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**The Labour Party**

**CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**  
REPORT 2 to Conference 2017

Monday 25 September

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## **Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC)**

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## **CAC Daily Reports**

These will be handed to delegates as they enter the Conference Hall and can also be obtained from the Party Stand.

A copy will be emailed to delegates each morning at 8am and posted on Membersnet by 8am at: <https://members.labour.org.uk/conference-documents> or look for "Conference Documents" under the Party Activity tab.

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

<b>Monday 25 September – Morning Session</b> Chair: Andy Kerr and Glenis Willmott (from 12:15)	
09:30	<b><u>Conference Reconvenes</u></b>
09:31	<b><u>Conference Arrangements Committee</u></b> <i>Harry Donaldson, Chair of the CAC</i>
09:35	<p><b><u>Brexit and Internationalism</u></b></p> <p><u>International Policy Commission</u> <span style="float: right;"><i>NPF Report International pages 51- 58</i></span></p> <p><i>Glenis Willmott, Leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party</i></p> <p><b>Debate-</b> Speakers from the floor</p> <p><i>Emily Thornberry, Shadow First Secretary of State</i></p> <p><i>Keir Starmer, Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union</i></p> <p><b><u>Economy</u></b></p> <p><u>Economy, Business and Trade</u> <span style="float: right;"><i>NPF Report Economy, Business and Trade Pages 15 - 24</i></span></p> <p>Composite Motion 1 – Growth and Investment Composite Motion 2 – Public Sector Pay Composite Motion 3 – Public Sector Pay</p> <p>Debate – speakers from the floor</p> <p><i>John McDonnell, Shadow Chancellor</i></p>
12:40	<b><u>Votes</u></b> International Policy Commission Report
12:45	<b><u>Conference Adjourns</u></b>

<b>Monday 25 September – Morning Session</b> Chair: Andi Fox	
14:15	<b><u>Conference Reconvenes</u></b>
14:16	<p><b><u>Jobs, Living Standards and Equalities</u></b></p> <p><u>Economy, Business and Trade (continued)</u></p> <p>Composite 4: Workers' Rights</p> <p><b>Debate</b> – speakers from the floor</p> <p><u>Work, Pensions and Equality</u> <i>Debbie Abrahams, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>NPF Report Economy, Business and Trade Pages 15 – 24</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>NPF Report Work Pensions and Equality Pages 69 - 77</i></p>
15:35	<b><u>City Mayors Speaker</u></b> <i>Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London</i>
15:45	<b><u>Scottish report</u></b> <i>Alex Rowley, Interim Leader of Scottish Labour Party</i>
15:55	<p><b><u>Votes</u></b></p> <p>Economy, Business and Trade Policy Commission Report</p> <p>Work, Pensions and Equalities Policy Commission Report</p> <p>Contemporary Composite 1 – Growth and Prosperity</p> <p>Contemporary Composite 2 – Public Sector Pay</p> <p>Contemporary Composite 3 – Public Sector Pay</p> <p>Contemporary Composite 4 – Workers' Rights</p>
16:00	<b><u>Conference Adjourns</u></b>

## Conference Sessions and Timetable

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Monday 26 September	09:30 – 12:45	
	14:15 – 16:00	
	16:15 – 17:30	<i>Policy Seminars</i>
Tuesday 27 September	09:30 – 12:45	
	14:15 – 17:30	
Wednesday 28 September	09:00 – 10:00	<i>Policy Seminars</i>
	10:15 – 11:15	<i>Policy Seminars</i>
	12:15 – 14:00	Leader's Speech

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### Conference Timetable

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

### Conference Centre Opening Times

The Brighton Centre is open from 8am. Delegates are reminded to allow plenty of time to enter the centre.

### Sale and distribution of material

The CAC does not permit the unauthorised sale or distribution of any material, including leaflets, within the Conference Centre. Stewards have been instructed to ensure that this ruling is strictly enforced

## Ballots and Card Votes

Voting will be in the Ballot Area in Exhibition on the ground floor. Delegates' passes will be scanned at the entrance to the Ballot Area.

Date	Ballot
Monday 25 September 09:00 – 16:00	<b>National Executive Committee Ballot</b> <i>Trade Union and Socialist Society delegates</i>
Tuesday 26 September 09:00 – 17:30	<b>National Constitutional Committee</b> <i>CLP delegates</i>

## Card Votes

A card vote is intended to resolve a position where a show of hands is not decisive, to establish the exact breakdown of votes when the majority is of procedural significance (eg two-thirds required) or on a challenge to the Chair. Voting takes place at the end of the session by a show of hands. Where a show of hands is unclear a card vote can be taken having been either requested by delegates or by the decision of the Chair. The decision of the Chair is final.

Constitutional amendments (rule changes) are always decided by a card vote. If a card vote is called the vote is taken immediately so delegates must carry their card vote booklet with them while Conference is in session.

Tellers will pass ballot boxes along each row. Delegates should cast their vote using their card vote booklets by selecting either a YES or NO card for each vote. Each card vote in the booklet is numbered. The Chair will announce the number of the card vote being taken.

## Ballot and card vote results

The result of card and ballot votes in which all delegates participate are weighted to give 50% of the total votes cast to CLPs and 50% of the total votes cast to other affiliates. Abstentions are not recorded. The results of card votes will be announced to Conference and published in the CAC reports.

## Policy Seminars

All attendees at conference have the opportunity to attend policy seminars, however priority will be given to delegates and ex-officio attendees and they will be dealt with on a first come, first served basis. All seminars will be held in the Hilton Hotel on Brighton Seafront.

If you wish to attend a policy seminar and require BSL interpretation, please speak to the disability coordinator before the event, they can be contacted on 07545 421 411.

<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
International	Mon	16:15-17:30	Buckingham
Economy, Business and Trade	Mon	16:15-17:30	Balmoral
Justice and Home Affairs	Mon	16:15-17:30	Edinburgh
Brexit	Weds	09:00-10:00	Buckingham
Early Years, Education and Skills	Weds	09:00-10:00	Edinburgh
Housing, Local Government and Transport	Weds	09:00-10:00	Balmoral
Health and Social Care	Weds	10:15-11:15	Buckingham
Environment, Energy and Culture	Weds	10:15-11:15	Edinburgh
Work, Pensions and Equality	Weds	10:15-11:15	Balmoral

## **Composite Motions**

The following subject groupings were selected for debate in yesterday's contemporary motions priorities ballot. The full result is printed in Appendix 1.

- Grenfell Tower
- Growth and Investment
- Housing
- NHS
- Public Sector Pay
- Rail
- Social Care
- Workers' Rights

The compositing meetings agreed 9 composite motions which are printed below.

### **Composite 1 - Growth and Investment**

Building an Industrial and Economic Strategy for All

Conference notes that ONS Labour market figures released on 16<sup>th</sup> August estimated real wages for employees fell by 0.5% compared with a year earlier. TUC analysis shows nominal wage growth is still approximately half of the average before the 2008 crash; real wages have not yet recovered and are not expected to until at least 2021. ONS GDP data on 24<sup>th</sup> August confirmed that per capita growth is below last year's.

Successive Tory governments have failed to deliver the required funding to improve the UK's infrastructure and boost our economy. The latest World Economic Forum report ranked the UK 24th out of 138 countries on the perceived quality of its infrastructure and that the UK invests less in infrastructure as a share of GDP compared with similar countries.

The Conservative austerity agenda has created a low pay, low productivity, unbalanced economy over-reliant on consumer debt. Work has become increasingly insecure. Conference believes the Labour election manifesto put forward the economic strategy necessary to reverse these trends, transform our economy and provide decent work for all.

Conference believes that infrastructure investment can improve the quality of jobs, skills and training and enhance the lives of citizens whilst also reducing carbon emissions. Public investment in infrastructure pays for itself as evidenced by a report

by the OECD which showed that investing 0.5% of GDP in infrastructure could boost overall GDP by almost 0.6% whilst reducing the nation's debt as a share of GDP by 0.2%.

Conference also believes the commitment in the manifesto to public ownership and public investment is essential to building an economy that works for all.

On 14<sup>th</sup> September the CWU balloted over 100,000 postal workers in Royal Mail in the first national dispute since privatisation. Staff in Royal Mail are under relentless pressure to work faster and harder than ever before. Their pay, pension and terms and conditions are under attack while in just three and a half years Royal Mail has paid out almost £800m in dividends. This is the familiar story of privatisation and Conference expresses its solidarity with CWU members in Royal Mail. In particular Conference endorses the manifesto commitment to re-nationalise Royal Mail at the earliest opportunity.

Conference welcomes Labour's long term strategic vision for jobs and growth and pledge to create a National Investment Bank and National Transformation Fund to increase public investment to stimulate growth, create good jobs, raise living standards and improve the public finance. Labour should continue to develop these plans to invest - such as in our social housing, transport, communications and energy system - to ensure all communities benefit from economic growth and to rebalance our economy, sectorally and geographically. Conference endorses the manifesto commitment to deliver universal superfast broadband by 2022 and to target the roll out of ultrafast broadband within the next decade.

Conference condemns the Transport Secretary's statement on 22nd August which blamed "businesses, mayors and devolved authorities" for poor rail infrastructure. This was especially crass in light of the electrification works he cancelled just weeks earlier and reaffirms that Labour's transport policy should include commitments to rail electrification and investment in new lines. We believe that these areas require modern regional transport infrastructure investment to create future prosperity. Conference calls for Labour's transport policy to include the creation of a publically owned rail freight infrastructure operator under the management of Network Rail to help ensure consistency of supply from this sector, particularly in undertaking infrastructure work and renationalisation of our ports, starved of investment since privatisation.

Conference recognises that the postal industry as a whole is rife with exploitative employment models. Conference agrees that the liberalisation of the industry has driven a race to the bottom on terms and conditions and regulation must be overhauled as part of an industrial strategy to provide a new deal for workers. Conference additionally believes a Post Bank can play a key role in providing banking services for SMEs and tackling financial exclusion.

In stark contrast to the Tories, Labour's industrial strategy and commitment to strengthening trade union and worker rights, including collective bargaining, and develop quality apprenticeships would deliver decent work, greater security, equality and higher wages as part of creating sustainable economic growth.

Conference welcomes the commitment to using public procurement as an important mechanism in driving up working standards and in creating a stable environment to re-shore and strengthen our manufacturing base and supply chain.

An economic strategy based on these foundations becomes more important given the economic uncertainty ahead under this government and was the basis to our popular pledges on the doorstep. Labour achieved a 9.6 per cent national vote share increase at June's General Election (Labour's largest increase since 1945). A Labour government is needed which replaces Tory austerity with policies to deliver an economy that works 'for the many, not just the few'.

**Mover: Unite the Union**  
**Secunder: CWU**

## **Composite 2: Public Sector Pay**

Conference notes that on September 12th the government removed the public sector pay cap, but only for some sectors and is still only offering below inflation pay rises. The vast majority of public sector workers remain subjected to the punishing 1% pay cap.

Conference notes that CPI inflation stands at 2.9%, according to September 12th ONS data.

Conference notes that this means public service workers – including those employed in the private and voluntary sectors delivering public services - are facing yet another year of real terms pay cuts.

Conference notes that despite widespread public support for public services and those who provide them, the government have still failed to act and deliver the meaningful pay rise all public service workers need and deserve. Services are already suffering from recruitment and retention problems.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment in the 2017 manifesto to end the public sector pay cap.

Conference believes that what is best for public services is a return to meaningful pay negotiation/bargaining across the public sector, with pay rises fully funded by

the government and a return to at least pre Tory austerity levels of pay across ALL public services.

Conference resolves that Labour's next manifesto will commit to fully funded, above inflation pay rises across all public services, reversing the impact of the pay cap and restoring public sector pay to at least pre Tory austerity levels in real terms under the next Labour government

**Mover: UNISON**  
**Seconder: Bolsover**

### **Composite 3: Public Sector Pay**

Conference notes that on 31st August, the UN committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities condemned the government's record on supporting disabled workers.

Conference notes that on 15th August, the EHRC published research showing the overall disability pay gap to be 13.6%.

Conference believes that all disabled people have the right to a good job and a fulfilling career.

Conference believes that government has a crucial role in supporting disabled people into work and supporting employers who actively recruit and train disabled workers.

Conference recognises that 'supported workplaces' have a proud tradition of employing disabled workers in good quality, skilled job. These workplaces are predominantly within the public sector and have been victims of the ongoing public sector pay cap. Following the government's announcement on 12th September regarding the pay cap, conference calls for a significant pay rise for all public sector workers, including those in supported workplaces.

Conference believes the future success of supported workplaces will be crucial in ensuring that disabled people have access to high quality jobs. Conference recognises the success of the Work Choice programme in providing such opportunities. Conference believes the next Labour government must commit to funding and expanding the programme with an emphasis on supporting access to work.

Conference believes the next Labour government must champion the use of

reserved contracts in public sector procurement to increase employment opportunities within supported workplaces and encourage public bodies to review and consider utilising reserved contracts prior to decisions on the issuing of procurement contracts.

**Mover: Community**  
**Seconder: Glasgow Provan**

#### **Composite 4: Workers' Rights**

Conference notes

- The 715,000 increase in people employed on zero-hours contracts between 2010 and 2017 based on Office of National Statistics figures published on 16 August 2017.
- The publication by the Government on 16 August of the list of 233 employers who have underpaid the National Minimum or Living Wage
- On 4<sup>th</sup> September, the first ever McDonalds strike in Britain, in Cambridge and Crayford: previously un-unionised workers organising into a union demanding £10ph, with guaranteed secure hours and union recognition.
- The ongoing, year-long struggle by Picturehouse cinema workers (part of Cineworld) to win the Living Wage, decent maternity and sick pay, and union recognition.
- The Welsh Assembly voted to exempt devolved public services from the Trade Union Act.
- Unison's successful Supreme Court challenge on Employment Tribunal fees.

Conference is concerned that more than 13,000 workers have been underpaid by around £2 million, which the Government acknowledges as a record high, that the Conservative Government's attitude to so-called 'red tape', employment rights and enforcements has led to unethical working practices rising.

The Supreme Court Employment Tribunal fees decision fails to address the prevention of access to justice for individuals who lodged mandatory pre claim conciliation through ACAS but were denied access to justice because they were unable to pay the employment tribunal fees. We call on Conference to support a campaign to remedy this injustice.

Conference believes uncertainty from zero and short-hours contracts and the excessive use of agency and temporary contracts has a corrosive impact on the lives of working people. People working regular hours should have a right to be automatically offered a contract reflecting their normal hours. A victory at McDonalds for BFAWU members would be a victory for the whole trade union movement; and that swift and urgent action is needed to tackle underpayment.

Conference opposes the cynical practice of bogus self-employment which denies workers employment rights including the minimum wage, holidays and sick pay and enables companies to avoid paying their fair share of tax.

Proper, proactive enforcement of all employment rights, through higher prioritisation and increased Government funding, is needed to stop companies ignoring their statutory obligations and protect workers from exploitation.

Conference supports the Ethical Employment in Supply Chains Code of Practice developed by the Labour-led Welsh Government which requires employers to commit to decent employment standards in order to bid for public contracts.

Conference recognises the world of work is a key political issue and calls on Labour and affiliated unions to develop a joint campaign against insecure work, promoting trade unions and the action Labour will take, and encourage CLPs and MPs to support local action by workers.

Our manifesto rightly said: the most effective way to maintain good rights at work is collectively through a union. Strong unions, freed from legal shackles and bolstered by positive legal rights, will be key to tackling poverty, insecurity and inequality, transforming society and creating an economy that works for the many, not the few. For unions to be effective, workers need an effective right to strike.

Conference welcomes the vision Labour offered to workers in the General Election and will build on this including commitments to:

- improve enforcement of the National Minimum Wage
- support workers' struggles for workplace rights to a safe, secure, intimidation-free working environment
- pursue policies for £10ph living wage and scrapping zero hours contracts
- limit the excessive use of agency workers
- tackle the overuse of short hours contracts
- introduce a statutory right to contracts that reflect the hours a person normally works
- support trade unions taking action against insecure work
- repeal the TU Act and anti-union laws introduced in the 1980s and 90s
- introduce a strong legal charter of workers' rights to unionise, win recognition and collective bargaining
- use devolution and local government to demonstrate Labour's commitment and determination to improving job security
- promote trade union rights, access to workplaces and collective bargaining

**Mover: USDAW**  
**Secunder: GMB**

## **Composite 5: Housing**

We call upon Councils, in areas where the need for social housing exceeds supply, to meet that need by:

- directly delivering construction and maintenance services that can guarantee high quality council housing, with secure lifetime tenancies and genuinely affordable rent;
- ensuring a sustainable means of meeting their local housing need by retaining ownership and control of available public land.
- prioritise providing homes at social rents and to cease disposing or transferring of public land, council estates and commercial property for the benefit of private-sector housing and investment opportunities for the few
- supporting and strengthening those communities that rely on social housing by requiring at least 1:1 replacement, within the same neighbourhood of council homes sold or demolished under regeneration schemes.

We call on Labour Party to:

- create a new department to tackle the housing crisis.
- reaffirm the vital importance of social housing in tackling the housing crisis
- reconfirm the manifesto commitment to build at least 100,000 council and housing association homes for genuinely affordable rent or sale
- prioritise brownfield sites for the building of new homes
- pledge to ensure all new homes in the United Kingdom are built to the highest safety, environmental and construction standards.
- Support full 'binding - ballot rights for estate residents in any ongoing and future regeneration projects. This would follow a comprehensive programme which fully involves residents and their representatives in understanding the economic, social and environmental consequences of any proposals.

**Mover: Tottenham CLP**  
**Seconder: Gravesham CLP**

## **Composite 6: Grenfell Tower**

Conference notes the publication of the terms of reference for the Grenfell Tower public inquiry, announced by the Prime Minister on 15 August 2017.

Conference stands in solidarity with the victims and will fight for justice for all those affected.

Conference will champion residents of the Grenfell Tragedy in their fight for justice, and to be rehoused in social housing of their choice.

Conference applauds the response of firefighters, ambulance, local government and other workers to the immediate fire and its aftermath.

As a society, we must make every effort to ensure that a similar tragedy never happens again.

Conference welcomes the support provided by Labour's leadership, Labour Councils, Labour MPs and Labour Party members for those involved and the commitment to ensure that those responsible are held to account.

Conference is disappointed with the public inquiry's narrow terms of reference, which have been widely criticised by survivors and others affected.

Conference notes the Conservative government failed to review & implement the fire-safety regulations recommended by the Lakanal inquest.

The Government's continuing failure to rehouse residents locally in permanent accommodation has further undermined those affected.

Conference is disappointed with the public inquiry's narrow terms of reference, which have been widely criticised by survivors and others affected.

Conference notes that the inquiry does not intend to investigate social housing policy, deregulation, the scale of cuts to the fire and rescue service, local government and other sectors, as well as other attacks on public safety which contributed to this fire.

Failures in social housing provision exist, not just in relation to cladding and insulation, but also in relation to wider issues of stigmatisation, under investment, lack of quality control and technical checks, failures of regulation, accountability and oversight and cuts to technical expertise within social housing organisations.

What is also critical for the survivors of the fire, the community and indeed for the future of public housing is a much wider investigation into the wider housing, economic and social issues that lie behind the fire.

Conference demands that the public inquiry:

- Takes a wider remit and considers the broad range of issues requested by residents, trade unions and other interested parties.
- Examines the whole deregulatory agenda of past governments since the 1980s and underlines the irreplaceable role of regulation in keeping communities safe.

Conference calls on a future Labour Government to:

- Ensure there is fair funding for local government and devolved nations to ensure that councils have the capacity to make the full safety checks needed to safeguard their communities.
- Recognise the dedication of public servants like those who were there in the hour of need at Grenfell by removing the public sector pay cap.
- Review all appropriate building regulations to make sure no housing or public building is put at risk by the use of inappropriate materials.
- Ensure accountability is in place with a requirement that the controlling body (LA or HA) has the technical expertise in place to ensure quality control
- Ensure social housing is seen as an asset not a burden.
- Lift the cap on HRA to empower local councils to play their part in ensuring safe, affordable, energy efficient housing sufficient to meet demand.

Conference resolves that the Labour Party should:

- continue to make the case for the vital importance of social housing in tackling the housing crisis and reverse marketization and reinstate social housing.
- pledge to build at least 100,000 genuinely affordable homes a year including a new generation of council housing to help tackle the housing crisis including in rural areas.

**Mover: FBU**

**Seconder: Association of Labour Councillors**

## **Composite 7- Rail**

Conference notes that Transport Secretary Chris Grayling has used the summer period to break the Tories' promise of rail electrification for the North of England, the Midlands and Wales, regions whose economies are significantly dependant upon improved, electrified rail links.

Conference is further concerned by the 15 August announcement that fares next year will go up by an inflation-busting 3.6%.

Conference also notes that fresh talks were scheduled for 7 August with a view to resolving the long running Southern Rail dispute. A new start is urgently needed for the sake of the long-suffering passengers and staff involved.

Conference regrets that the government has refused to engage with these talks or to communicate with the service's users and staff in any constructive discussion of proposals concerning the service's safety and accessibility.

Conference reaffirms that the transport policy of a future Labour government will include commitments to:

- halt the introduction of "Driver Only Operation" (DOO) for passenger services.
- halt the current programme of ticket-office closures.

The past few months have provided tragic reminders of the need for our society to prioritise the safety of all its members.

Labour must constantly campaign against the government's refusal to recognise such priorities.

In the transport context considerations of safety and access are particularly vital for those passengers (both existing and potential) who suffer from disabilities.

Conference resolves that their rights must not be disrespected.

**Mover: Doncaster Central CLP**  
**Seconder: Peterborough CLP**

## Composite 8: NHS

The NHS Accountable Care System (ACS) contracts announced on 7 August impose a basis for 44+ local health services to replace England's NHS. This has bypassed Parliamentary debate and due legislative process.

On 9 August, the House of Commons Library revealed a doubling of the number of NHS sites being sold off. 117 of these currently provide clinical services. Like their US templates, ACSs will provide limited services on restricted budgets, replacing NHS hospitals with deskilled community units. This will worsen health indicators like the long term increase in life expectancy, stalled since 2010. The ACSs and asset sell-off result directly from the 5 Year Forward View (5YFV) currently being implemented via Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs). The 5YFV precisely reflects healthcare multinationals' global policy aims.

Labour opposes ACSs. New legal opinion finds STPs lack any legal powers or status under the 2012 Act: yet they seek through bureaucratic means to eliminate or override the already minimal remaining level of local accountability and democratic control over NHS commissioning and provision. They could eliminate remaining statutory powers and rights of local authorities, commissioners and providers. Many of these also outline plans to establish 'Accountable Care Systems'.

Conference condemns the current Tory NHS pay cap for all staff and the scrapping of the university training bursary for health Students as significant contributors to the current staffing crisis.

Conference welcomes the commitments made in the Labour manifesto to scrap the pay cap for NHS staff. This Conference Calls on our Party to restore our NHS by reversing All privatisation and permanently halting STPs and ACSs. Labour is committed to an NHS which is publicly funded, publicly provided and publicly accountable. We therefore call on the Party to oppose and reverse funding cuts meeting Western European levels.

Conference opposes FYFV policy:

- downskilling clinical staff;
- Tory cuts to the NHS including the Capped Expenditure Process;
- the sell-off of NHS sites;
- reclassifying NHS services as means-tested social care;
- cementing the private sector role as ACS partners and as combined health/social care service providers.
- replacing 7500 GP surgeries with 1500 "superhubs".

Conference recognises that reversing this process demands more than amending the 2012 health & Social Care Act and calls for our next manifesto to include existing Party policy to restore our fully-funded, comprehensive, universal, publicly-provided and owned NHS without user charges, as per the NHS Bill (2016-17).

Conference opposes the Naylor Reports call for a fire-sale of NHS assets and instead resolves that the next Labour government will invest at least £10 billion in the capital needs of the NHS.

Conference therefore calls on all sections of the Party to join with patients, health-workers, trade unions and all other NHS supporters to campaign for:

- increasing recruitment and training
- an NHS that is publicly owned, funded, provided and accountable;
- urgent reductions in waiting-times;
- adequate funding for all services, including mental health services
- tackling the causes of ill-health, e.g. austerity, poverty and poor housing, via a properly funded public health programme,
- reversing privatisation, PFIs and the debts which they entail;
- reversing private involvement in NHS management and provision;
- recognition of the continuing vital NHS role of EU nationals;
- Constructive engagement with NHS staff-organisations
- rejecting the Tories Sustainability & Transformation Plans (STPs) as vehicles for cuts in services;
- urgent reductions in waiting-times;
- scrapping the Tories' austerity cap on pay-levels; restoration of Nhs student bursaries;
- excluding NHS from free trade agreements and repeal and reverse the 2012 Act, to reinstate and reintegrate the NHS as a public service, publicly provided, and strengthen democratic accountability.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to making child health a national priority, including investment in children's and adolescents' mental health services. Labour created our NHS. Labour must now defend it

**Mover: Socialist Health Association**  
**Seconder: Islington South and Finsbury**

## **Composite 9: Social Care**

Ground-breaking research from Newcastle University has found that men spend 2.4 years on average needing regular care and women three years. This includes everything from help with washing and dressing each day to round-the-clock care, and the researchers claim there will need to be a sharp increase in the number of care home places available. Yet our current social care system is completely unable to meet this growing demand as it continues to fail hundreds of thousands of older people, their families and the staff that care for them. Over the past seven years there have been severe cuts to local authority funding, accompanied by a tighter rationing of services and a reduction in the overall number of people receiving support. Today an estimated 1.8m people no longer get any help, despite having recognised care needs. Currently 80% of all social care is delivered by the private sector, yet the funding model of many private care providers is both precarious and unsustainable.

Conference recognises the growing public concern over the continuing crisis in social care, particularly following recent reports of another winter crisis within the health service, and believes that insufficient government funding, an absence of minimum standards and relative low levels of union organisation within the sector combine to create an ongoing issue that touches every member of our community, including the most vulnerable and welcomes UNISONs Care Workers for Change campaign initiative.

Conference is asked to:

Reaffirm the manifesto commitment to address the funding crisis in social care to ensure dignity for people in old age and for some of the most vulnerable people in our communities;

Ensure that a Labour Government introduces measures that provide adequate funding to enable local authorities to achieve standards of care that are fit for purpose, and to develop the Manifesto commitment to create a National Care Service and an integrated Health and social Care service for the benefit of all.

**Mover: Poole CLP**  
**Secunder: Weaver Vale CLP**

## Appendix 1 – Priorities Ballot Result

Issue	Affiliates Votes	CLP Votes
Access to Education	834	15,879
Learn Direct	418	2,385
Growth and Investment	1,964,438	6,807
Public Sector Pay	1,983,385	12,333
Workers Rights	1,965,824	13,486
NHS	157,782	187,723
Social Care	121,328	145,613
Grenfell Tower	2,009,374	34,564
Housing	159,273	187,716
Rail	2,485	120,496
Brexit	160,859	72,660
North Korea	15,000	1,234
Ban Conversion Therapy	15,000	4,080
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>8,556,000</b>	<b>804,976</b>

The eight subject areas selected for debate were:

**Top 4 Issues from Affiliates Ballot:**

Grenfell Tower  
 Public Sector Pay  
 Workers Rights  
 Growth and Investment

**Top 4 Issues from CLP Ballot:**

NHS  
 Housing  
 Social Care  
 Rail

# Conference Agenda 2017

	<b>Monday - INTERNATIONAL, BREXIT ECONOMY, EQUALITIES</b>	<b>Tuesday - PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	<b>Wednesday - LEADER'S SPEECH</b>
	<b>National Executive Committee Ballot</b>	<b>National Constitutional Committee Ballot</b>	
<b>Plenary</b>	<b>09.30 Conference Arrangements Committee Report</b>	<b>09.30 Conference Arrangements Committee Report</b>	<b>09.00 Policy Seminars</b>
MON 09.30 - 12.45	<b>09.35 BREXIT AND INTERNATIONALISM</b>	<b>09.35 NEC Report</b> Financial Reports NEC and CLP Constitutional Amendments	
TUES, 09.30 - 12.45	<b>Glenis Willmott (speaks 09.35)</b> <i>Debate</i>	<b>10.30 INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE</b>	<b>10.15 Policy Seminars</b>
WED 12.15 - 14.00	<b>Emily Thornberry (speaks 10.50)</b>	<b>Rebecca Long-Bailey (speaks 10.30)</b> <i>Debate</i>	
[Policy seminars - 09.00 - 10.00, 10.15 - 11.15]	<b>Keir Starmer (speaks 11.00)</b> <i>Debate</i>	<b>Trades Union Congress Speaker</b>	<b>12.15 Leader's speech</b>
	<b>John McDonnell (speaks 12.15)</b> <i>Votes</i>	<b>Angela Rayner (speaks 12.30)</b> <i>Votes</i>	
	<b>12.45-14.15</b>	<b>12.45-14.15</b>	
MON 14.15 - 16.00	<b>14.15 JOBS, LIVING STANDARDS AND EQUALITIES</b> <i>Debate</i>	<b>14.15 Guest Speaker</b>	
[Policy Seminars 16.15 - 17.30]	<b>Debbie Abrahams (speaks 15.25)</b> <b>Sadiq Khan (15.35)</b> <b>15.45 Scottish Report</b> <i>Votes</i>	<b>14.30 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE</b> <b>Jonathan Ashworth (speaks 14.30)</b> <i>Debate</i> <b>Barbara Keeley (speaks 16.05/16.50)</b> <b>17.00 Deputy Leader's speech</b> <b>17.20 Closing Formalities</b> <i>Votes</i>	
	<b>16.00 Policy Seminars (start 16.15)</b>		