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**The Labour Party**

# **CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**

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## CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE (CAC)

Members: Lynne Morris (Chair), Tracey Fussey, Katrina Murray, Alice Perry, Emily Rowles, Vaughan West, Phil Wilson, Mick Murphy

Secretary: Kate Bolger

Assistant Secretaries: Ian Foster and Megan Lambert

Location: CAC Office – Room 17, Exhibition and Conference Centre

Room 17 can be found on the Terrace Corridor of the ECL. This is on the Upper Level and can be reached by the escalator and lifts, near the main entrance.

The best way to contact the CAC is via the online form found by following this link, <https://forms.office.com/r/GbcXtpTyYa>.

However, if you wish to visit them in person please visit the CAC Office and a member of staff will be on hand to help you.

### CAC Daily Reports

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

A copy will be emailed to delegates each morning by 8am and posted on the Labour Party website prior to 8am:

[labour.org.uk/resources/annual-conference-2024-reports](https://labour.org.uk/resources/annual-conference-2024-reports)

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

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper we use at Conference this year, visitors are asked to use the online copy of the report. Delegates and visitors will find the QR code signs around the centre that will link them to all the CAC reports.

### TODAY'S AGENDA

<b>Tuesday 24 September – Morning Session</b>	
Chair: Wendy Nicholls, Elsie Greenwood (11.30)	
09:45	<b>Conference Reconvenes</b> <b>Results of ballot</b> <i>Chief Scrutineer</i>

09:45	<p><b>Conference Arrangements Committee</b></p> <p><i>Lynne Morris, Chair of CAC</i></p>
10:00	<p><b>Mission Plenary: Safe Streets, Stronger Policing</b></p> <p><i>Yvette Cooper MP, Home Secretary</i></p> <p><i>Imogen Grant, Gold Medallist Paris 2024, Women's Lightweight Double Sculls</i></p> <p><i>Lisa Nandy, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport</i></p> <p>Includes;</p> <p>Infrastructure 1</p> <p>Local Government 1</p> <p>Local Government 2</p>
12.25	<p><b>Votes</b></p> <p>Includes;</p> <p>Infrastructure 1</p> <p>Local Government 1</p> <p>Local Government 2</p>
12.30	<p><b>Conference Adjourns</b></p>

<p><b>Tuesday 24 September – Afternoon Session</b></p> <p>Chair: Gurinder Singh Josan</p>	
14:00	<p><b>Leader's Speech</b></p> <p><i>Rt Hon Keir Starmer MP, Prime Minister, Leader of the Labour Party</i></p>
16:00	<p><b>Fixing the Foundations Debate</b></p> <p><i>Shabana Mahmood, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice</i></p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>Border Security Command</p> <p>Crime Mission</p>

	Making Work Pay for Public Services: Composite 1 Women's Conference Motion – Women's Health
16.55	<b>Votes</b> Includes: Border Security Command Crime Mission Making Work Pay for Public Services: Composite 1 Women's Conference Motion – Women's Health
17.00	<b>Conference Adjourns</b>

## CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND TIMETABLE

Tuesday 24 September	10.00 – 12.45	
	14.00 – 17.00	Leader's Speech
Wednesday 25 September	09.45 – 12.00	

### Conference Timetable

A detailed timetable is printed on the back page of this report.

### TIME LIMITS FOR SPEAKERS

Movers of reports, motions and rule changes will be allowed three minutes, with other speakers from the floor allowed two minutes including those planning to second.

Only fully accredited delegates appointed in accordance with the party rules are entitled to move motions on behalf of their organisations.

Motions, reports and rule changes can be formally seconded from the floor without a speech. To maximise participation, contributions are limited to one speech per delegate for the whole of Conference. Those wishing to speak should indicate to the chair by raising their hand whilst remaining seated. The waving of items to attract attention is not permitted and stewards will enforce this rule.

## **BALLOTS AND CARD VOTES**

Voting will be in the Ballot Area located in the Atrium outside the Main Hall in the ECL. Delegates' passes will be scanned at the entrance to the Ballot Area. Delegates are reminded that the ballot area will be closed from one hour before the Leader's speech on Tuesday.

Tuesday 24.09.24	09.00 – 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Auditors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Voting by all delegations</p> <p><i>Ballot area will close one hour prior to the Leader's Speech and not reopen for the rest of the day.</i></p> <p><i>You therefore have until 1pm to cast your ballot.</i></p>
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## **LEADER'S SPEECH**

The Leader's Speech takes place at 2pm today. Delegates should continue to use their allocated seat for this session, you will be advised about the time you need to be in the hall.

## **SAFEGUARDING AND VISITOR SAFETY**

### **Safeguarding Code of Conduct**

The Labour Party Safeguarding Policies provide staff, volunteers and members with the over-arching principles which guide our approach to safeguarding. Our Safeguarding Code of Conduct outlines the behaviour expected of staff, members and volunteers of the Labour party who engage with or interact with children, young people and Adults at Risk.

Whilst at Annual Conference it is the responsibility of all staff, members and volunteers to ensure that their behaviour complies with the standards detailed in the Code of Conduct. Any person who observes a breach of the Code of Conduct should contact the Safeguarding Unit at [safeguarding@labour.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@labour.org.uk)

The Safeguarding Unit liaises with external organisations and internal teams to ensure that children, young people and adults-at-risk are kept safe, and that any allegations are investigated by the appropriate body. In order to do this, the Unit shares information with a range of safeguarding partners including the Police and Social Care.

Any delegate, visitor or member of staff who is subject to a safeguarding concern being raised against them may result in their Conference pass being suspended.

All delegates, visitors and staff are asked to re-familiarise themselves with the Safeguarding Code of Conduct which can be found here; <https://labour.org.uk/safeguarding/code-of-conduct/>. More information about safeguarding, including access to e-learning and resources for local activities can be found at The Labour Party Safeguarding Resource Hub here: <https://labour.org.uk/safeguarding/resource-hub/>.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

We have a number of services onsite to facilitate a conference that is accessible for all. CAC reports are transcribed into an accessible format at delegates' request. BSL interpreters will be translating all plenary sessions in the main hall and there is a live palantypist service that is accessed via a dedicated website also in the main hall.

The ACC Liverpool is fully accessible. If you would like assistance at Conference please contact the Conference Team in advance on 0345 092 3311 or at [conferenceservices@labour.org.uk](mailto:conferenceservices@labour.org.uk) to discuss your requirements, including mobility aids. Our Disability Co-ordinator, will be available throughout Conference and can be contacted on 07545 421 411 from Saturday 21 September. Full details about the facilities and services to assist delegates and visitors with disabilities can be found in the Conference Magazine.

## **COMPOSITE MOTIONS**

### **Infrastructure 1**

Conference recognises that the lack of industrial strategy and effective growth targets for rail freight under the previous government, combined with years of underfunding, means rail freight is at a significant disadvantage.

Conference also notes that on 12 July 2024, Carpetright filed notice of intent to appoint administrators and that, despite a rescue deal, more than 1,500 jobs were subsequently lost, in the latest of many retail closures.

The UK retail sector is an essential part of our economic and community infrastructure. It has an economic output of over £112 billion per year, directly employs around three million people and is present in every community across the country. However, analysis by the British Retail Consortium shows that 6,000 retail outlets have been lost over the last five years. Retail closures have left shop vacancies within our communities and

workers facing redundancy. Action to address the issues facing the retail sector will be a critical step in establishing an effective industrial strategy.

This Conference believes that a thriving retail sector must be a central element of Labour's Plan for Growth.

Conference congratulates the Secretary of State for Transport on her excellent work pushing forward the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill.

Conference therefore welcomes the 'Rail and Urban Transport Review', published on 21st August, which outlines the need for a long-term vision for transport infrastructure, including setting a goal of doubling the mode share of rail in a decade and a more ambitious rail freight growth target.

This comes at a challenging time for rail freight. High electricity costs contributed to Royal Mail's 10th July announcement to scrap their electric rail fleet and has also seen operators running diesel-powered trains under electric wires.

Conference further notes that Labour's 'Getting Britain Moving' report outlines the need for Great British Railways to manage freight contracts and introduce a statutory duty to promote the use and growth of rail freight.

Conference therefore calls on the Labour Government to:

Continue to work with trade unions to develop and deliver a real industrial strategy.

Set a real and ambitious rail freight growth target and track access charges, make available more rail freight paths, setting a goal for an integrated green sector and fix affordable electricity for rail freight operators.

- Continue to recognise the importance of the retail sector within the UK's economic and community infrastructure.
- Reform business rates and tackle the uneven playing field between online and bricks and mortar retailers, as an early priority.
- Tackle the employment issues facing workers in the sector through the introduction of the New Deal for Working People.
- Ensure union representation of retail workers on the UK's Industrial Strategy Council.
- Invest in our high streets and deliver training and skills to ensure that the workforce is ready for the challenges of the future.

**Mover: USDAW**  
**Second: ASLEF**



## **Future of Local Government 1**

Conference believes that the election was a resounding rejection of the Tories. The public, sick and tired of austerity, economic mismanagement and crumbling public services, used their votes to demand change.

Conference is under no illusion about the challenges facing our new government; no quick fix will repair the damage done over the past 14 years.

However, Conference is clear that the government does not have the luxury of time and therefore welcomes the Deputy Prime Minister's letter to local leaders on 16 July, and speech to the Local Government Association Councillors' Forum on 18 July 2024.

Conference welcomes the promise that this government would be "laser focused on pushing power out of Whitehall and lighting the touch paper of growth across our regions", and its commitment to providing greater stability to councils through multi-year funding settlements and ending wasteful competitive bidding.

The manifesto recognised that good local government jobs deliver better services that communities can rely on and must be at the centre of providing capacity and support to councils.

Conference calls on Labour to:

Invest in high-quality local government services and safeguard jobs, alongside a fairer system for distributing the funds and longer-term settlements;

Rebuild the important range of public services that local government provides as part of its economic growth strategy;

Work with the recognised trade unions, Local Government Association, Metro Mayors, Labour councils and councillors to develop a workforce strategy including good jobs with decent pay and conditions and end outsourcing.

**Mover: UNISON**

**Seconder: FBU**

## **Future of Local Government 2**

Conference reiterates its solidarity with the bereaved, survivors and residents of the Grenfell Tower fire, in light of the public inquiry report published on 4 September 2024.

Conference condemns the cladding manufacturers, private contractors, BRE, RBKC and the TMO for their roles in the Grenfell Tower fire.

Conference hopes that those found guilty of breaching the law will swiftly face justice for their crimes.

Conference condemns Westminster government policies of deregulation and austerity, which were central reasons for the safety failures at Grenfell Tower.

Conference is appalled by the continued cladding crisis, which leaves more than four million people living in residential buildings over 11 metres tall in fear for their safety.

Conference is horrified that half of the 4,600 known buildings of 11 metres or more with unsafe cladding have not started remediation.

Conference demands that the Labour government and local authorities prioritise justice for Grenfell and making every home safe for people to live in.

Conference demands that ministers consult with tenants, residents, trade unions and housing campaigners on the inquiry recommendations, and the speedy implementation of the most urgent, agreed practical measures.

Conference demands the Labour government:

Provide sustained investment in local government and the fire and rescue service, including fire inspectors. Ensure building control is only carried out by local authority staff, not private contractors. Bring fire testing and research under public ownership and control. Establish a statutory advisory body, including the FBU, to oversee fire safety policy, research, training and guidance.

**Mover: FBU**

**Seconder: UNISON**

## **Border Security Command**

On the 18th July, the UK hosted the European Political Community summit, which committed to deepening international co-operation. Conference notes that small boat crossings and Europe-wide people smuggling gangs are undermining our border security and costing lives.

Over the last 14 years of Tory rule, immigration has soared despite increasing public disquiet around this problem.

Rather than a serious plan to confront this crisis, the Conservatives have offered nothing but desperate gimmicks over the past fourteen years. With the arrival of this new Labour Government, Conference welcomes the scrapping of the Rwanda scheme as a first step on this path to reform.

Conference now calls on the Labour Party to:

Introduce the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill to establish a new Border Security Command and deliver new counter-terror powers to tackle organised immigration crime

Hire additional caseworkers to clear the Conservatives' backlog and end asylum hotels, saving the taxpayer billions of pounds.

Negotiate additional returns arrangements to speed up returns and increase the number of safe countries to which failed asylum seekers can swiftly be returned.

Act upstream working with international partners to address the humanitarian crises which lead people to flee their homes, and to strengthen support for refugees in their home region.

**Mover: Wellingborough and Rushden CLP**  
**Secunder: Hammersmith and Chiswick CLP**

## **Crime Mission**

On 24th July, national crime statistics were published showing shoplifting has shot up to a 20-year high and theft has risen by nearly 20% over the past year.

These figures show the disgraceful dereliction of the last Tory Government on law and order – they deserted our town centres and high streets, leaving local people facing soaring levels of street crime.

Conference believes Labour must crackdown on antisocial behaviour to deliver on its commitment to rebuild public confidence in policing and increase the proportion of crimes solved.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

Put 13,000 neighbourhood police and PSOs back on the beat in communities across the country so that they are visible and present in local areas.

Introduce new Respect Orders to give the police new powers to ban persistent adult offenders from town centres to stamp out issues such as public drinking and drug use.

Introduce the Victims, Court and Public Protection Bill to ensure victims of crime and antisocial behaviour get the support they deserve.

Force fly-tippers and vandals to clean up the mess that they have created in their communities.

Scrap the effective immunity for some shoplifting introduced by the Conservatives and create a new specific offence for assaults on shopworkers that will protect them from threats and violence.

Stop young people being drawn into crime by creating a new young futures programme with a network of hubs reaching across every community.

**Mover: Norwich North CLP**

### **Making Work Pay for Public Services: Composite 1**

Conference welcomes the Employment Rights Bill announced in the King's Speech on 17 July 2024, which the government has promised will lead to a Fair Pay Agreement in adult social care.

The sector is critically short of funding and suffers too much from its scarce resources leaking out in the form of profits, excessive executive pay, and other wasteful practices. The sector should only be focussed on delivering world-class care for those who need it.

Conference notes that there are around 131,000 vacancies in the sector, with thousands of our society's most vulnerable people not receiving the levels of support they need.

Conference notes that employment in the sector is frequently insecure and largely underpaid, often illegally so. Proper sick pay remains elusive for thousands of care workers, alongside training and progression opportunities. Conference is particularly alarmed at the exploitation of the migrant workforce.

Therefore, Conference welcomes Labour's manifesto plan to establish a Fair Pay Agreement in adult social care to set fair pay, terms and conditions, along with training standards.

Conference welcomes wider plans to create a National Care Service, underpinned by national standards leading to a sustainable sector delivering for the workforce and those they care for.

Conference calls on our Labour Government to:

Support the development of a Fair Pay Agreement in adult social care;

Deliver a credible workforce strategy and tackle the exploitation of migrant workers;

Work with unions demanding change and the development of a National Care Service.

**Mover: Unison**  
**Secunder: GMB**

## **Women's Conference Motion – Women's Health**

Conference welcomes:

- The commitment, set out in the King's Speech on 17th July 2024, to an Employment Rights Bill.
- The clear commitment that this Bill will include strengthening workplace protections for working mothers and requiring large employers to produce Menopause Action Plans, setting out how they will support employees during the menopause.
- Labour's commitments to improve access to healthcare for women and urgently reduce health inequalities.

Conference further notes that:

- After 14 years of Conservative government, too many women are being failed in their healthcare – whether that be late cancer diagnoses, workplace adjustments, sexual and reproductive health, mental health services, or maternity services.
- The menopause is poorly understood, which means many women face unacceptable challenges in the workplace and their wider lives.
- Women's health inequalities are intersectional. It is a national scandal that Black women are four times more likely to die in childbirth, postpartum, and pregnancy than White women, and Asian women nearly twice as likely.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to:

- Work in government to ensure that women and girls, irrespective of where they live, have access to high-quality physical and mental healthcare
- Set a clear target to end the Black maternal mortality gap.
- Train the next generation of health visitors and midwives, to ensure mothers have the support they need to keep them and their babies well.
- Deliver 40,000 additional NHS procedures every week and double the number of scanners the NHS has to improve access to healthcare.

**Mover: Cities of London and Westminster CLP**  
**Seconder: Norwich South CLP**

## CARD VOTE BOOKLETS

**Constituency delegates** should have attended their region/nation's briefing on Sunday before Conference starts where their card vote booklet and ballot papers were issued to them. After the briefings, both card vote booklets and ballot papers can be collected from the Ballot Area for the remainder of Conference.

**Socialist Society delegates** may collect their card vote booklets from the Ballot Area.

**Trade Unions:** political officers have been asked to contact Katy Leighton to arrange collection. Otherwise, each trade union can collect their delegations card votes from the Ballot Area.

Please speak to the staff in the Ballot Area if you lose your card vote booklet or if you have any queries about ballots or voting.

## APPENDIX 1 – BALLOT RESULTS

### National Constitutional Committee

Name	CLP Votes	Result
BAYLISS Christine	196,788	ELECTED
GARNHAM Rachel	67,618	
GULATI Brahmpreet	182,953	ELECTED
IBRAHIM Emine	63,239	
MOYEED Khaleed	58,106	
LEVY Dave	50,637	
PIRANIE Hajira	178,213	ELECTED
RICHARDS Sioned-Mair	181,315	ELECTED
SHAH Arooj	180,137	ELECTED

## **APPENDIX 1 – CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

### **Auditors**

#### KITCHEN Chris

I am seeking conference approval to be re-elected as an Auditor for our party. I have held the position on behalf of the NUM since the resignation of David Hopper. I believe that the position of auditor is a responsible position and of value to our party as part of the oversight to ensure we are acting within the law. The experience I have gained over the years of holding one of the auditor positions will be of benefit should you vote for me to be re-elected. Please support and vote Chris Kitchen for elected Auditor of the Labour Party

#### GREENACRE Daniel

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED

## APPENDIX 2 – ANNUAL CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

	<b>Tuesday</b> 24th September	<b>Wednesday</b> 25th September
<b>Ballots</b>	<i>Auditors, All Delegations</i> <i>(09:00-13:00)</i>	
<p><b><u>Morning Plenary Sessions</u></b></p> <p>MON 09.15-12.35</p> <p>TUES 09.45 – 11.50</p> <p>WEDS 9.45-12.00</p> <p><b><u>Afternoon Plenary Sessions</u></b></p> <p>MON 14.00-17.15</p> <p>TUE 14.00-17.00</p>	<p><b><u>09.45 Conference Arrangements Committee Report</u></b></p> <p><b><u>10.00 MISSION PLENARY: SAFE STREETS, STRONGER POLICING</u></b></p> <p><b><u>11.35 Lisa Nandy speech</u></b></p> <p><b><u>12.25 Votes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>12.30 Break for lunch</u></b></p> <p><b><u>14.00 LEADER’S SPEECH</u></b></p> <p><b><u>16.00 Fixing the Foundations Debate</u></b> Shabana Mahmood</p> <p><b><u>17.00 Conference Adjourns</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>09.45 Conference Arrangements Committee Report</u></b></p> <p><b><u>10.00 MISSION PLENARY: AN NHS FIT FOR THE FUTURE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>10.40 MISSION PLENARY: BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS TO OPPORTUNITY</u></b></p> <p><b><u>11.35 Votes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>11.40 Matt Wrack TUC speaker</u></b></p> <p><b><u>11.45 CLOSING</u></b></p> <p><b><u>11.45 Ellie Reeves speech</u></b></p> <p><b><u>12:00 CLOSING FORMALITIES</u></b></p>