

Left Unity Policy Conference Decisions

Saturday 29th March 2014 - Manchester

Chairs: Sheila Mosley & Jim Hollinshead

Minute of silence for: Tony Benn and Bob Crow

Standing orders reports 1 and 2 **agreed by conference**

Annual report from Transitional National Council – Kate Hudson (Acting National Secretary) – **Approved**

Report from Nominating Officer – **Approved** – (Election results reported)

Section 1 - Economic Policy and Austerity

Motion 1 - Economic Policy Commission Report (*as amended by accepted parts of the amendments from Brighton and Hove, Manchester and Lambeth shown in italics*) – **Carried (as amended by 1C, 1D, & 1E)**

Amendment 1A from Leamington Spa – Citizens Income – **Not carried**

Amendment 1B from Micheline Mason / Christine Wilson (2 mins) – Basic Income – **Not carried**

Amendment 1C from Brighton and Hove - **Carried**

Amendment 1D from Manchester - **Carried**

Amendment 1E from Lambeth – **Taken in parts – pt 6 accepted, pts 4, 19, 34 Carried, pt 32 Carried (92 For, 87 Against)**

Motion 2 from Class Struggle Platform - **Not carried**

Motion 4 from Southwark - **Not carried**

Motion 7 From Norwich – Welfare – **Carried (85 for, 62 against)**

Motion 3 from West London on austerity (as amended by Loughborough) – **Withdrawn**

Amendment 3A – Sheffield – **Falls (as motion withdrawn)**

Motion 5 from Manchester – (as amended by Oxford) on Zero-hours contracts - **Carried**

Motion 6 from Bristol (as amended by Barnet) on Austerity / People's Assembly – **Motion to take in parts defeated – Motion 6 Carried**

Motion 8 From Birmingham on TTIP - **Carried**

Motion 9 from Leicester on ATOS - **Carried as amended by 9A**

Amendment 9A from Glasgow - **Carried**

Motion 10 from Wandsworth on Destitution – **Carried**

Section 2 - NHS and Housing

Health

Motion 11 Health Policy Commission Report – **Carried as amended by 11A & 11B**

Amendment 11 A from Hackney Left Unity branch – **Accepted by Health Policy Commission**

Amendment 11 B from Lambeth branch - **Accepted by Health Policy Commission**

Motion 12 (composite) from Islington, West London and Barnet - NHS Campaigns - **Carried**

Motion 13 from Birmingham Left Unity - Defending the NHS - **Carried**

Housing

Composite A - Housing (Liverpool LU, Birmingham LU, Richard Farnos/Joseph Healey, LGBTQ caucus, , Loughborough LU, Milton Keynes LU & Lee Rock/L. McCauley, Waltham Forest LU, West London LU) - **Carried**

Amendment from Lee Rock/L McCauley) – **Not carried (For 81; Against 103)**

Emergency motion – to set up interim Appeal Body to hear one outstanding appeal - Felicity Dowling - **Carried**

Section Three

Europe & Migration

Motion 18 - Anti-Racism policy commission - Migration Policy - **Carried**

Motion 19 from Crouch End (as amended by West London) – Left Unity’s European work - **Carried**

Motion 20 from Southwark – Left Unity Position on European Elections 2014 – **Not carried**

Motion 21 from Lambeth Left Unity – International Solidarity – **Remitted** (after debate)

Amendment 21A from Manchester – **Remitted** (after debate)

Amendment 21B Crouch End - **Remitted** (after debate)

Motion 22 from Manchester - The EU and the European Elections - **Withdrawn**

Amendment 22A from West London – **Falls (as motion withdrawn)**

Motion 23 - Milton Keynes & Sarah McDonald/Phil Kent - European Union - **Carried**

Section 4 – Electoral Strategy & Miscellaneous

Motion 24 from Rugby - Unity on the Left – **Not Carried** (83 For; 92 against)

Motion 25 from West London - Electoral strategy - **Carried**

Amendment 25A from Rugby - **Not Carried**

Motion 26 from Bristol - Electoral Strategy - **Not carried**

Motion 27 from Pete McLaren & Dave Landau - Electoral strategy - **Carried**

Motion 28 from Northampton - Defend the Right to Protest - **Withdrawn**

Motion 29 from Glasgow - Edward Snowden – **Carried**

Scotland/National question

Motion 36 from Glasgow – Internationalism – **Carried as amended by 36A & 36B**

Amendment 36A from Cardiff - **Carried**

Amendment 36B from West London - **Carried (67 For; 53 Against)**

Motion 37 from Southwark & Worcester – On Scotland – **Not carried (68 For; 70 Against; 22 abstentions)**

Motion 38 from Ben Lewis & Justin Constantinou – The national question – **Not carried**

Section 5 - Trade Union Strategy

Motion 30 from Sheffield – composite (including Birmingham and West London) - **Carried**

Amendment 30A from Lambeth – **Not Carried**

Motion 31 from West London on Trades unions – **Carried**

SOC proposal to move Anti- Racism Policy Commission Report up the agenda – **Carried**

Anti-Racism

Motion 35 – Anti-Racism Commission Report – (Procedural motion to remit – **Not Carried**) – **Motion 35 Carried**

Section 6 - Environment

Motion 34 (Composite) from Stockport and Manchester – Fracking - **Carried**

Conference Ends – unreached motions remitted to next Left Unity conference or other alternative decision making body as appropriate.