

Labour Party Annual Conference 2017
24-27 September, Brighton Centre

Addendum to the

NEC Annual Report

Annual Conference 2017

PARTY DEMOCRACY REVIEW

At the NEC meeting on Friday 22nd September the NEC agreed to a review of Party Democracy as proposed by the Leader of the Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn. The review will be led by Katy Clark, a former Labour MP and presently Political Secretary to the Leader. She will be assisted by Andy Kerr and Claudia Webbe from the National Executive Committee and will report to the Leader and to Party Chair Ian Lavery MP.

Jeremy Corbyn set out the terms of reference for the review which will include the following areas:

- The method of electing the Party Leader, including the role of registered supporters and the issue of nominating thresholds.
- The composition of the NEC and the procedures for elections to it in its various elements.
- Developing democratic policy-making procedures, including strengthening the role of Constituency Labour Parties (CLPs) and of Party Conference, the role of contemporary motions and the development of local and regional plans.
- Looking at how the Party can better deal with CLP motions.
- The role, accountability and transparency of regional structures.
- The functioning of associated bodies like BAME Labour, Young Labour, Disability Labour and LGBT Labour etc.
- Strengthening the involvement and participation of our hundreds of thousands of new members in constituency parties and other aspects of the Party's work.
- Recruitment of members to further develop a mass party.
- The Governance of CLPs including the composition of CLP Executives and the training of CLP officers and members.
- How freeze dates are applied in Selections and Conferences.
- Strengthening the links between the Party and its trade union affiliates locally and nationally, and engaging more of their members in the Party's life.

- Developing the relationship between Labour's local authority representatives and local parties.
- Greater participation of women in CLPs and at other levels of the Party, gender representation throughout the Party, and the role of Labour women's conference.
- Improving diversity at all levels within the Party including looking at how to increase the involvement of BAME members, LGBT members, members with a disability and other groups.
- Harnessing the potential of social media across all aspects of Labour's democracy and political work.

The Review will organise its own programme of work, and will consult widely with CLPs, affiliated trade unions, other affiliated organisations, the PLP and individual members and will aim to produce a first report within twelve months.