

# Conference Daily

## Saturday 23 September

### Liberal Democrats Autumn Conference

### Bournemouth, September 23-26 2023

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# Report back for Saturday 23 September

F2	Report: Federal Conference Committee	Approved
F3	Standing order amendment: Tidying Up Standing Orders	Passed (Amendment One Passed)
F4	Report: Federal Policy Committee	Approved
F5	Policy motion: Combatting Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery	Passed (Amendment One Passed)
F7	Policy motion: A Fair Deal for the Armed Forces Community	Passed (Amendment One Passed)
F8	Policy motion: Bring Back the Industrial Strategy	Passed (Amendments One & Two Passed)
F10	Policy motion: <i>A Better Start in Life</i> (Policy Paper)	Passed (Amendment One Passed)
F12	Policy motion: Restore Standards in Public Life	Passed (Amendments One, Two and Three Passed)
F13	Policy motion: Ending Period Poverty	Passed
F14	Report: Parliamentary Parties	Received

Emergency motion: 'Protecting the European Convention on Human Rights' was selected for debate as item F36 at 09.00 on Tuesday 26 September.

*For the text of motions and amendments, please refer to the Autumn 2023 Conference Agenda & Directory and Conference Daily for Saturday 23 September 2023.*

# Sunday 24 September

## F15 Making the Fight Against Climate Change Accessible

Chair: Duncan Brack. Aide: Sam Barratt.

Summation: Sarah Dyke MP.

### Amendment One

*Liberal Democrat Disability Association*

Mover: Lucy Tonge.

Summation: Katharine Macy.

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

2 e) Eco-ableism is a large issue within the climate emergency debate  
3 that leads to the stigmatisation of disabled people who often rely,  
4 for example, on single use plastic medical equipment such feeding  
5 tubes, cannulas and IV tubes to survive.

6 f) Disabled people are amongst the most vulnerable to the effects of  
7 climate change, yet are some of those least likely to be meaningfully  
8 included in the climate justice movement.

9 *After 5. (line 54), insert:*

10 6. Education surrounding the importance of inclusive climate solutions  
11 that acknowledge the needs of disabled people and their increased  
12 vulnerability to the effects of the changing climate, for example  
13 more frequent extreme heat and flooding.

14 7. The government to establish a scrutiny group of intersectional  
15 representatives from those communities that are most heavily  
16 impacted by the effects of climate change to consult on the  
17 inclusivity of all climate mitigation measures before they are  
18 implemented.

**Background briefing:**

This motion updates and develops climate change policy, specifically looking at ways in which climate change action can be inclusive for all people.

It builds on existing policy as set out in the General Election Manifesto *Stop Brexit and Build a Brighter Future* (2019) and Policy Paper 139, *Tackling the Climate Emergency* (September 2019).

**F16 Fixing Fast Fashion – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle****Amendment One**

*Lambeth*

Mover: Cllr Donna Harris.

Summation: to be announced.

- 1 *In 3. (line 54), after 'repair services' insert ' together with providers of*
- 2 *training and skills for repair work'.*
  
- 3 *After 3. (line 54), insert:*
  
- 4 4. Support for the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)
- 5 to work with clothing manufacturers to develop minimum standards
- 6 of durability, reducing the need to purchase new clothes.
  
- 7 5. Introduce legislation banning the sale of products made with forced
- 8 labour, along the lines of the proposed EU Forced Labour
- 9 Regulation.

**Background briefing:**

This motion creates new policy on Fast Fashion, as well as updating policy on climate change and resource use.

It builds on existing policy as set out in the General Election Manifesto *Stop Brexit and Build a Brighter Future* (2019) and Policy Paper 139, *Tackling the Climate Emergency* (September 2019).

**F17 Transforming the Nation's Health**

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

- 1 *In C. (line 10), delete 'the life expectancy of'.*
- 2 *In 6. (line 86), after 'packaging' insert 'including health warnings on types*
- 3 *of vapes containing harmful ingredients'.*

**Amendment One**

*10 members*

*Mover: Lee Dargue.*

*Summation: to be announced.*

- 1 *In 2. (line 64), before '2015' insert 'at least'.*
- 2 *In 2. (line 66), before 'co-produce' insert 'co-design, co-deliver, and'.*
- 3 *In 4. (line 77), after 'campaign' insert 'working with local authorities and*
- 4 *Directors of Public Health,'.*
- 5 *In 5. (line 81), after 'schools' insert ', colleges, care homes, nurseries,*
- 6 *prisons, and universities,'.*
- 7 *In 5. (line 82) delete 'every child and patient is receiving' and insert*
- 8 *'everyone in a publicly-funded setting is offered'.*
- 9 *Delete 7. (lines 90–93) and insert:*
- 10 7. The development in association with local authorities of a range of
- 11 public health clinics within community spaces (for example
- 12 pharmacies, libraries, job centres and community centres), to reach
- 13 those who are less likely or able to seek health care from their GP,
- 14 which could offer blood pressure checks, diabetes checks,
- 15 cholesterol checks, family planning clinics, mental health clinics,

16 smoking cessation clinics; employers could also offer these 'health  
17 clinics' to their employees/volunteers where budgets are available.

18 *In 8. (line 95), delete 'and GPs' and insert 'Primary Care sector'.*

## **Amendment Two**

*10 members*

Mover: Brandon Masih.

Summation: Lee Dargue.

1 *Delete 6. (lines 84–89) and insert:*

2 6. Recognition of the role of vapes in smoking cessation as a public  
3 health measure, with a legal, regulated supply involving tougher  
4 regulation such as tobacco-style plain packaging, restricted sale  
5 display, warning labels where appropriate, an end to toy-like  
6 advertising targeted at children, and licensing of their sales, with  
7 stronger enforcement of existing legislation banning vape sales to,  
8 or purchase for, under-18s.

*There will be a separate vote on lines 45–47 of the motion.*

### **Background briefing:**

This motion updates and develops policy on health care, with a particular focus on preventive and public health.

It builds on existing policy as set out in the policy paper 151, *A More Caring Society* (March 2021), the General Election Manifesto *Stop Brexit and Build a Brighter Future* (2019) and policy paper 137, *Save the NHS and Social Care by Stopping Brexit* (September 2019).

## **F18 Young Liberals' Representatives to Party Committees**

### **Amendment One**

*14 members*

Mover: Dr Mark Pack.

Summation: Dr Mark Pack.

1 *In line 2 and line 3, delete 'G' and insert 'H'.*

2 *In line 2, delete 'and renumber accordingly'.*

*Note: The effect of this amendment would be that adding a Young Liberal representative would no longer also entail the addition of a directly elected member.*

## **F19 Investing in our Children's Future**

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

1 *In Line 4, after 'academic' insert 'and all other forms of'.*

2 *Delete B. (lines 14–15) and insert:*

3 B. Between 2019 and mid-2023, 39 schools had fully or partly closed  
4 because they were unsafe. As of 31st August, over 140 more schools  
5 had to close one or more buildings due to the RAAC crisis.

6 *After L. (line 49), insert:*

7 M. Over one in five children are persistently absent from school, twice  
8 the proportion before the pandemic.

9 *At end of 4. (line 90) insert: 'and also developing vocational and practical*  
10 *courses in secondary schools'.*

## **Amendment One**

*10 members*

Mover: Baroness Bonham-Carter (Lords Spokesperson for Culture, Media and Sport).

Summation: Jamie Stone MP (Spokesperson for Culture, Media and Sport).

1 *After iii) (line 10), insert:*

- 2 IV. Art subjects help children and young people to develop crucial  
3 creative and emotional skills, as well as preparing them for jobs in  
4 the thriving creative industries.”
- 6 *After L. (line 49), insert:*
- 7 M. The number of students taking arts and creative subjects at GCSE  
8 has fallen by 30% since 2015, and A Level entries have fallen by 15%.
- 9 *After 10. (line 126), insert:*
- 10 11. Include arts subjects in the English Baccalaureate and give power  
11 to Ofsted to monitor the curriculum so that schools continue to  
12 provide a rich curriculum including subjects like art, music or drama.

## **Amendment Two**

*Ealing*

Mover: Alistair Mitton.

Summation: to be announced.

1 *After 10. (line 126), insert:*

- 2 11. Support the education of children in temporary accommodation by  
3 extending Pupil Premium Plus funding to them.

### **Background briefing:**

This motion updates and develops policy on children and education.

It builds on existing policy as set out in policy motion *Catching Up on Our Children's Education* (March 2022), the General Election Manifesto *Stop Brexit and Build a Brighter Future* (2019) and policy paper 128, *Every Child Empowered: Education for a Changing World* (March 2018).

## **F23 For a Fair Deal**

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

1 *In 11. (line 99), delete 'Ministers' and insert 'MPs, and especially Ministers,'*

### **Amendment One**

*Chippenham*

Mover: Katie Vigar.

Summation: Sarah Gibson.

1 *In C. (line 59), delete 'A flourishing environment' and insert 'A sustainable*  
2 *and flourishing global and national environment'.*

3 *Delete 1. (lines 67–69) and insert:*

4 1. Place tackling the climate crisis at the heart of our agenda, including  
5 investing in renewable power and home insulation, driving a strong  
6 economic recovery, bringing down energy bills, creating clean,  
7 secure, well-paid new jobs and leading international efforts to  
8 address the emergency globally.

### **Amendment Two**

*Ealing*

Mover: Cllr Jon Ball.

Summation: to be announced.

1 *In 5. (line 82), after 'England' insert: 'and reform the House of Lords with a*  
2 *proper democratic mandate'.*

### **Amendment Three**

*15 members*

Mover: George Cunningham.

Summation: Baroness Smith of Newnham (Lords Spokesperson for Defence).

- 1 *In 14. (line 109), after 'and the rule of law' insert 'including by creating a*
- 2 *comprehensive UK strategy to challenge regimes such as that led by the*
- 3 *CCP in China'.*

### **Amendment Four**

*Basingstoke & Deane*

Mover: Michael Berwick-Gooding.

Summation: Jacquie Bell.

- 1 *In 14. (line 110), after 'superpower,' insert 'reinstating the 0.7% of GNI aid*
- 2 *target, re-establishing a Department for International Development'.*

### **Amendment Five**

*Basingstoke & Deane*

Mover: Jamie Stone MP (Spokesperson for Culture, Media and Sport).

Summation: Adrian Waite.

- 1 *After 14. (line 113), add:*

- 2 15. Protect the BBC, Channel 4, S4C and BBC Alba as independent,
- 3 publicly-owned, public service broadcasters, and support growth in
- 4 the creative industries.

### **Amendment Six**

*22 members*

Mover: Ruth Gripper.

- 1 *After VIII. (line 42), insert:*

- 2 Conference utterly condemns the Prime Minister's scrapping or delaying
- 3 of key net zero policies, which will accelerate global heating, undermine
- 4 business confidence and investment and increase the cost of living.

**Background briefing:**

This motion and the accompanying policy paper set out five key themes for our next General Election Manifesto, and highlights policies which will illustrate those themes.

They build on policy paper 143, *A Fairer, Greener, More Caring Society* (Autumn 2021).

**F24 Speech by Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP**

Chair: Willie Rennie MSP.

**F25 Protecting our Neighbourhoods – A Return to Community Policing**

Aide: Alison Rouse. Hall Aide: Cllr Thom Campion.

**Amendment One**

*Liberal Democrat Disability Association*

Mover: Katharine Macy.

Summation: Lucy Tonge.

1 After 9. (line 77), insert:

- 2 10. Introduce mandatory training for police in understanding  
3 discrimination and hate crime – inclusive of all protected  
4 characteristics – so victims can be better supported and do not  
5 face further discrimination from the police.

**Background briefing:**

This motion updates and develops policy on crime and policing.

It builds on existing policy as set out in the General Election Manifesto *Stop Brexit and Build a Brighter Future* (2019) and policy paper 138, *United Against Crime* (September 2019).

# Directory Updates

## **FRINGE SUNDAY EARLY EVENING 17.30–18.30**

*'Addition to the listings in the Directory'*

### **Devon & Cornwall Liberal Democrats (17.30–18.30)**

The Chair and Officers of Devon & Cornwall Liberal Democrats invite you to join them on Sunday 24th September 17.30 to 18.30 in the Elevate Brasserie and Bar in the BIC for an informal get together.

**BIC, Elevate Brasserie**

## **FRINGE SUNDAY MID EVENING 19.45–21.00**

*Update to listing in the Directory - Alex Cole-Hamilton has replaced Alistair Carmichael as the host.*

### **Liberal Democrats (20.00–21.30)**

#### **Conference Quiz**

Come along and watch as Alex Cole-Hamilton delivers an entertaining night of questions and laughter. Tickets can be purchased (by members only) when registering to attend conference. Additional tickets sold on the door are subject to availability.

**Marriott, Dorchester Suite**