need for pay to take into account the cost of living.
- We will remove the Conservatives' discriminatory age bands to ensure every adult worker benefits, and we will establish a Single Enforcement Body, who working with HMRC, will have the powers necessary to make sure our genuine living wage is properly enforced, including penalties for non-compliance.

### **Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn CLP, Glasgow Southside CLP**

#### Resolution on Workers Rights

This Branch notes with concern the ongoing cost of living crisis with continued hikes in rents and mortgage rates, high fuel costs, insecure employment, threats to the income of the poorest to fund tax handouts before the General Election, and attacks on workers rights. The Tory governments' stark disregard for the condition of ordinary people has been clear throughout their austerity agenda.

We also note the decline in living standards experienced by workers in both the public and private sectors as a consequence of years of below-inflation pay rises.

We believe that the Labour Party must place workers' rights at the forefront of its campaigning for the next General Election. We believe the Party leadership should seek to counter the media campaign and re-establish the Party's rightful place as the voice of working people.

We propose that the national Labour Party should commit to a moderate charter of workers rights including but not limited to:

- A £15 per hour national minimum wage with no age discrimination
- An outright ban on zero hour contracts and 16-hour minimum contracts
- An Average 32 hour week with no loss of pay
- Full employment rights for all workers from day one
- The repeal of all Tory anti Trade Union Laws
- The right to organise and the right to strike for all workers
- Phased reduction of the pension age to 63 for all workers

Conference notes:

- That our economy is stuck in a cycle of low pay, low investment and low growth, with the UK suffering from low growth and living standards.
- Part of our underperformance is due to failures in the labour market, which is characterised too often by low paid, insecure work.
- Meanwhile, the Conservatives have rolled back workers' rights during their 13 years in power, with attacks on workers' rights intensifying as they have sought to distract from their own failings.
- The shameful Minimum Service Levels Bill has sought to undermine the rights of working people and has done nothing to resolve disputes or settle industrial action.
- Labour must strongly oppose these moves and offer a positive vision for how work can be made fulfilling, secure and well-paid.

Conference resolves:

- To introduce a New Deal for Working People, a bold policy programme to improve the world of work and tackle insecurity, stagnant pay and the growth of in-work poverty.
- This programme was set out in the recent report of the National Policy Forum, alongside the Employment Rights Green Paper, and will be a core part of Labour's plan to grow our economy.
- The programme includes policies to scrap earnings thresholds for Statutory Sick Pay, ban zero hours contracts, extend time periods for employment tribunal claims to six months, establish a single enforcement body, introduce a new Fair Pay Agreement in adult social care, create a modern framework for trade union access to workplaces and review the process for statutory recognition claims.

### **Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse CLP, Sedgefield CLP**

This branch notes the Labour Party's Green Paper on Employment Rights and its commitment to give all workers' rights from day one in their jobs – to sick pay, holiday pay, parental leave, and protection against unfair dismissal.

This branch believes that all workers should have access to these basic rights from day one in their jobs and that the Labour Party should continue to campaign for these rights.

Therefore, this branch calls on the conference to:

- Support the campaign for all workers to have access to sick pay, holiday pay, parental leave, and protection against unfair dismissal from day one in their jobs.
- Work with trade unions and other organizations to promote these basic rights for all workers.
- Encourage all employers to adopt these basic rights as standard practice. We believe that this motion will help support workers' rights in the UK and ensure that all workers are treated fairly.

### **Wellingborough and Rushden CLP**

### **MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE NPF**

Below are the organisations who's motions did not meet the criteria and have therefore been referred to the National Policy Forum.

Brigg and Goole CLP

Leicester South CLP

Burnley CLP

North East Bedfordshire CLP

Clwyd West CLP

Plymouth Moor View CLP

Croydon North CLP

Swansea West CLP

Elmet and Rothwell CLP

Waveney CLP

Kensington CLP

Wokingham CLP

### **MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE NEC**

Below are the organisations who have submitted motions that have failed to meet the criteria in that they refer to an organisational matter. They have therefore been referred to the NEC.

Derby North CLP

Washington and Sunderland West CLP

Ynys Mon CLP