

Constitutional Amendments 2016

These are the constitutional amendments submitted by CLPs and affiliates in 2016 which will be noted by Conference 2016 and timetabled for debate and decision at the 2017 Conference provided they are in compliance with party rules.

CLP/affiliate	Chapter & Clause	Amendment
Kingswood	All	Remove the term and entitlement of Registered Supporters from the Rule Book
Socialist Health Association	CHAPTER 1 Clause IV Constitutional Rules Page 3	Delete all and replace with: Labour is a democratic socialist party working for a fairer, healthier and more equal society
Folkestone & Hythe Hendon	CHAPTER 2 Clause I, Section 4 Membership Exclusions Page 7	Insert new paragraph: Where a member is responsible for a hate incident, being defined as something where the victim or anyone else think it was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on disability, race, religion, transgender identity, or sexual orientation, the NEC have the right to impose the appropriate disciplinary action from the following options: i. suspension from membership or from holding office and representation of the Party for the duration of any prison sentence imposed, including a suspended sentence. ii.referral of disciplinary case to the NCC iii. where the NEC determines it is appropriate and based on a conviction for a serious offence, resolve that a member is ineligible to be or remain a Party member, subject to the provisions of Chapter 6.I.2 below of the disciplinary rules.
5 Finchley & Golders Green	CHAPTER 2 Clause I, Section 4 Membership Exclusions Page 8	Add a new paragraph D, and restyle current paragraph D as paragraph E: A member of the Party engaging in conduct which is motivated by hostility or prejudice based on gender; sexual identity; ethnicity or faith; age or disability; or other personal characteristic, shall automatically be ineligible to be or remain a Party member, subject to the provisions of Chapter 6, Clause 1 below of the disciplinary rules. Amend Section 8 as follows: insert after first sentence: No member of the Party shall engage in conduct which in the opinion of the NEC is racist, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, or otherwise expressing hostility or prejudice based on gender; sexual identity; ethnicity or faith; age or disability; or other personal characteristic. Add at

end of last sentence

except in cases of conduct which in the opinion of the NEC is racist, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic or otherwise expressing hostility or prejudice based on gender; sexual identity; ethnicity or faith; age or disability; or other personal characteristic.

Amend Appendix 6, Procedural guidelines in disciplinary cases brought before the NCC as follows:

Insert new paragraph 19, and renumber paragraph 19 as paragraph 20:

19. Where a panel has found a charge of conduct that is racist or expressing prejudice under Chapter 2, 4, D, expulsion is required by the terms of the rule unless the panel is satisfied that an unqualified undertaking in the form required by the NEC has been given, in which case a disciplinary measure short of expulsion may be imposed.

At the end of Section 8 add:

"A member of the Party who in the opinion of the NEC engages in intentional anti-Jewish or racist abuse in public or in writing shall be deemed to have engaged in conduct prejudicial to the Party. Where there is a case to answer within objective criteria and the party's values, a clear dividing line shall be maintained between

- . a) investigation to establish the full facts; and
- . b) informed judgment on their political implications Hatred of Jews shall not be evidenced by non- abusive words or actions regarding Israel or Zionism that are part of legitimate political discourse. If the Party seeks Jewish or other community views or advice on definitions, these shall be sought from all

sections of that community as deemed appropriate, and any alternative views that are offered from that community shall be heard."

After the first sentence add a new sentence:

A member of the Party who uses anti-semitic, Islamophobic, racist language, sentiments, stereotypes or actions in public, private, online or offline, as determined by the NEC, shall be deemed to have engaged in conduct prejudicial to the Party.

Add at the end of the final sentence after "opinions" . except in instances involving antisemitism, Islamophobia or racism

Insert new paragraph E:

Where a member is responsible for a hate incident, being defined as something where the victim or anyone else think it was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on disability, race, religion, transgender identity, or sexual orientation, the NEC may have the right to impose the appropriate disciplinary options from the following options: [same as D]

Replace existing Section 6 with:

An NEC approved statement shall be produced setting out the basis on which membership fees shall be allocated, including from January 2017 a minimum cash allocation of 10% of each paid up member's subscription and a guaranteed minimum

Hastings & Rye

CHAPTER 2

Clause I, Section 8

Conditions of membership

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Bury South Chipping Barnet
Hertsmere
Jewish Labour Movement
Manchester Withington
Streatham Warrington South

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Clause I, Section 8

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York Outer

CHAPTER 2

Clause III, Section 6

	Membership subscriptions	package of support for all CLPs.
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	CHAPTER 3	
Cheltenham	Clause I, Section 4F	Add at new sentence at the end of Section 4F as follows: Any exceptions to this rule can only be made with the approval of the NEC or an officer exercising the powers given to them by the NEC.
	Party Conference – delegations	
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	CHAPTER 3	
	Clause III, Section 2C	
Blackley & Broughton Exeter	Party Conference - submissions by CLPs and affiliates	At the start of the last sentence delete "Alternatively" and replace by "Also"
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Bracknell Burnley	CHAPTER 3	Amend the first sentence as follows:
City of Durham Colne Valley	Clause III, Section 2G	after "strategy" end the sentence and insert: "Conference has the right to refer back part of any policy document without rejecting the policy document as a whole. Conference shall also consider"
Solihull Wealden	Policy documents Page 13	
	CHAPTER 3	Amend the first sentence as follows:
	Clause III, Section 2C	delete "contemporary" and delete "which is not substantially addressed by reports of the NEC or NPF or Conference." and replace the latter with "on a matter of policy, campaigning or Party organisation and finance".
Brighton Pavilion	Conference Motions	Amend the second sentence: delete "determine whether the motions meet these criteria and"
	Page 13	Amend the last sentence: delete "contemporary".
	CHAPTER 3	
	Clause III, Section 2H	_____
Filton & Bradley Stoke	Constitutional Amendments	Add a new sub-clause 2I at end:
Newport West	- debated in year of submission	All constitutional amendments submitted by affiliated organisations and CLPs that are accepted as in order shall be timetabled for debate at the first party conference following their submission.
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New Forest East	CHAPTER 3	Add a new Section D as follows and re-number rest of Section 2 accordingly: The annual women's conference may submit to conference up to two motions not

Clause III, Section 2D

Women's Conference to submit motions to Conference

substantially addressed by reports to the NEC or NPF or contemporary motions already put forward as a result of the ballot process.

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Birmingham Hall Green
Cardiff North Crewe &
Nantwich Devizes

CHAPTER 4

Clause II, Section 2b (i) -
Election of Leader -
nominations required - Page
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Replace "15 per cent" with "5 per cent"

South West Devon

Bath
Brentford & Isleworth
Brighton Kempton Chingford
& Woodford Green
Christchurch
East Devon Eastleigh
Forest of Dean

CHAPTER 4

Clause II, Section 2B (ii)
Election of Leader -
incumbent on ballot paper

Replace existing 2B (ii) with the following:
Where there is no vacancy, nominations may be sought by potential challengers each year prior to the annual session of Party conference. In this case any nomination must be supported by 20 per cent of the combined Commons members of the PLP and members of the EPLP. Nominations not attaining this threshold shall be null and void. In the event that a potential challenger attains the threshold and that an election will take place, the incumbent (Leader or Deputy Leader) will be

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Gateshead
Great Grimsby Hampstead &
Kilburn
Hereford & South Herefordshire
Hornsey & Wood Green
Houghton & Sunderland South
Islington South & Finsbury
Luton South
Mid Bedfordshire Mid Norfolk
Mid Sussex
North East Cambridgeshire
North West Cambridgeshire
North West Durham
Rayleigh & Wickford Sefton
Central Sheffield Heeley
Stretford & Urmston
Southampton Test South
Northamptonshire Thornberry
& Yate Tottenham

automatically included on the ballot paper if they inform the General Secretary in writing they wish to be a candidate in the election.

Daventry

CHAPTER 4

Clause III

Elections to National
Committees - voting system

Amend introductory paragraph as follows:
Delete "the conduct of" (after "other matters relating to") and Insert: "which shall be conducted using the Single Transferable Vote system with, where appropriate, constraints to ensure gender balance" at the end of the paragraph.

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CHAPTER 4

Caerphilly
Clause II, Section 2C (vi)
Election to national committees and officers - entitlement to vote

Delete the words "affiliated supporters and registered supporters" and insert the words "Voting shall be cast in a single section of fully paid Labour members"

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Huddersfield
CHAPTER 4
Clause II, Section 2C (vi)
Election to national committees and officers - entitlement to vote

Replace existing sub-clause with:
Only paid up members of the Labour Party are entitled to vote in elections for the Leader and Deputy Leader of the party.

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Amend as follows:

In sub-clause A, after “subsections of branches” insert “including retired member sections/associations”

CHAPTER 7

Ashfield
Clause III, 1A and Clause 1V,1A
Rules for CLPs – Affiliated Organisations

Amended 1A would read:
1. Organisations may affiliate to the Party at constituency level if they fall within the following categories:
A. trade unions or branches thereof affiliated to the Trades Union Congress or considered by the NEC to be bona fide trade unions affiliated to the Party nationally. Where provided by the structure of an affiliated organisation, subsections of branches retired member sections/associations may affiliate separately at the discretion of the RD(GS) of the Party in agreement with the appropriate authority of the affiliated trade union Consequential rule change to support the rule amendment – payment of affiliation fees. Amend Clause IV, 1A as follows:
after “branches of trade unions” insert “retired member sections/associations of trade unions”

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CHAPTER 11

Blackpool North & Cleveleys
Clause V
Young Labour Rules

Add at the end after Sub-clause 3, a new Sub-clause 4 as follows:
Young Labour shall have its own constitution and standing orders, to be determined by the Young Labour AGM.

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Enfield North Leyton & Wansted	CHAPTER 12 Clause IV Local Campaign	<p>Delete all and insert new sub-clauses as follows:</p> <p>1. The membership of the LGC shall consist 75% of delegates from the local CLP(s) and 25% from affiliates. At least 50% of delegates from each group shall be women.</p> <p>2. Additionally, CLP campaign co-ordinators shall be ex officio members of the LGC. Any sitting MP, AM, MSP, MEP, PCC and/or PPC may attend their LGC. Where a Co-operative Party council exists for the area concerned and they sponsor candidates in local elections they shall be entitled to appoint a member to the LGC.</p> <p>3. The LGC shall meet at least four times per year with representatives of the Labour group where one exists.</p>	
10	Forums Page 44	Consequential amendments - elsewhere replace LCF by LGC	
Leicester South	CHAPTER 13 Clauses XIV and XVII Reporting to and consulting with the Party Page 51	<p>Replace existing Clause XIV, Section 1 with the following:</p> <p>1. Members of the Labour group are entitled and encouraged to attend meetings of their constituency party and appropriate local party units. The group standing orders shall specify how the group and council leadership including the City Mayor and Deputy City mayor shall report to and consult with the appropriate local party on a regular basis; the leader and deputy leader of the Labour Group, or other Group officer as determined by the Group shall be members of the LCF and its Executive Committee. The party expects the group leadership including the City Mayor and Deputy City mayor to give a minimum of reports and hold a number of policy consultations within the year, to keep the party informed of budgetary and service delivery issues, and other policy areas.</p> <p>Replace existing Clause XVII, Section 1 and 2 with the following:</p> <p>1. Labour groups on joint boards, committees, on regional bodies and on local government associations shall adopt appropriate rules and standing orders in consultation with the party's Local Government Unit and with the prior approval of the NEC.</p> <p>2. The rules contained in Chapter 13 are minimum requirements for the operation of Labour groups and the conduct of Labour councillors including the City Mayor and Deputy City Mayor. Due account must be taken of the resources for member development and the guidance approved by the NEC and of such advice as may be issued from time to time by the NEC.</p>	
11	Richmond (Yorks)	Appendix 8 Clause III, 1A Membership subscriptions - proportion allocated to CLPs	<p>Reasoning:</p> <p>Given that far too small a percentage of the membership fee is allocated to Constituency Labour Parties, we call on Labour Party NEC to increase the share of the subscription that is returned to CLPs to enable more and better campaigning by constituency parties and branches Thus the amendment would read as does the current statement but the figure of £1.50 per member would be increased to £2.50,</p>

(and the example given would be changed accordingly.)