

Conference Daily

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Report back for Sunday 24 September

F15	Policy motion: Making the Fight Against Climate Change Accessible	Passed (Amendment One Passed)
F16	Policy motion: Fixing Fast Fashion – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	Passed (Amendment One Passed)
F17	Policy motion: Transforming the Nation's Health	(Amendment One passed, Amendment Two defeated, lines 45–47 retained)
F18	Constitutional Amendment: Young Liberals' Representatives to Party Committees	Passed (Amendment One Passed)
F19	Policy motion: Investing in our Children's Future	Passed (Amendments One & Two Passed)
F23	Policy motion: <i>For a Fair Deal</i> (Pre-Manifesto Policy Paper)	Passed (Amendments One to Six all Passed)
F25	Policy motion: Protecting our Neighbourhoods – A Return to Community Policing	Passed (Amendment One Passed)
F26	Standing order amendment: Limiting the Number of Constitutional Amendments and Standing Order Amendments that can be Discussed At Any One Conference	Referred back to FCC

For the text of motions and amendments, please refer to the Autumn 2023 Conference Agenda & Directory and Conference Daily for Sunday 24 September 2023.

Monday 24 September

F27 Connecting Communities – Building a Transport Network Fit for the 21st Century

Chair: Chris Adams. Aide: Cllr Shaffaq Mohammed.

The FCC has agreed to make the following drafting amendments to the motion:

1 *In ii) (line 27), after 'bus' insert ', tram.'*

2 *After v) (line 37), insert:*

3 vi) Within an Integrated Transport Strategy there remain, in some
4 locations, opportunities for expanding the use of light rail (trams
5 and tram trains) a form of green mass transport with less costly
6 infrastructure than heavy rail.

7 *In d) (line 52), after 'bus' insert ', tram.'*

8 *In 4. (line 71), after 'buses' insert ', trams'.*

9 *In 11. (Line 73), before 'the £24 billion' insert 'some of'.*

10 *In 5. (line 74), after 'Young Person's Buscard' insert 'also available for use
11 on trams'.*

12 *In 5. (line 76), after 'bus' insert 'and tram'.*

13 *In 8. (line 85), after 'buses' insert ', trams'.*

Amendment One

Liberal Democrat Disability Association

Mover: Katharine Macy.

Summation: Lucy Tonge.

1 *After 10. (line 92), insert:*

- 2 11. Mandate and ensure all new builds include lift and ramp access
3 from both platform to transport and platform to street; where
4 possible the retrofitting of lifts should be funded.

Amendment Two

Cambridge

Mover: Cllr Amanda Taylor.

Summation: Cllr Pippa Heylings.

1 *After 8. (line 86), insert:*

- 2 9. Abandon current government-mandated proposals to close ticket
3 offices at railway stations.

Amendment Three

10 members

Mover: Cllr Lisa Smart.

Summation: Cllr Sam Al-Hamdani.

1 *After 12. (line 99), insert:*

- 2 13. Give all local councils, metro mayors and combined authorities
3 which do not already have them the powers to pilot innovative
4 schemes to increase public transport usage and reduce
5 congestion, including the ability to heavily discount public transport
6 fares or make them free – learning from successful schemes
7 introduced in European cities such as Tallinn and Zlin.
8 14. Explore the introduction of an annual pass covering all public
9 transport in a region or across the country for a one-off fee.

Background briefing:

This motion updates and develops policy on transport.

It builds on existing policy as set out in policy paper 139A, *Tackling the Climate Emergency: Proposals for Carbon Pricing* (September 2021), General Election Manifesto *Stop Brexit and Build a Brighter Future* (2019) and policy motion *Future of Transport* (September 2016).

F28 Food and Farming

Chair: Cllr Hannah Kitching. Aide: Cllr Nick Da Costa (Chair, FCC).

Amendment One

17 members

Mover: Kevin Langford.

Summation: to be announced.

1 *After III. (line 9), insert:*

2 IV. Global warming represents an urgent threat to the sustainability of
3 UK agriculture and food security.

4 *After 2. a) (line 61), insert:*

5 b) Supporting natural carbon sequestration including through
6 increasing woodland canopy cover to at least 20% by 2050 and
7 banning horticultural peat use and the burning of heather.

8 *After 2. d) (line 70), insert:*

9 e) Using public procurement policy to support the consumption of
10 food produced to high standards of environmental and social
11 sustainability, and which is nutritious, healthy and locally and
12 seasonally sourced.

- 13 *In 7. (line 114), after 'sector' insert 'including the further development of*
14 *alternative proteins in which the UK can become a world leader.'*

Background briefing:

This motion and the accompanying policy paper update and develop policy on food, farming, fishing, trade, animal welfare and rural affairs.

They build on existing policy as set out in the policy motion *International Trade and the DIT* (September 2021), policy motion *Back British Farmers* (March 2021), policy paper 139, *Tackling the Climate Emergency*, and policy paper 129, *A Rural Future: Time to Act* (March 2018).

F30 Scrap the Voting ID Scheme

Hall Aide: Cllr Darryl Smalley.

F31 Tackling the Housing Crisis

Hall Aide: Chris Maines.

The FCC has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *In 7. (line 82) after 'and cap ground rents', insert 'on commonhold and*
2 *commercial leaseholds'.*

Amendment One

Young Liberals and 149 members

Mover: Janey Little.

Summation: Cllr Stephen Robinson.

- 1 *Delete lines 44 to 56 and insert:*

2 Conference maintains its commitment to a national housing target of
3 380,000 new homes per year, to set a clear direction of travel and to
4 indicate serious intent to address the housing crisis.

5 Conference believes that local housing targets need to exist as part of
6 delivering an overall national target; local and central government share
7 responsibility for delivering the housing we desperately need. Local
8 Planning Authorities should co-operate at regional or sub-regional level
9 to ensure that they deliver homes where they are needed.

10 Conference agrees that Liberal Democrats should put in place detailed
11 policies to address the ongoing national failure to build enough homes.
12 Only with an ambitious response to the housing crisis can people in
13 desperate housing need have a realistic ambition to buy or rent the
14 home they need.

15 *In 2. (lines 62–65) delete ‘with robust ...’ to ‘... population changes’ and*
16 *insert ‘that translates the national target into achievable local targets,*
17 *creating sustainable communities and rewarding local authorities that*
18 *support the housing growth agenda’.*

Amendment Two

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Mover: Cllr Chris White.

Summation: Cllr Lucy Nethsingha.

1 *After H. (line 37), insert:*

2 Around 1 million homes already have planning permission and are not yet
3 built, with another 1 million homes in local plans that have not yet reached
4 the planning stage.

5 *After 12. (line 117), insert:*

6 13. Encouraging development of existing brownfield sites with financial
7 incentives and ensuring that affordable and social housing is
8 included in these projects.

- 9 14. Introducing 'use-it-or-lose-it planning permission' for developers
10 who fail to develop land that has been given full planning
11 permission.
- 12 15. Strengthening the investment in infrastructure works to free up
13 sites where permission has been agreed.
- 14 16. Ensuring that when offices are converted to residential properties
15 through permitted development the local planning authority has the
16 power to insist social and affordable housing is included.
- 17 17. Ensuring vacant land and buildings in public ownership can be
18 prioritised for development projects which deliver public good
19 socially, economically or environmentally by:
- 20 a) Giving councils the power to mandate that public land is
21 developed for social housing only.
- 22 b) Introducing guidance for central government
23 departments and arms-length bodies to ensure social
24 value is factored in when publicly owned assets are sold
25 off.

Amendment Three

50 members

Mover: Joshan Parmar.

Summation: Emma Munday.

- 1 *In II. (line 8), after 'property' insert: 'while other policies such as cuts to*
2 *stamp duty have increased demand for homes without increasing the*
3 *supply, exacerbating the crisis'.*
- 4 *After iii) (line 56), insert:*
- 5 iv) Our built environment has a huge impact on our climate. And less
6 land-hungry forms of building are more sustainable and can help us
7 meet our carbon targets, for example making more optimal use of
8 land (including brownfield sites) and better use of existing homes.
- 9 v) Many communities want to build more homes and need to see

10 localist, community-focused solutions that give local people
11 reasons and the powers to say yes to development.

12 *After 8. d) (line 93), insert:*

13 e) Giving social tenants more powers to run ballots, giving them
14 greater opportunity and control, including the possibility to
15 back new social homes.

16 *After 11. c) (line 109), insert:*

17 d) Exploring methods for communities to back new
18 developments, including giving residents of streets the ability
19 to support more homes on their street.

20 *After 12. c) (line 117), add:*

21 d) Continue and, if successful, expand trials of Community Land
22 Auctions to ensure that local communities receive a fair share
23 of the benefits of new development in their areas and to help
24 fund vital local services

25 13. Exploring methods to encourage the sustainable use of existing
26 buildings to allow people to make the most of their home, whilst
27 complying with all relevant local plan requirements.

Background briefing:

This motion and the accompanying policy paper updates and develops policy on homes, housing targets, planning and renters rights.

They build on existing policy as set out in the policy motion *Building Communities* (September 2021), the General Election Manifesto *Stop Brexit and Build a Brighter Future* (2019) and policy paper 104, *Decent Homes for All* (September 2012).

F33 Standing with Ukraine

The FCC has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

1 *In iv) (lines 26–27), delete ‘failure to proscribe the Group as a terrorist*
2 *organisation’ and insert ‘decision in September 2023 to proscribe the*
3 *Group, over eighteen months after Liberal Democrats were the first to*
4 *call for the Group’s proscription’.*

5 *Delete 3. (line 56) and insert:*

6 3. Build on the long-overdue proscription of the Wagner Group, by
7 making the case to our international allies such as the US and the
8 EU to take the same step, and working with them to ensure
9 proscription orders and sanctions are not circumvented.

Amendment One

Brighton & Hove

Mover: Michael Wang.

1 *After vii) (line 36), insert:*

2 viii) The ongoing persecution of anti-war activists inside Russia,
3 including criminal proceedings for the dissemination of accurate
4 information regarding the conflict that contradicts the official
5 narratives of the Russian Government. These proceedings carry a
6 maximum sentence of 10–15 years.

7 *After 7. (line 79), add:*

8 8. Take a stance to defend anti-war activists inside Russia, through
9 initiatives such as:
10 a) Raising in all appropriate forums the cases of individuals in
11 Russia who face persecution for expressing criticism of the
12 invasion of Ukraine or disseminating truthful information
13 about it.

- 14 b) Making offers of asylum to and issuing asylum visas for
15 individuals in such cases.

Background briefing:

This motion updates and develops policy on the on-going war in Ukraine. It builds on existing policy as set out in the policy motion *A Sovereign Ukraine* (March 2022).

F35 Membership Subscription and Federal Levy

Amendment One

Federal Board

Mover: Mike Cox.

Summation: to be announced.

- 1 *In 5. (line 16), delete 'That the Federal Levy remains at 55 per cent' and*
2 *insert 'That the Federal Levy shall be reduced from 55 per cent to 50 per*
3 *cent.'*

- 4 *After 5, (line 16), add:*

- 5 Conference notes that the Federal and State Parties have committed
6 to implement financial mechanisms that uphold the principles of
7 Federalism, removing any negative financial impact on either the
8 Federal or State Parties resulting from this amendment.

Directory Updates

FRINGE MONDAY MID MORNING 11.30–12.30

Update to listing in the Directory (change of speakers):

Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (updated fringe panel/description)

The Voters' Verdict: What's Next for the Future of Britain?

Sam Sharps, Executive Director, Policy, TBI (Chair) Monica Harding, Director, The Britain Project, and Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Esher, and Tom Lubbock, JL Partners.

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Refreshments

Training Updates

TRAINING AND SKILLS MONDAY AFTERNOON 14.30–15.45

Update to listing in the Directory (amended venue):

Focus on councillors - Resilience for councillors

Being a councillor is a hugely rewarding role. But it is important we make the time to look after ourselves when the going gets tough.

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BIC - Branksome Suite

TRAINING AND SKILLS MONDAY LATE AFTERNOON 16.15–17.30

Update to listing in the Directory (amended venue):

How we won in 2023

Celebrating our successes in 2023, and hearing from the teams on how they did it.

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BIC - Branksome Suite

Directory Updates

Spokesperson Q&A Sessions

All sessions will take place in the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC), Bayview Suite 2.

Monday 25th September

15.30–16.30: Richard Foord MP and Julie Smith on Defence.
Chair: Hannah Kitching.



Left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available at the Highcliff Marriott between 08.00 and 17.00 on Tuesday 26 September. Please note that capacity is limited and will be available on a first-come first-served basis. A charge of £2 per item will apply.

Live stream

The conference will be streamed live at libdems.org.uk/conference-live in case you miss any sessions or want to watch again!

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Spring Conference 2024

15–17 March 2024, York

Autumn Conference 2024

14–17 September 2024, Brighton

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