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The Labour Party

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

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Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC)

Members: Harry Donaldson (Chair), Emily Rowles, Mick Murphy, Tracey Fussey, Seema Chandwani, Billy Hayes, Lynne Morris, Katrina Murray

Secretary: Hollie Ridley

Assistant Secretaries: Ian Foster and Dominic Collins

Location: CAC Office – Room 17, Exhibition and Conference Centre

Room 17 can be found on the Terrace Corridor of the ECL. This is on the Upper Level and can be reached by the escalator and lifts, near the main entrance.

The best way to contact the CAC is via email cac@labour.org.uk. However, if you wish to visit them in person please visit the CAC Office and a member of staff will be on hand to help you.

CAC Daily Reports

These will be handed to delegates as they enter the Conference Hall.

A copy will be emailed to delegates each morning by 8am and posted on the Labour Party website prior to 8am:

<https://labour.org.uk/annual-conference-2023/reports-for-annual-conference-2023/>

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

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper we use at Conference this year, visitors are asked to use the online copy of the report. Delegates and visitors will find the QR code signs around the centre that will link them to all the CAC reports.

Today's Agenda

Wednesday 11 October – Morning Session Chair: Gav Sibthorpe / James Asser / Johanna Baxter	
09:44	Conference Reconvenes Results of ballot

	Chief Scrutineer
09:45	Conference Arrangements Committee Harry Donaldson, Chair of CAC
09:55	Mission Plenary: Breaking Down the Barriers to Opportunity Bridget Phillipson MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Education Includes; Composite 12 – Industrial Strategy, Education and Skills 2
10:45	Mission Plenary: An NHS Fit for the Future <i>Wes Streeting MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care</i> Includes; Composite 13 - NHS Fit for The Future
11:30	Votes Composite 12 – Industrial Strategy, Education and Skills 2 Composite 13 - NHS Fit for The Future
11:31	International Speakers Oleksandr Korniyenko, First Deputy Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
11:45	Closing Speaker Jonathan Ashworth, Shadow Paymaster General
12:00	Closing Formalities

Conference Sessions and Timetable

Wednesday 11 October	09.15 – 12.00	
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Conference Timetable

A detailed timetable is printed at the back of this report.

Time limits for speakers

Movers of reports, motions and rule changes will be allowed three minutes, with other speakers from the floor allowed two minutes including those planning to second.

Only fully accredited delegates appointed in accordance with the party rules are entitled to move motions on behalf of their organisations.

Motions, reports and rule changes can be formally seconded from the floor without a speech. To maximise participation, contributions are limited to one speech per delegate for the whole of Conference. Those wishing to speak should indicate to the chair by raising their hand whilst remaining seated. The waving of items to attract attention is not permitted and stewards will enforce this rule.

Ballots and Card Votes

The results of yesterday's ballot can be found in Appendix 1

Safeguarding and Visitor Safety

Safeguarding Code of Conduct

Attendees are asked to read the Party's Safeguarding Code of Conduct, which outlines the requirements upon all of us to keep children and adults-at-risk safe. A copy can be accessed from the Labour Party website.

<https://labour.org.uk/resources/codes-of-conduct-and-welfare/>

Reporting Safeguarding Concerns for Children and Adults-at-Risk

The Labour Party Safeguarding Unit works closely with other internal teams and external organisations to manage any safeguarding concerns and to help keep individuals safe from harm and abuse, throughout all Party activity.

We want everyone to feel safe at Conference. If you see or hear something which concerns you, you can report it through one of the below channels:

Sunday 8 October 2023-Wednesday 11 October 2023, between 9:30am – 6:30pm*

Safeguarding Line: 0207 783 1134

Conference Mobile: 07885 472 101

Email: safeguarding@labour.org.uk

*Outside of the above stated times, or in an emergency, contact 101 or 999.

If you are concerned about your own safety, you can use the above contact details to reach the Safeguarding Unit or ask a steward or staff member to put you in touch (you will not be asked by a steward or staff member to explain why). Staff from the Safeguarding Unit are on-site and will step-in to ensure individuals are supported and kept safe, as well as identifying any other steps needed to protect others.

Accessibility

We have a number of services onsite to facilitate a conference that is accessible for all. CAC reports are transcribed into an accessible format at delegates' request. BSL interpreters will be translating all plenary sessions in the main hall and there is a live palantypist service that is accessed via a dedicated website also in the main hall.

The ACC Liverpool is fully accessible. If you would like assistance at Conference please contact the Conference Team in advance on 0345 092 3311 or at conferenceservices@labour.org.uk to discuss your requirements, including mobility aids. Our Accessibility Co-ordinator, will be available throughout Conference and can be contacted on 07545 421 411 from Saturday 7 October. Full details about the facilities and services to assist delegates and visitors with disabilities can be found in the Conference Magazine.

Composite Motions

Composite 12 – INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY, EDUCATION AND SKILLS 2

Conference welcomes Labour's pledge to reform the childcare, education and skills systems, raising standards everywhere, and preparing people for work and life.

From early years, to schools, colleges, universities and adult education, Conference believes success is built on the whole education workforce being recognised and rewarded for the work they do.

Conference also believes that good industrial jobs and education are built on good early years and childcare provision.

Conference recognises the importance of lifelong learning, skills development and training and the institutions and services that provide them. Workers having the right skills, as well as opportunities for lifelong learning, developing new skills, and retraining, is crucial to securing good jobs and adapting to a continually changing work environment. As such, the skills system is an important tool of Labour's industrial strategy.

Conference believes that a priority for Labour is to re-establish the Schools Support Staff Negotiating Body and welcomes the pledge to do so.

This body must establish and sustain national terms and conditions, training, career progression routes, ensuring fair pay rates for support staff. Such reform will ensure Labour can support schools recruit and retain the staff needed to deliver a high-quality, inclusive life-long education.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to developing and supporting a modern skills system and recognition of the vital role of trade unions in encouraging workers to take up training opportunities. Conference recognises the progress made by Welsh Labour through its responsive approach to skills and employability, including extra support for young people, low paid workers, and workers facing redundancy, and welcomes Labour's commitment to explore the lessons learned from these initiatives.

Conference recognises recruitment and retention problems in Further Education undermined and underfunded by the Tories, damaging their ability to teach the skills required for economic growth and green jobs and give young people a full range of opportunities.

Conference resolves that Labour:

- Support the Further Education institutions and training providers that are crucial to the delivery of meaningful and effective lifelong learning for workers.
- Believes that Universities need a funding model that provides high quality education to students and supports the research and excellence for which they are known.
- Ensure that workers have a right for time off for training.

- Ensure that the reform of the Apprenticeship Levy into a 'Growth and Skills Levy' is focused on supporting all workers, especially those facing disadvantages in the labour market, to benefit from meaningful training and development opportunities.
- Ensure that workers have a voice in decisions made, locally and nationally, about Labour's skills strategy and how the skills budget is used.
- Conference recognises the sector suffers from low pay and a lack of planning. Plans for education, skills and childcare provision are central to electoral success built on a well-rewarded and skilled workforce.

Mover: Unison
Second: USDAW

Composite 13 – NHS FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Conference Notes:

- 13 years of Conservative mismanagement and 16 years of SNP neglect has meant that the NHS is no longer there for people when they need it.
- Month long waits to see a GP, ambulances that can't get to people in time to save lives, dangerously long queues in A&E, and over 7 million on waiting lists in the UK and 820,000 in Scotland.
- That the system is at breaking point.
- The health system is becoming two-tier, with creaking NHS care for those who can't afford to pay, and timely care only for those with the money to go private.

Conference Resolves that

- Under Labour, the NHS will never be for sale. Labour created the NHS and should be the primary defender of its founding principles; that it remain free at the point of delivery, available to all, based on need not ability to pay.
- Labour will:
 - Build an NHS fit for the future that is there when people need it; with fewer lives lost to the biggest killers; in a fairer Britain, where everyone lives well for longer.
 - Improve mental health services and cut waiting times, particularly for children and young people.

- Train the next generation of doctors, nurses and community health staff.
- Streamline NHS procurement to get the best modern technology to staff.
- Repair and strengthen social care and primary care.
- Create a working environment that motivates and retains staff.
- Create a neighbourhood health service and tackle public health challenges.

Mover: Penistone and Stocksbridge CLP
Second: Feltham and Heston CLP

Appendix 1 – Ballot Results

National Constitutional Committee – CLP Representatives

Name	CLP Votes	Result
Hugh GOULBOURNE	191,208	ELECTED
Annabelle HARLE	78,818	
Jabran HUSSAIN	67,597	
Brahmpreet KAUR	173,094	ELECTED
Dave LEVY	50,341	
Sem MOEMA	192,057	ELECTED
Sue PUGH	207,694	ELECTED
Sioned-Mair RICHARDS	188,721	ELECTED
Marion ROBERTS	72,404	

Appendix 2 – Annual Conference Timetable

	Wednesday
Ballots	
<u>Morning Plenary Sessions</u>	<u>09:45 Conference Arrangements Committee Report</u>
WEDS 9.45-12.00	<u>09:55 Mission Plenary: Breaking Down the Barriers to Opportunity</u> <i>Bridget Phillipson</i> <u>10:45 Mission Plenary: An NHS Fit for the Future</u> <i>Wes Streeting</i> <u>11:30 Votes</u> <u>11:30 International Speaker</u> <i>Oleksandr Korniyenko</i> <u>11:45 Closing Speech</u> <i>Jonathan Ashworth</i> <u>12:00 CLOSING FORMALITIES</u>

Appendix 3 – Delegate Seating Plan

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