

# **Standing orders committee report for Left Unity National Conference**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014

## **Code of conduct for Lefty Unity National Conference**

Refer to standing orders committee:

1. for advice on standing orders including procedural motions and in case of complaints;
2. for order of debate;

Furthermore, SOC recommends that conference attendees:

3. should respect authority of the chair during session (except in case of vote of no confidence);
4. ensure that debate and discussion should be respectful (for further information on this see safe spaces policy and standing orders);
5. should refer to conference arrangements committee for logistics and access issues arising;
6. in the event that due to access and time restrictions motions need to be referred to other bodies SOC will advise.

### **The current Standing Orders Committee (SOC) is composed of:-**

Tom Ramplin (Bristol) Elected Chairperson of SOC

Jade Hope (Northampton)

Doug Thorpe (Harringey)

Claire Riley (Manchester)

Ray Goodspeed (Waltham Forest)

**We considered all amendments and motions that were received by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.**

We agreed on an agenda for the day, which was to go as follows:

10.00 Registration opens

11.00 to 11.10 Conference agenda & SOC report

11.10 to 11.20 Annual report from the TNC

11.20 to 11.25 Report from nominating officer

11.25 to 12.35 Economy – Austerity (Section 1)

**12.35 to 12.50 Comfort Break**

12.50 to 13.45 Health and Housing (Section 2)

**13.45 to 14.30 Lunch**

14.30 to 15.15 Europe (Section 3)

15.15 to 15.55 Electoral Strategy (Section 4)

**15.55 to 16.05 Rest break**

16.05 to 16.25 Trade unions strategy (Section 5)

16.25 to 16.50 Environment (Section 6)

**16.50 to 17.00 Rest break**

17.00 to 17.30 Anti-racism & Internationalism (Section 7)

17.30 to 18.00 Foreign Policy (Section 8)

**Conference ends 18.00**

# Standing Orders Committee Report –

## Section One

### Economic Policy and Austerity

This session will deal with the Economic Policy commission report and amendments to it, as well as general resolutions on austerity or economic policy.

NB 1. – The section of the Economic Policy Commission report (Motion 1) on EU policy will be considered, and voted on, as part of the document, on the understanding that the later debate on Europe may decide on different EU policy and that any such decision would stand as an amendment to the Economic Policy Commission Report itself.

NB 2. – If passed, the Economic policy Commission Document becomes a substantive motion and any specific resolutions passed later in the day will also stand as amendments to it.

NB 3. - The Class struggle motion (2) carried over from the founding conference relates to multiple sections on the agenda. In the event this passes this will become a substantive motion and resolutions further down the agenda that contradict this text will be taken as amendments to motion 2.

NB 3. - Motions not reached before this session runs out of time will be either moved without speeches or remitted to the new National Council for consideration.

The policy commission representative will have 5 mins to move the main document. Other members of the Policy commission will have the right to reply (2 mins each) after particular chunks of debate that relate directly to the Economic Policy Document.

Movers of motions will have 3 minutes to speak, movers of amendments – 2 minutes.

Conference will be assisted by speakers using less time than allotted.

Any motions or amendments that can be withdrawn or accepted will similarly help us to complete the business of the day.

Delegates are urged to move uncontroversial or very short motions or amendments formally (ie without speaking)

Session starts 11.25

Economic Policy Commission Report (Motion 1) (*as amended by accepted parts of the amendments from Brighton and Hove, Manchester and Lambeth shown in italics*)  
- moved by Pete Green (5 mins)

Amendment 1A from Leamington Spa (2 mins) – Citizens Income

Amendment 1B from Micheline Mason / Christine Wilson (2 mins) – Basic Income

Speakers from the floor on the issue of Basic Income (6 mins)

Reply from Economic policy Commission representative - (2 mins) 17

### **Vote on amendments 1A and 1B**

Amendment 1C from Brighton and Hove (2 mins)

Amendment 1D from Manchester (2 mins)

Amendment 1E from Lambeth (2 mins)

Speakers from the floor on these amendments (6 minutes)

Reply by Economic Policy Commission Representative (2 mins)

### **Vote on amendments above and the Economic Policy Commission Document as a whole.**

Motion 2 from Class Struggle Platform (3 mins) (see comments above)

Motion 4 from Southwark - 21 hour week (3mins)

Motion 7 From Norwich – Welfare (3 mins)

### **Vote**

Motion 3 from West London on austerity (as amended by Sheffield and Loughborough) (3 mins) (NB – If the Economic Policy Document is passed – this motion falls as its content will have been already agreed.)

Motion 5 from Manchester – (as amended by Oxford) on Zero-hours contracts (3 mins)

Motion 6 from Bristol (as amended by Barnet) on Austerity / People's Assembly (3 mins)

Motion 8 From Birmingham on TTIP (3 mins)

Motion 9 from Leicester on ATOS (3 mins)

Amendment 9A from Glasgow (2 mins)

Motion 10 from Wandsworth on Destitution (3 mins)

Speeches from the floor (priority given to speeches against), until the time limit for debate is reached.

**Votes on all remaining motions and amendments**

Sessions ends 12.35

# Standing Orders Committee Report –

## Section Two

### NHS and Housing

NB. Standing orders committee would like to thank Islington, West London and Barnet for their work in compositing their motions together and Waltham Forest for accepting amendments to their motion on housing from Loughborough and Birmingham.

*As in section 1 allotted speaking time is as below:-*

*Policy Commission reports – 5 minutes*

*Proposal of a motion – 3 minutes*

*Proposal of an amendment – 2 minutes*

*Speakers from the floor – 3 minutes*

*Policy commissions right to reply – 2 minutes*

Session begins at 12.50

### Health

Health Policy Commission Report (Motion 11) (5 min)

Amendment 11 A from Hackney Left Unity branch (2 min)

Amendment 11 B from Lambeth branch (2 min)

Reply from Health policy Commission - (2 mins)

### **Vote on amendments 11A and 11B**

Motion 12 (composite) from Islington, West London and Barnet - NHS Campaigns (3 min)

Motion 13 from Birmingham Left Unity - Defending the NHS (3 min)

Speakers from the floor (6 minutes)

### **Vote on motions 12 and 13**

## **Housing**

Motion 14 from Liverpool Left Unity - Housing (3 min)

Amendment 14 A from West London Left Unity (2 min)

Motion 15 from Waltham Forest Left Unity (as amended by Loughborough and Birmingham) - Housing (3 min)

Speakers from the floor on Motions 14 & 15 (6 min)

### **Vote on motions 14 and 15**

Motion 16 from Milton Keynes Left Unity – Housing (3 min)

Amendment 16A from Lee Rock & Laurie McCauley (2 min)

Motion 17 from Richard Farnos & Joseph Healey (LGBT Caucus) – Housing (3 min)

### **Vote on motions and amendments 16, 16A & 17**

Session ends 13.45



# Standing Orders Committee Report –

## Section Three

### Europe & Migration

NB.1 Standing orders committee would like to thank Crouch End for accepting West London's amendment to their motion on Left Unity's European work.

NB.2 In the event that Manchester amendment (22A) is not carried – the substantial motion (Lambeth 22) would be in conflict with point 37 of the Economics Commission document as that says we are opposed to entry to the Euro and would thereby amend that section of the Economics commission document.

NB.3 In the event that motion 22 and amendment 22A pass motion 23 will automatically fall due to conflicts.

*As in all sections, allotted speaking time is as below:-*

*Policy Commission reports – 5 minutes*

*Proposal of a motion – 3 minutes*

*Proposal of an amendment – 2 minutes*

*Speakers from the floor – 3 minutes*

Session begins at 14.30

Anti-Racism policy commission (Motion 18) - Migration Policy (5 min)

Speakers from the floor (6 min)

Reply from Anti-Racism policy Commission (2 mins)

#### **Vote on Anti-Racism policy commission report**

Motion 19 from Crouch End (as amended by West London) – Left Unity's European work (3 min)

Motion 20 from Southwark – Left Unity Position on European Elections 2014 (3 min)

#### **Vote on motions 19 & 20**

Motion 21 from Lambeth Left Unity – International Solidarity (3 min)

Amendment 21A from Manchester (2 min)

Amendment 21B Crouch End (2 min)

Motion 22 from Manchester - The EU and the European Elections (3 min)

Amendment 22A from West London (2 min)

Motion 23 - Milton Keynes - European Union (3 min)

Amendment 23A from Sarah McDonald/Phil Kent (2 min)

**Vote on motions and amendments 21, 21A, 21B, 22, 22A, 23 & 23A**

Session Ends at 15.15

# Standing Orders Committee Report –

## Section Four

### Electoral Strategy & the State

NB.1 In the event of motion 26 on electoral strategy passing, the points a to h in the text are to be taken as points of cooperative working with the mentioned parties rather than stand alone policy to be adopted by Left Unity nationally.

*As in all sections, allotted speaking time is as below:-*

*Policy commission reports – 5 minutes*

*Proposal of a motion – 3 minutes*

*Proposal of an amendment – 2 minutes*

*Speakers from the floor – 3 minutes*

Session begins at 15.15

### Electoral Strategy

Motion 24 from Rugby - Unity on the Left (3 min)

Motion 25 from West London - Electoral strategy (3 min)

Amendment 25A from Rugby (2 min)

Speakers from the floor (6 min)

**Vote on motions and amendments 24, 25 & 25A.**

Motion 26 from Bristol - Electoral Strategy (3 min)

Motion 27 from Pete McLaren & Dave Landau - Electoral strategy (3 min)

**Vote on motions 26 & 27.**

## **The State**

Motion 28 from Northampton - Defend the Right to Protest (3 min)

Motion 29 from Glasgow - Edward Snowden (3 min)

**Vote on motions 28 & 29.**

Session ends 15.55

# Standing Orders Committee Report –

## Section Five

### Trade union Strategy

*As in section 1 allotted speaking time is as below:-*

*Policy Commission reports – 5 minutes*

*Proposal of a motion – 3 minutes*

*Proposal of an amendment – 2 minutes*

*Speakers from the floor – 3 minutes*

*Policy commissions right to reply – 2 minutes*

Session begins at 16.05

Motion 30 from Sheffield – composite (incl Birmingham and West London) (3 mins)

Amendment 30A from Lambeth (2 mins)

Motion 31 from West London on Trades unions (3 mins)

Speakers from the floor 6 mins

**Vote on Motions and Amendments 30, 30A & 31**

Session ends at 16.25

# Standing Orders Committee Report –

## Section Six

### Environment

NB.1 Standing orders committee would like to thank Stockport and Manchester for their work in compositing their motions on Fracking.

*As in all sections, allotted speaking time is as below:-*

*Policy commission reports – 5 minutes*

*Proposal of a motion – 3 minutes*

*Proposal of an amendment – 2 minutes*

*Speakers from the floor – 3 minutes*

Session begins at 16.25

Motion 32 from Southwark - Tackling floods and climate chaos (3 min)

Speakers from the floor (6 min)

#### **Voting on motion 32.**

Motion 33 from Milton Keynes – Environment (3 min)

Amendment 33A from Michael Copestake and Robert Eagleton (2 min)

Amendment 33B from Lambeth (2 min)

Speakers from the floor (6 min)

#### **Voting on motions and amendments 33, 33A & 33B.**

Motion 34 (Composite) from Stockport and Manchester – Fracking (3 min)

#### **Voting on motion 34.**

Session ends at 16.50

# Standing Orders Committee Report –

## Section Seven

### Anti-Racism and Internationalism

NB.1 Due to conflicts between motion 37 and previous motions in section three, the chair will advise as to which text is substantive depending on which motions passed earlier in the day.

*As in all sections, allotted speaking time is as below:-*

*Policy commission reports – 5 minutes*

*Proposal of a motion – 3 minutes*

*Proposal of an amendment – 2 minutes*

*Speakers from the floor – 3 minutes*

Session begins at 17.00

#### Anti-Racism

Anti-Racism policy commission report (Motion 35) (5 min)

Speakers from the floor (6 min)

Reply from Anti-Racism policy commission (2 min)

**Vote on Anti-Racism policy commission report**

#### Internationalism

Motion 36 from Glasgow – Internationalism (3 min)

Amendment 36A from Cardiff (2 min)

Amendment 36B from West London (2 min)

**Vote on motion and amendments 36, 36A & 36B**

Motion 37 from Southwark & Worcester – On Scotland (3 min)

Motion 38 from Ben Lewis & Justin Constantinou – The national question (3 min)

**Vote on motion 37 & 38**

Session ends at 17.30



# Standing Orders Committee Report –

## Section Eight

### Foreign Policy, war and nuclear disarmament

NB.1 Standing orders committee would like to thank Manchester Left Unity for accepting Sheffield's amendment to their motion on Syria and York, Glasgow and Waltham Forest for their work in compositing their motions on Palestine.

NB.2 Standing Orders committee have received an indication that members from Crouch End, Cardiff & Hackney may wish to propose a procedural motion from the floor to refer the Foreign policy commission document back to commission for redrafting. In the event that such a procedural motion were to pass, motions and amendments 39A, 39B, 39C, 39D, 40, 41, 44 & 45 will automatically fall as these do not constitute 'stand alone' policies. In such an event motions 42 & 43 would still be heard.

NB.3 In the event that conference runs out of time to vote on any of the motions or amendments put forward in this section they will be remitted on to the next left unity national policy conference or an alternative decision making body as appropriate.

*As in all sections, allotted speaking time is as below:-*

*Policy commission reports – 5 minutes*

*Proposal of a motion – 3 minutes*

*Proposal of an amendment – 2 minutes*

*Speakers from the floor – 3 minutes*

Session begins at 17.30

Foreign Policy commission report (Motion 39) (5 min)

Amendment 39A from Crouch End (2 min)

Amendment 39B from Hackney (2 min)

Amendment 39C from Nottingham (2 min)

Amendment 39D from Lambeth (2 min)

Reply from Foreign policy commission (2 mins)

**Vote on Foreign policy commission document and amendments 39A, 39B, 39C & 39D**

Motion 40 from Leicester – International exchange for young people (3 min)

Motion 41 from Leicester - Nuclear Weapons (3 min)

Motion 42 from Manchester (as amended by Sheffield) – Syrian Civil War (3 min)

Motion 43 (composited) from Waltham Forest, York and Glasgow – Support for Palestinian rights and BDS (3 min)

**Vote on motions 40, 41, 42 & 43**

Motion 44 – War and peace – Milton Keynes (3 min)

Amendment 44A from Yassamine Mather and Mike Macnair (2 min)

Motion 45 – The standing army and people's militia – Mark Fischer/David Isaacson (3 min)

**Vote on motions and amendments 44, 44A & 45**

Session ends at 18.00

# Standing Orders Committee Report –

## Section Nine

### Motions not given timed priority

NB.1 The following motions have not been given timed priority for conference. In the event that we have additional time to discuss these on the day we will take them in the following order and vote sequentially.

NB.2 In the event that conference runs out of time to vote on any of the motions or amendments put forward in this section they will be remitted on to the next left unity national policy conference or an alternative decision making body as appropriate.

*As in all other sections allotted speaking time is as below:-*

*Policy Commission reports – 5 minutes*

*Proposal of a motion – 3 minutes*

*Proposal of an amendment – 2 minutes*

*Speakers from the floor – 3 minutes*

*Policy commissions right to reply – 2 minutes*

Motion 46 from Leicester - Art and Culture

Motion 47 from Nottinghamshire - Sex Workers

Amendment 47A from Richard Farnos & Terry Stuart & Joseph Healy, On behalf of the Left Unity LGBTI caucus.

Motion 48 from Birmingham - Listening Campaign

Motion 49 from Norwich - Monarchy

Motion 50 from Nottinghamshire - Tactics

Motion 51 from Ian Donavan & Simon Wells - Crime

Motion 52 from Robert Eagleton & Lucy Stoneley - Robert Eagleton's campaign to become elected to the National Union of Students' National Executive Council

Motion 53 from Tina Becker & Peter Manson - Winning the battle for democracy

Motion 54 from Emily Offord & James Turley - Freedom of information

Motion 55 from Moshé Machover & Steve Cooke - Governmental power

## **Motions that are not deemed to be campaigning policy motions**

### **(to be referred to National Council)**

Motion 56 from Northampton - Campaign Materials

Motion 57 from Nottinghamshire - Childcare

Motion 58 from West London - Branch Activity

Amendment 58A from Lambeth