

conference daily saturday 12th march 2011

Updates to the *Conference Agenda and Directory*, information from the Conference Committee, timings for conference sessions, amendments, emergency motions and questions to reports; detailed information for Saturday 12th March and advance information for Sunday 13th March. Please read in conjunction with the *Conference Agenda and Directory*.

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agenda and directory extra

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fcc helpdesk

The following is a correction to the opening times of the FCC Helpdesk, located in the **foyer** of **SCH**:

Saturday	12th March	08.45 – 10.30
Saturday	12th March	14.00 – 16.00

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auditorium information

emergency motions

One emergency motion will be debated in slot **F15** at **09.20 on Sunday 13th March**. Five valid emergency motions have been submitted (see pages 17–22), and the motion for debate will be selected by ballot. Please vote using the attached ballot paper and return it to the ballot box in the Auditorium in the Oval Hall between 09.00 and 13.00 on Saturday 12th March.

conference fringe guide

The following are amendments and additions to the fringe guide in the *Conference Agenda and Directory*.

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lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

Social Liberal Forum

Vince Cable discusses Post-18 Education

Come and hear Dr Vince Cable MP in conversation with Dr Evan Harris on the future of Further and Higher Education: from funding to improved teaching and wider opportunities. Your chance to question the Business Secretary.

Sheffield City Hall, North Bar

Note change of venue



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early evening 18.15 – 19.30

IPPR

Growth, Cuts and Britain's Economic Future: Plan A or Plan B?

Should we be considering a plan B for the future prosperity of Britain? Panel debate with Danny Alexander, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Brendan Barber, TUC General Secretary and Nick Pearce, Director, ippr (chair).

Mercure St Paul's Hotel, City Suite B

Note: this is an additional event

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timetable for saturday 12th march

Please note that timings are approximate only. Some items of business may occur earlier than indicated.

Conference representatives wishing to speak in any of the debates are requested to fill in and submit a speaker's card as soon as possible.

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09.00 Party Business

F1 Federal Conference Committee Report

Q1 Submitted by Andrew Hudson

What steps has Federal Conference Committee taken to ensure venues are compliant with Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights?

Q2 Submitted by John Brace

Security previously has confiscated sugar needed by a diabetic, waiting also causes problems for those with reduced mobility. Journalists have also had their equipment confiscated. I went on a Royal Navy frigate (HMS Campbeltown) without a search or showing ID. Why is conference any different? What has been learnt?

Q3 Submitted by Dr M Ann Morrison

- a) Why has conference registration been restricted to on-line only?
- b) Why was this decision not put to conference and/or communicated to local parties beforehand?
- c) Are you prepared to rescind it or at the very least allow a little democratic discussion of the issue?
- d) Why have none of my many e-mails on this issue been answered?
- e) Why was the decision to restrict registration to conference to on-line only left out of the conference report?

A decision that makes access to conference difficult for many members should at the very least be explained in the report to the members, not ignored totally.

A party that claims to be inclusive but excludes members without on line access is a disgrace.

09.15 Policy Motion

F3 *Community Futures (Voluntary Sector Policy Paper)*

Mover: James Lindsay

Background briefing

This motion and the accompanying policy paper create new policy to help voluntary groups and charities as well as encourage social investment by making it easier for charities to raise and earn income.

Existing policy on voluntary groups and charities is set out in the *General Election Manifesto: Change That Works For You* (2010), policy paper 77, *Green and Prosperous Communities* (2009), policy paper 80, *Freedom from Poverty, Opportunity for All* (2007), conference motion *Fair Foundations* (2004) and conference motion *Volunteering* (2003).

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10.15 Policy Motion

F4 Disability Living Allowance – Mobility Component

Summation: Cllr Stephen Cooksey

Federal Conference Committee has agreed to accept the following drafting changes into the text of the motion:

In line 1, delete: 'regrets the recent decision to remove', and insert: 'is very concerned by the recent proposals to reduce'.

After line 3 insert:

Conference welcomes the Coalition Government's review of the previously announced intention to remove the Mobility Component of DLA for people in residential care. Conference notes the work being undertaken by the Department for Work and Pensions to determine the extent of any overlap between DLA support and support via Local Authorities for those in residential care, and whether this justifies reducing or removing the mobility component of this important allowance.

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party training

Free training sessions for party members

Saturday 12th March

09.15 – 17.30

in the Jurys Inn



A party membership card or conference photo pass is required for entry. For details, see *Conference Training Programme* in the *Directory and Agenda* or online at www.libdems.org.uk/springconferencepapers

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Amendment One

10 conference representatives

Mover: Lord German

Summation: Susan Gaszczak

1 *Delete a) (lines 5–7) and insert:*

2 a) The impact of completely removing or reducing the Mobility Component from people in
3 residential care would be that up to approximately 80,000 people would be at risk of losing
4 this support, and that many of these people could be prevented from enjoying the freedom of
5 movement that is taken for granted by people who are not disabled.

6 *In b) (line 8), delete: 'will', and insert: 'would'.*

7 *Delete c) (lines 12–14), and insert:*

8 c) Completely removing or reducing the Mobility Component of DLA for those in residential care
9 could significantly affect the poorest recipients.

10 *In d) (line 15), delete: 'Children in residential schools may be', and insert: 'Reducing or removing*
11 *the DLA Mobility Component may mean that children in residential schools are'.*

12 *After d) (line 17), insert:*

13 e) Any government proposal on the Mobility Component of DLA should accord with the principle
14 of fairness.

15 *Delete 1 (lines 21–22), and insert:*

16 1. Calls on the Coalition Government not to remove the Mobility Component completely and to
17 ensure sufficient funding for the mobility needs of those who cannot afford to fund their needs
18 themselves.

19 *After 1 (line 22), insert:*

20 2. Calls on the Coalition Government to ensure that any reductions to the Mobility Component
21 are based on clear evidence that the cost of that support is provided via other funding
22 means.

23 *In 4 (line 27), delete: 'for this restriction in Mobility Allowance to be reversed at the earliest*
24 *opportunity', and insert: 'against a restriction to mobility support'.*

Background briefing

This motion creates new policy on the specific issue of proposed changes to the Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance.

Existing policy on the Disability Living Allowance is set out in the *General Election Manifesto: Change That Works For You* (2010) and in policy paper 80, *Freedom from Poverty, Opportunity for All* (2007).

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10.45 Policy Motion

F5 Updating the NHS: Personal and Local

Mover: Paul Burstow MP (Minister of State for Care Services)
Summation: Cllr Richard Kemp

Amendment One

Winchester & Chandlers Ford, Southport, Guildford, 133 conference representatives.

Mover: Dr Charles West
Summation: Dr Evan Harris

- 1 *In line 16, after 'welcomes' insert: 'much of'.*
- 2 *After d) (line 38), insert:*
- 3 Conference recognises however that all of the above policies and aspirations can be achieved
- 4 without adopting the damaging and unjustified market-based approach that is proposed.
- 5 Conference regrets that some of the proposed reforms have never been Liberal Democrat policy,
- 6 did not feature in our manifesto or in the agreed Coalition Programme, which instead called for an
- 7 end to large-scale top-down reorganisations.

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- 8 Conference therefore calls on Liberal Democrats in Parliament to amend the Health Bill to provide
9 for:
- 10 I) More democratically accountable commissioning.
 - 11 II) A much greater degree of co-terminosity between local authorities and commissioning areas.
 - 12 III) No decision about the spending of NHS funds to be made in private and without proper
13 consultation, as can take place by the proposed GP consortia.
 - 14 IV) The complete ruling out of any competition based on price to prevent loss-leading corporate
15 providers under-cutting NHS tariffs, and to ensure that healthcare providers 'compete' on
16 quality of care.
 - 17 V) New private providers to be allowed only where there is no risk of 'cherry-picking' which
18 would destabilise or undermine the existing NHS service relied upon for emergencies and
19 complex cases, and where the needs of equity, research and training are met.
 - 20 VI) NHS commissioning being retained as a public function in full compliance with the Human
21 Rights Act and Freedom of Information laws, using the skills and experience of existing NHS
22 staff rather than the sub-contracting of commissioning to private companies.
 - 23 VII) The continued separation of the commissioning and provision of services to prevent conflicts
24 of interests.
 - 25 VIII) An NHS, responsive to patients' needs, based on co-operation rather than competition, and
26 which promotes quality and equity not the market.

Amendment Two

14 conference representatives

Mover: Jeremy Hargreaves

Summation: Steve Hitchins

- 1 *At end (after line 44), add:*
- 2 3. The government to seize fully the opportunity to reverse the scandalous lack of accountability
3 of publicly-funded local health services which has grown up under decades of Conservative
4 and Labour governments, by:
 - 5 a) ensuring full scrutiny, including the power to require attendance, by elected local
6 authorities of all organisations in the local health economy funded by public money,
7 including Foundation Trusts and any external support for commissioning consortia;
8 ensuring that all such organisations are subject to Freedom of Information requirements.
 - 9 b) ensuring Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) are a strong voice for accountable local
10 people in setting the strategic direction for and co-ordinating provision of health and
11 social care services locally by containing substantial representation from elected local
12 councillors; and by requiring GP Commissioning Boards to construct their Annual Plans
13 in conjunction with the HWBs; to monitor their implementation at meetings with the

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- 14 HWBs not less than once each quarter; and to review the implementation of the Annual
15 Plan with the HWBs at the end of the year prior to the construction of the Annual Plan for
16 the forthcoming year.
- 17 c) Ensuring commissioning of health services has some degree of accountability by
18 requiring about half of the members of the board of commissioning consortia, alongside
19 GPs, to be local councillors appointed as non-executive directors.
- 20 d) Offering additional freedoms only to Foundation Trusts that successfully engage
21 substantial proportions of their local populations as active members.

There will be a separate vote on lines 6–15 of the motion.

Background briefing

This motion updates policy in the light of the Government's White Paper, *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS*.

Existing policy on the NHS is set out in the *General Election Manifesto: Change That Works For You* (2010), policy paper 94, *A Fresh Start for Britain* (2009), policy paper 84, *Empowerment, Fairness and Quality in Healthcare* (2008) and policy paper 68, *Healthy Communities, Healthy People* (2004).

11.45 Question and Answer Session

F6 Q&A Session with the Business, Innovation and Skills Team.

Please remember that the deadline for questions to the Business, Innovation and Skills Team is 10.00, Saturday 12th March.

– FRINGE MEETING –
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14.20 Policy Motion

F7 Taking Responsibility (Youth Justice Policy Paper)

Amendment One

Liberal Democrat Lawyers' Association and Buckingham

Mover: Lord Marks QC

Summation: Alistair Webster QC

1 *In 3 a) (line 28), delete: 'to 14', and insert: 'from 10 to 12, as has been done in Scotland'.*

2 *Delete 3 b) (lines 29–32) and insert:*

- 3 b) Requiring prosecuting authorities specifically to consider, before prosecuting any child of 12
4 or 13 years, whether it would not be better in the public interest to refrain from prosecution,
5 having regard to his or her age and the undesirability of imposing criminal records on
6 children.
- 7 c) Providing that where a child of 12 or 13 years is charged with an offence and it is contended
8 on behalf of the child that he or she lacks sufficient understanding of the difference between
9 right and wrong for a prosecution to be justified, that issue will be tried on the balance of
10 probabilities by the court before a prosecution is permitted to proceed.

Amendment Two

18 conference representatives

Mover: Geoff Payne

1 *At end (after line 81), add:*

- 2 8. In addition, conference is concerned about the introduction of Labour's so called 'Gangbo' as
3 a civil Order and notes the proposals for a new Criminal Behaviour Order. Whilst welcoming
4 the coalition government's abolition of ineffective ASBOs, conference further calls on Liberal
5 Democrats in government to ensure that the new Order is not a mere change of label, and
6 that no Order shall be granted without the rigorous application, as the name implies, both of
7 the criminal rules of evidence and procedure and the criminal standard of proof.

Background briefing

This motion and accompanying policy paper create new policy in the field of youth justice and in particular on alternatives to youth custody. They also update and develop policy on rehabilitation.

Existing policy on youth crime and justice is set out in policy paper 78, *Together We Can Cut Crime* (2007) and policy paper 51, *Justice and the Community* (2002).

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15.35 Question and Answer Session

F8 Q&A Session with Nick Clegg MP

Please remember that the deadline for questions to Nick is 12.20, Saturday 12th March.

16.20 Business Motion

F9 Improving the Diversity of our MPs

Amendment One

DELGA

Mover: To be announced

Summation: To be announced

- 1 *In 2a) (line 23), delete 'and', and after 'disabilities', insert: 'and finally ensuring that all other under-*
- 2 *represented groups are considered within the remaining 20% of places including those who are*
- 3 *openly 'out' Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender candidates and those from lower income*
- 4 *backgrounds'.*

17.30 Party Business

F10 Report of the Federal Executive

Q1 Submitted by Mark Pack

The report makes only very brief mention of several important topics (e.g. the party's KPIs and review into the general election, for neither of which are details provided). Overall it is far shorter than previous FE reports; with for example less than a third of the words of that from the first spring conference after the 2001 general election. Will the FE consider providing more substantive reports in future?

Q2 Submitted by Anthony Hook

Has progress been made towards the creation of an Ethics Board for the party as recommended by the Bones Report?

Q3 Submitted by Anthony Hook

Will the Campaigns and Communications Committee, as a subcommittee of the FE, make plans to strongly support campaigners working towards the important European Election in 2014?

Q4 Submitted by Dr Peter Hirst

While agreeing with the outcomes and themes outlined on pages 8 and 9 of *Reports to Conference*, what would be the FE's response to a situation where our credibility and achievements as part of a Coalition Government is at significant continued variance with our election and poll ratings?

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Q5 Submitted by John Brace

S. 104–106 of the Equality Act 2010 will outlaw discrimination in the selection of candidates and force the party to publish information about candidates and successful/unsuccessful applicants. Should this data be published now?

Is the party membership reflective of the British public, if not how is it different?

Q1 Submitted by John Brace

Policies on tuition fees and forests were not communicated well to the party and public. How can FE ensure that in the future Lib Dems represent public opinion and communicate effectively what our party's policies are rather than have the public believe what the Labour Party tells them they are?

Q6 Submitted by Andrew Hudson

Is the current parliamentary party in the House of Lords more representative of the diversity of Britain than the party in the House of Commons?

Q7 Submitted by Hywel Morgan

When the review of the Party's General Election campaign was taking place what steps were taken to ensure that campaign organisers and teams in seats we gained were contacted for their input. Could you confirm whether all such people were involved in this review?

Q8 Submitted by Jonathan Hunt

The Federal Executive's strategic business plan seems to consist of:

- 1) Ensuring credibility in Government to ensure the Coalition is judged a success.
- 2) Developing an effective narrative to support that line.

Given the unlikelihood that our role in the coalition will ever win enough votes, and the failure to mention ensuring stable government in the narrative, has the executive any plans to put the party first and start building a forward-looking radical and redistributive platform now to win more votes in 2015?

F11 Report of the Federal Finance and Administration Committee

Q1 Submitted by John Brace

In view of the forced reduction in staff, couldn't Cowley Street have a paid volunteer co-ordinator, to recruit and manage volunteers to aid the paid staff?

Q2 Submitted by Hywel Morgan

The projected budget for 2011 lists £749,000 fundraising income. This compares to £191,000 projected fundraising income for 2010. Could the Treasurer explain further how this figure was arrived at and does it represent an achievable target.

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Q3 Submitted by Hywel Morgan

Does the £40,000 of ministerial tithes listed as income for 2011 represent 10% of all Lib Dem ministerial salaries. If not what steps are being taken to ensure that all ministers contribute?

£40,000 is listed as income from ministerial tithes in 2011, however only £6,000 is listed as projected income for 2010. Given that ministers were in place for around 6 months should this figure not be around £20,000 and will attempts be made to address this?

F12 Report of the Diversity and Engagement Group

Q1 Submitted by John Brace

To improve things we need to have effective mechanisms of dealing with discrimination when it happens within the party whether it be sexism, racism, ageism or others. What can be done to achieve the shift in attitudes and working practices necessary to achieve this?

F13 Report of the Campaign for Gender Balance

Q1 Submitted by John Brace

100 years ago suffragettes boycotted the 1911 census and waged a high profile campaign for votes for women. However, why does the party still make it more difficult for women candidates?

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09.00 Party Business

F14 Parliamentary Party Reports

Q1 Submitted by Gareth Epps

Liberal Democrats have long been opposed in principle to monopolies of cross-media ownership such as that handed on a plate to Rupert Murdoch by the Conservative Secretary of State. Given that our policy has not changed, and that no meaningful assurances can be or indeed have been offered by Murdoch, why are our spokespeople outside Government now publicly supporting Conservative and not Liberal Democrat policy?

Q2 Submitted by John Brace

Tuition Fees and the Save our Forests campaign was like watching a train wreck in slow motion. What has and will be done to make sure that:

- a) In the future the party represents the public's views?
- b) Policy is communicated clearly?

Q3 Submitted by David Wright

The motion passed by the May 2010 Special Conference included a clause calling for proportional representation for local government elections in England and Wales. What action is the Parliamentary Party planning to progress this?

The clause in question read: 'Conference calls on Liberal Democrat ministers and MPs to seek to include proportional representation for local government elections in England and Wales as a part of the political reform programme of the coalition government'.

Q4 Submitted by David Hall-Matthews

Can you assure us that in future the parliamentary party will actively prevent Lib Dem parliamentarians from being whipped against party policy on major issues that are not included in the coalition agreement, as happened with the health bill?

Q5 Submitted by Hywel Morgan

English Council received a report of the FE meeting of 25th October from their FE representative.

It states that at this meeting Nick Clegg was asked: 'if any MP who voted against the Coalition proposal on Tuition Fees would be penalised in any way, he (Nick) promised that they would not.'

In light of this, could the Chief Whip comment on why two PPSs subsequently resigned. Could the Chief Whip also confirm whether any pressure was brought to bear on those two individuals requiring them to resign?

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Q6 Submitted by Hywel Morgan

Could the Chief Whip confirm whether all MPs made a contribution to the Party from their Parliamentary salaries as is required of local councillors. If not, what steps are being taken to address this?

Could the European Parliamentary Party confirm whether all MEPs made a contribution to the Party from their Parliamentary salaries as is required of local councillors? If not what steps are being taken to address this?

It will still be possible to submit questions to the Speakers' Table up until 18.00 on Saturday 12th March, however, due to the large number of questions already received, questions submitted will receive a written response.

09.20 Policy Motion

F15 Emergency Motion

One emergency motion will be debated at this time slot, selected by ballot from the motions submitted (see pages 17–22) of this document.

09.50 Business Motion

F16 Strategy, Positioning and Priorities

Amendment Three

93 conference representatives

Mover: Dr Evan Harris

Summation: Cllr Chris White

1 *After 1c) (line 49), insert:*

- 2 2. Calls for the programme of the Coalition Government in the second half of the Parliament
3 to include Liberal Democrat priorities drawn from our manifesto and policies, and for such a
4 programme to be agreed by the Federal Executive and Federal Policy Committee.
- 5 3. Calls for there to be appropriate consultation through the Federal Executive and Federal Policy
6 Committee, when significant new Government policies are proposed, which are not included
7 in the Coalition agreement and which conflict with Liberal Democrat policy or principles.
- 8 4. Calls on the Federal Executive and the Federal Policy Committee to:
9 a) Review, in consultation with the Parliamentary parties, the challenges of coalition which
10 have an impact on the independence of the party, its policy position or its freedom of
11 political movement.
12 b) Report back on whether the existing constitutional provisions and other arrangements
13 are sufficiently democratic.
14 c) Propose recommendations, for any constitutional amendments or other protocols which
15 may be needed, in time for debate in September 2011.

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11.00 Speech

F17 Yes to Fairer Votes Speech

Simon Woolley, Vice Chair of the Yes to Fairer Votes campaign, will address conference.

11.15 Policy Motion

F18 Access to Justice

Summation: To be announced

Amendment One

18 conference representatives

Mover: To be announced

Summation: To be announced

1 *At end (after line 43), add:*

2 Furthermore Conference calls for the government to:

3 I) Before undertaking any further changes to Legal Aid, commission an independent study on
4 the overall cost to public funds due to the impact on other budgets and other government
5 departments as a consequence of any loss of access to adequate legal advice by those with
6 housing, immigration, employment and education cases.

7 II) Ensure that proper consideration be given for the scope for savings to be made by
8 improvements in Legal Services Commission decision-making and by reducing the costs of
9 appeals by raising the quality of first decisions by public authorities.

10 III) Reject any changes to Legal Aid which lead to significant reductions in access to justice, a
11 lack of sustainability of public funded legal services or false economies as a result of knock-on
12 costs to public funds of cuts to legal aid.

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your views are important to us!

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Please take the time to complete the questionnaire as your answers provide important information that helps us to improve conference.

emergency motions ballot

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Emergency Motion 1: Banks

12 conference representatives

1 Conference notes with concern that:

- 2 i) UK banks continue to provide large, often cash, bonuses to employees based on short-term
3 financial performance.
- 4 ii) There is on-going uncertainty about the long-term structure and direction of the UK banking
5 system, notably including comments by Mervyn King, the Governor of the Bank of England,
6 on 5 March.
- 7 iii) The future ownership of the state-owned banks remains unclear.

8 Despite the progress Project Merlin has secured in terms of bank lending, (especially to small
9 businesses), bonuses and pay package transparency, conference continues to have concerns
10 about the types of large bonuses being paid and the long-term viability of the UK banks,
11 independent of Government support.

12 Conference believes:

- 13 A. The UK needs a sustainable and strong banking system that supports balanced long-term
14 economic prospects and is not an on-going unfinanced state risk.
- 15 B. Bank employees should be rewarded for real economic value creation and not just short-term
16 paper profits.
- 17 C. When the Government disposes of its ownership stake in the state-owned banks, this needs
18 to be done in a responsible and affordable manner.

19 Conference therefore calls on the Coalition Government:

- 20 1. To investigate further tax and regulatory reforms that will incentivise long-term reward.
- 21 2. To swiftly draw to a close international negotiations on proposals for improvement of corporate
22 governance in banks and other financial institutions as recommended in the 2009 Walker
23 Review.
- 24 3. To implement the recommendations in the Vickers report into the future of British banking, to
25 ensure that banks limit the risks that they impose on the wider society and are rewarded only
26 according to their economic contribution.
- 27 4. To consider proposals that will distribute shares of the state-owned banks into private
28 and widespread ownership. In particular, Conference supports further consideration of an
29 approach as set out in the Centre Forum pamphlet *Getting Your Share of the Banks*, by
30 which:
 - 31 a) Individual UK citizens are given equal stakes in the state holding of the banks.
 - 32 b) Share holders will be able to decide for themselves how long to hold on to the shares

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- 33 and will repay to the Government a share of their eventual sale proceeds in order for the
34 Government to recover their costs.
- 35 c) More widespread and decentralised ownerships of the banks will make them more
36 accountable to shareholders in order to provide fair value for their owners, employees
37 and the country.

Applicability: Federal.

Emergency Motion 2: Counter Terrorism and Security Review

Islington

- 1 Conference notes:
- 2 I. The manifesto statement that: "We will ...
- 3 a) Scrap control orders, which can use secret evidence to place people under house arrest
4 b) Reduce the maximum period of pre-charge detention to 14 days.
5 c) Make it easier to prosecute and convict terrorists by allowing intercept evidence in court
6 and by making greater use of post-charge questioning".
- 7 II. The coalition agreement statement that:
- 8 b) "We will implement a full programme of measures to reverse the substantial erosion of
9 civil liberties and roll back state intrusion.
10 c) We will protect historic freedoms through the defence of trial by jury.
11 d) We will introduce safeguards against the misuse of anti-terrorism legislation".
- 12 III. The outcome of the Counter Terrorism and Security Review announced on 26.01.11, including
13 the announcements that pre-charge detention was to reduce to a 14 day maximum, an end
14 to indiscriminate use of stop and search powers, the end to the use of the most intrusive
15 RIPA power by local authorities, all of which are welcome reforms rolling back some of the
16 authoritarian excesses of the Labour government and its War on Terror.
- 17 IV. The proposals for a changed regime (Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures
18 ("TPIMs")) to be enacted on a permanent basis for serious and substantial restrictions on the
19 liberties of those about whom the Home Secretary has reasonable grounds to believe that
20 the individual is or has been involved in terrorism-related activity and be satisfied that it is
21 necessary to apply measures from the regime to protect the public from a risk of terrorism.
- 22 V. The report of Lord Macdonald of River Glaven QC on the CTSR and his analysis of control
23 orders that, as a consequence of being subject to a control order: "some terrorist activity
24 undoubtedly remains unpunished by the criminal law. This is a serious and continuing failure
25 of public policy."
- 26 VI. Lord Macdonald's recommendation for a scheme which brings the restrictions of the any
27 control order type regime within the criminal justice system.

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28 Conference believes that:

- 29 A. The rule of law is the foundation of democracy.
- 30 B. The absolute priority for counter-terrorism must be to bring any suspected terrorists to trial,
31 to expose their activities, to reassure the public about the work of the police and security
32 services to protect their freedoms, to enable the full force of the law to be utilised against
33 those convicted of such offences.
- 34 C. Those accused of terrorist activity are entitled to a way to challenge any such allegations
35 made against them, and those guilty of such offences must be punished.
- 36 D. The proposed TPIMs constitute a slight move in the right direction regarding some of the
37 restrictions on liberty, but do not resolve the central criticism of the control order regime, that
38 it operates predominately outside the rule of law.
- 39 E. The means exist to bring TPIMs and the restrictions they seek to impose within the criminal
40 justice system.
- 41 F. Such measures as control orders or TPIMs must be short term legislative mechanisms, and
42 have no place as permanent fixtures on the statute book.
- 43 G. The mistakes of Labour's War on Terror must not be repeated by this or any future
44 government.

45 Conference calls for:

- 46 1. Liberal Democrat parliamentarians to continue to protect the hard won rights and freedoms
47 which are the basis of British democracy.
- 48 2. Liberal Democrat parliamentarians to press for any new legislation introducing TPIMs to
49 include an annual sunset clause, and to seek any necessary amendments to legislation to
50 achieve this.
- 51 3. Liberal Democrats members and parliamentarians to call for the recommendations of Lord
52 Macdonald for TPIMs to be brought within the criminal justice system to be enacted within
53 the current legislation by way of amendment to the current proposals.

Applicability: Federal.

Emergency Motion 3: Equal Marriage

DELGA

1 Conference welcomes:

- 2 I. The recent announcement by the Equalities Minister Lynne Featherstone MP of the
3 Government's plans to lift the ban on civil partnership registrations in England and Wales
4 being held on religious premises.
- 5 II. The consequence that any religious organisation wishing to perform these ceremonies in their
6 buildings will be entitled to do so in future.
- 7 III. The Government's recognition of the desire to open civil marriage and civil partnerships to
8 both same-sex and mixed-sex couples; and its plans to consult further on how this might be
9 taken forward.

10 Conference reaffirms:

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- 11 a) The Liberal Democrats' absolute commitment to promoting LGB and T rights.
12 b) Its position, adopted in the conference motion *Equal Marriage in the UK* (September 2010)
13 proposed by LGBT Lib Dems (Delga), that if marriage should be open to same-sex couples,
14 civil partnership should also be open to mixed-sex couples, and that trans people should not
15 be subjected to the ignominy of divorcing and re-marrying in order for the law to recognise
16 their chosen gender.

17 Conference therefore calls on the Government to:

- 18 1. Continue with the exciting proposals outlined in the announcement of February 17th 2011.
19 2. Set out a clear timetable starting in late Spring in order that the implementation of Section 202
20 (which requires secondary legislation) can be achieved reasonably quickly.
21 3. Legislate for Equal Marriage within the lifetime of this Parliament.

Applicability: Federal, with special agreement from the Scottish Parliament.

Emergency Motion 4: Supporting Democrats in the Middle East

Streatham

1 Conference notes:

- 2 i) Recent progress towards a democratic future for the people of Tunisia and Egypt.
3 ii) The clear desire of the Libyan people to secure democracy and human rights in their country
4 iii) The unanimous adoption in 2005 of the United Nations 'Responsibility to Protect', which
5 affirmed the legal obligation of States to protect their populations from genocide, war crimes,
6 ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.
7 iv) The indiscriminate killing from the air of Libyan protesters by Colonel Gaddafi's forces
8 v) Recent polling which shows strong public support for a no-fly zone to protect the Libyan
9 people.
10 vi) UN Security Council Resolution 1970 (2011), which refers the situation in Libya to the
11 International Criminal Court and considers 'that the widespread and systematic attacks
12 currently taking place in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya against the civilian population may
13 amount to crimes against humanity'.

14 Conference believes:

- 15 a) The people of Libya and other hitherto undemocratic Middle Eastern states deserve the rights,
16 freedoms and democracy that they demand.
17 b) That Colonel Gaddafi poses a serious and continuing threat to his own people.
18 c) The public are right to recognise the difference between protecting innocent people in Libya
19 with an internationally enforced no-fly zone and a Blair/Bush-style invasion, as happened in
20 Iraq.

21 Conference therefore calls on the UK Government:

- 22 1. To lead the world in seeking further political and legal support at the United Nations for such a
23 no-fly zone.
24 2. Urgently to build a coalition of NATO forces for its enforcement.

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- 25 3. To make military preparations for British participation.
26 4. To offer humanitarian and political support to Middle Eastern states as opportunities for
27 democratic development arise, working with and through international organisations.

Applicability: Federal.

Emergency Motion 5: Tougher Action on Banks and Bonuses

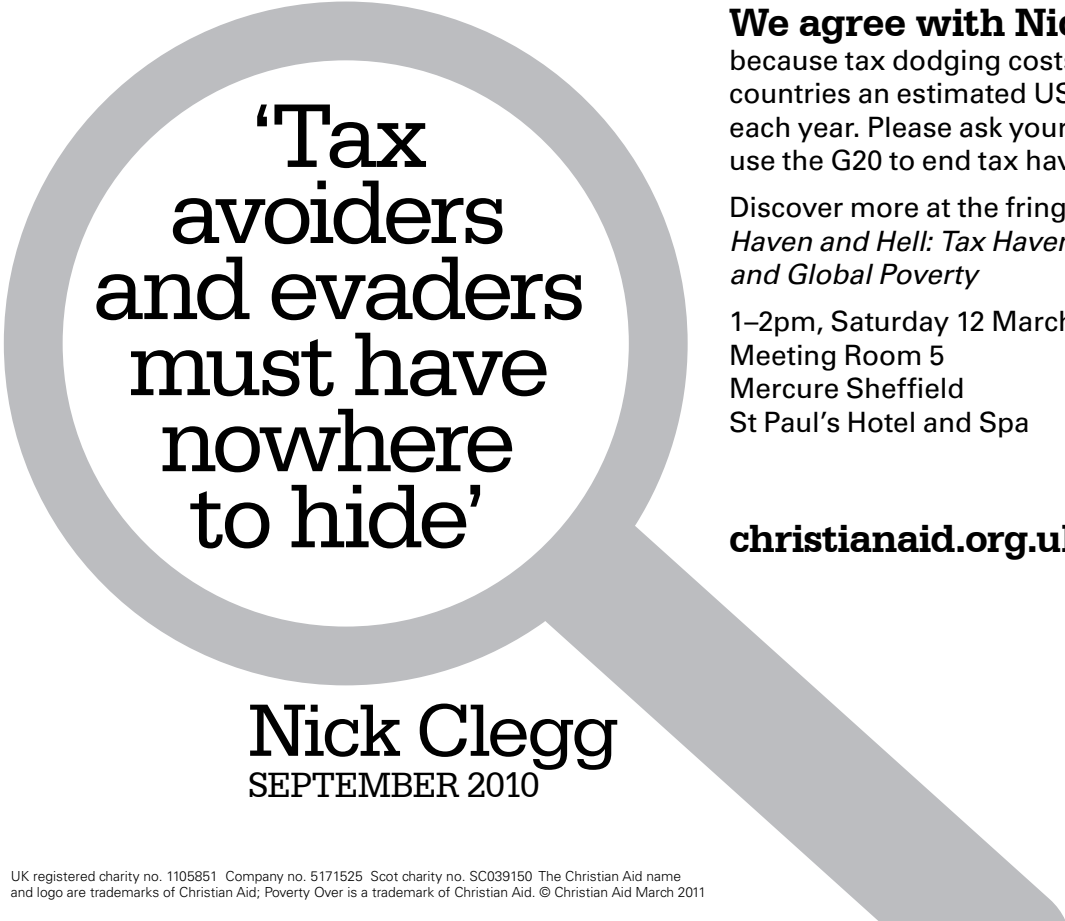
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- 1 Conference notes:
- 2 A. The importance of a healthy banking system to the future of Britain's economy.
3 B. The regrettable failure of decades of 'light-touch' regulation that socialises risk and privatises
4 extraordinary profits at the expense of sustainable investment and growth.
5 C. That Liberal Democrats have long emphasised the need to tackle disproportionate rewards
6 for risky financial behaviour and the concentration of power in the hands of a few in the City of
7 London.
8 D. That the Independent Banking Commission is likely to postulate significant reforms later this
9 year.
- 10 Conference therefore welcomes the aims of the recent 'Project Merlin' agreement with the UK's
11 leading banks to:
- 12 i) Increase the credit available to British businesses.
13 ii) Improve transparency over executive pay.
14 iii) Reduce the overall bonus pool.
- 15 However, Conference is concerned that:
- 16 a) The 'Merlin' reforms are insufficient.
17 b) The language of the 'Merlin' agreement is weak and will be hard to enforce, particularly with
18 regards to net lending to business and transparency on bankers' remuneration, with no
19 disclosure requirement for the highest earners not on the Board.
- 20 Conference therefore calls on Liberal Democrats in Parliament, and most importantly those in
21 Government, to ensure that the recommendations of the Vickers Commission are carried out
22 promptly and in full. Conference calls for:
- 23 1. Banks supported by the taxpayer to be broken up into smaller, safer entities, with effective
24 competition restored and full disclosure of all pay packages larger than that of the Prime
25 Minister while they remain State-owned.
26 2. All large-scale banks to divest their investment banking arms, with no explicit or implicit State
27 guarantee for this activity.
28 3. Pay transparency to be extended to highly paid traders and other employees, not just
29 Executives, with salary and bonuses that exceed an agreed ratio to median salary to be
30 published alongside an explanatory justification.
31 4. Large financial institutions to hold greater capital reserves and to make 'living will'
32 arrangements to act as stabilisers in the event of further market failures such as those seen

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- 33 during the recent financial meltdown.
- 34 5. The imminent Green Investment Bank to be a fully functional bank and not a fund, securing
- 35 much-needed investment in low-carbon technology and jobs.
- 36 6. Measures to tackle financial exclusion for individuals and small business, with a Basic Banking
- 37 Guarantee; a public bank administered through Post Offices; a commitment from high street
- 38 banks to provide fee-free ATMs within walking distance of all deprived communities; as well
- 39 as reducing unfair bank, credit card and loan charges.
- 40 7. Greater support for local credit unions and mutuals.

Applicability: Federal.



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