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To: All Branches

Dear Colleagues


LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE 2024: CWU DELEGATION REPORTS

The 2024 Labour Party Conference was held in Liverpool from Sunday 22nd to Wednesday 25th September 2024.

For your information the below attachments are reports on the decisions taken by the CWU delegation at their meetings.

Any enquiries on the above LTB should be addressed to the General Secretary's office dlynch@cwu.org.

Yours sincerely



Dave Ward
General Secretary



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COMMUNICATION WORKERS UNION

2024 CWU Labour Party Delegation Meeting

Meeting room 2, Hilton Hotel, Liverpool
Friday 20th September 2024, 4.30pm

PRESENT: Dave Ward (General Secretary), Tony Kearns (Senior Deputy General Secretary), Mick Kavanagh (Chair), Martin Walsh (Deputy General Secretary (Postal)), Paul Braithwaite, Huw Davies, Alan Tate, Andrew Mercer, Michelle Bailey, Joyce Stevenson, Laura Snell, Adam Alarakhia, Hugh Gaffney

IN ATTENDANCE: Chloe Koffman (Political Co-ordinator), Chris Webb (Head of Communications), Maria Exall, Tracey Fussey, Lionel Sampson, David Wilshire and Dawn Lynch.

APOLOGIES: Karen Rose (Deputy General Secretary (Telecoms)), Craig Anderson, Tina Holmes, David Ray, Jacqueline Morrey.

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all CWU Delegates

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from:-

- Karen Rose – OUB
- Craig Anderson – OUB
- Tina Holmes – Annual Leave
- David Ray – Domestic
- Jacqueline Morrey – Domestic

3. ABSENCES DURING CONFERENCE

The Chair requested that the delegates would need to notify any absences.

4. POLITICAL OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE

The GS went through the political overview of conference.

5. OVERVIEW FROM HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Head of Communications advised the delegation that the CWU Event is taking place on Monday 23rd September. He also gave an overview of the various media events planned for the week.

6. PRIORITIES BALLOT

The Political Co-ordinator discussed with the delegation the areas of debate at conference. The CWU's Priorities Ballot listing was agreed.

7. CWU MOTIONS AT CONFERENCE

The GS advised delegates that each day they would receive a Conference Arrangements Committee Report.

CAC Reports issued in the morning, contained the day's agenda and the full list of all contemporary motions submitted.

CWU Motions

Critical UK Infrastructure – The Future of Royal Mail – The GS would move this motion

This was **agreed**.

An Economy for the Future – Alan Tate would move this motion

This was **agreed**.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Political Co-ordinator went through the constitutional amendments with the delegation and asked for agreement on the outlined positions.

This was **agreed**.

9. CARD VOTES

The SDGS explained to the delegation that there will be a number of votes that take place during conference.

The SDGS advised that there would be a number of votes during conference and for the constitutional amendments CWU would be required to do this by submitting card votes. Each delegate was allocated a card vote booklet. These would be administered as a delegation. Therefore 2 volunteers were required to look after the card votes on the floor of conference.

The following names were put forward and **agreed**.

1. Adam Alarakhia
2. Alan Tate

10. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

The GS advised the delegation that he would report back on this.

11. LEADERS SPEECH INFORMATION

The President provided information regarding the Leaders speech.

12. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANDY KERR'S FUNERAL

The GS and Head of Communications advised the delegation of the arrangements which had been made to attend Andy Kerr's funeral.

13. FRINGE MEETINGS

The Political Co-ordinator advised the delegation that a full list of fringe meetings could be found in the Conference Guide. However, she highlighted some fringe events and receptions of particular interest or that featured CWU speakers: -

Date	Speaker	Event	Venue
Saturday 21 st September – 6pm	Chloe Koffman	Young Workers Open Event	Liverpool Arts Bar
Sunday 22 nd September – 5.30pm	Dave Ward Maria Exall	TULO Rally	Hall 2G, ACC

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Political Coordinator advised the delegation of the expansion of the secure zone when entering conference and just to be conscious of the time it would take to enter the Conference Centre. Tracey Fussey also advised there would be a bag size limit. Andy Mercer gave the delegation the details for the Young Workers Event.

The meeting concluded at 6.15pm

COMMUNICATION WORKERS UNION

2024 CWU Labour Party Delegation Meeting

Meeting room 2, Hilton Hotel, Liverpool
Sunday 22nd September 2024, 8.00am

PRESENT: Dave Ward (General Secretary), Tony Kearns (Senior Deputy General Secretary), Mick Kavanagh (Chair), Karen Rose (Deputy General Secretary (Telecoms)), Martin Walsh (Deputy General Secretary (Postal)), Paul Braithwaite, Huw Davies, Alan Tate, Andrew Mercer, Michelle Bailey, Joyce Stevenson, Laura Snell, Adam Alarakhia, Hugh Gaffney, Craig Anderson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chloe Koffman (Political Co-ordinator), Chris Webb (Head of Communications), Maria Exall, Tracey Fussey, Lionel Sampson, David Wilshire and Dawn Lynch.

APOLOGIES: Tina Holmes, David Ray, Jacqueline Morrey.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from: -

- Tina Holmes – Annual Leave
- David Ray – Domestic
- Jacqueline Morrey – Domestic

2. DELEGATION MEETING AND SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

The Political Co-ordinator discussed the delegation arrangements.

3. CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION AND SPEAKING INFORMATION

The Political Co-ordinator talked through with the Delegation the following documents:

- Annual Report 2024
- Delegates Report
- How Conference Works

The Political Co-ordinator also encouraged delegates to speak on motions and advised Bill Taylor would assist with speaker notes etc.

4. OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE AND RULES

The SDGS discussed the overview of conference and rules.

5. OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE ARRANGMENTS COMMITTEE (CAC) REPORT NO.1

The Political Coordinator discussed the CAC Report No.1 issued that morning, which contained the day's agenda and timetable for the Conference.

6. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Political Co-ordinator updated the delegation on any changes.

7. AOB

The GS updated the delegation on the TULO AGM meeting and the meeting with David Lammy regarding Palestine. The GS also mentioned that we would campaign to reverse the decision on the Winter Fuel Allowance issue and the GS also let the delegation know that Ellie Reeves would be making a contribution to Andy Kerr.

The meeting concluded at 8.30am.

COMMUNICATION WORKERS UNION

2024 CWU Labour Party Delegation Meeting

Meeting room 2, Hilton Hotel, Liverpool
Monday 23rd September 2024, 8.00am

PRESENT: Dave Ward (General Secretary), Tony Kearns (Senior Deputy General Secretary), Mick Kavanagh (Chair), Karen Rose (Deputy General Secretary (Telecoms)), Martin Walsh (Deputy General Secretary (Postal)), Paul Braithwaite, Huw Davies, Alan Tate, Andrew Mercer, Michelle Bailey, Joyce Stevenson, Laura Snell, Hugh Gaffney, Craig Anderson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chloe Koffman (Political Co-ordinator), Bill Taylor, Maria Exall, Lionel Sampson, David Wilshire and Dawn Lynch.

APOLOGIES: Adam Alarakhia, Tina Holmes, David Ray, Jacqueline Morrey

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from:

- Adam Alarakhia – Sick
- Tina Holmes – Travelling
- David Ray – Domestic
- Jacqueline Morrey – Domestic

2. SUMMARY OF COMPOSITING MEETINGS

The Deputy General Secretary (Postal) and Bill Taylor updated the delegation on the compositing meeting they attended.

The GS and Political Coordinator updated on the compositing meeting they attended.

3. OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE ARRANGMENTS COMMITTEE (CAC) REPORT NO.2

CAC Report No.2 issued that morning, contained the day's agenda and the results of the Card Votes and the Priorities Ballot (in Appendix 1 on page 12).

The following subject groupings were selected in the priorities ballot:

Boarder Security Command	Opportunity Mission
Health Mission	Growth Mission
Procurement	Crime Mission
Clean Energy Mission	Infrastructure
Making Work Pay for Public Services	AI and Automation
An Economy for the Future	Future of Local Government

4. COMPOSITE MOTIONS

As a result of the Compositing Meetings, 7 motions were agreed and listed on pages 9 – 18.

- **Motion 1** – Procurement
- **Motion 2** – Growth Mission
- **Motion 3** – Infrastructure 2
- **Motion 4** – Clean Energy Mission

The Political Co-ordinator recommended that the delegation support Composite Motions 1, 3 and 4 and oppose Composite Motion 2.

The delegation had a discussion and then **agreed** to support/oppose along the recommendations.

5. FRINGES/CWU EVENT

The Political Co-ordinator highlighted to the delegation some fringe events of particular interest or that featured CWU speakers: -

Date	Speaker	Event	Venue
Monday 23 rd September – 1pm	SDGS	Defend Council Housing	Conference Centre
Monday 23 rd September – 3pm	Bill Taylor	Big Brother in the Office; Workers' Rights, AI and Surveillance in 2024	Hilton Hotel, Albert 5
Monday 23 rd September – 6.30pm	Maria Exall	Tax the rich for socialist policies; rebuild the Labour left	The Liverpool Pub, 14 James Street

The Political Co-ordinator also advised the delegation that they would need to pick up a wrist band for the CWU Event from the CWU Stall at the Conference Centre.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The meeting concluded at 8.35am.

COMMUNICATION WORKERS UNION

2024 CWU Labour Party Delegation Meeting

Meeting room 2, Hilton Hotel, Liverpool
Tuesday 24th September 2024, 8.00am

PRESENT: Mick Kavanagh (President), Dave Ward (General Secretary), Tony Kearns (Senior Deputy General Secretary), Martin Walsh (Deputy General Secretary (Postal)), Paul Braithwaite, Huw Davies, Alan Tate, Andrew Mercer, Michelle Bailey, Joyce Stevenson, Laura Snell, Hugh Gaffney, Craig Anderson, Tina Holmes, Adam Alarakhia

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APOLOGIES: Karen Rose (Deputy General Secretary (Telecoms)), David Ray, Jacqueline Morrey

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from:

- Karen Rose – OUB
- David Ray – Domestic
- Jacqueline Morrey – Domestic

2. CONFERENCE ARRANGMENTS COMMITTEE (CAC) REPORT NO.3

CAC Report No.3 issued that morning, contained the day's agenda and the National Constitutional Committee ballot results (in Appendix 1 on page 12).

3. MOTIONS

There were seven Composite Motions as listed below to be debated today:

Composite Motion – Infrastructure 1	Support
Composite Motion – Future of Local Government 1	Support
Composite Motion – Future of Local Government 2	Support
Composite Motion – Boarder Security Control	Oppose
Composite Motion – Crime Mission	Oppose
Composite Motion – Making Work Pay for Public Services 1	Support
Women's Conference Motion – Women's Health	Support

The delegation **agreed** to support/oppose the composite motions as detailed above.

4. LEADERS SPEECH

The General Secretary provided information regarding the Leaders speech and advised the Delegation that the speech commences at 2pm and to arrive in plenty of time.

5. FRINGES

The Political Co-ordinator highlighted to the delegation some fringe events of particular interest or that featured CWU speakers: -

Date	Speaker	Event	Venue
Tuesday 24 th September – 10am	Maria Exall	LGBT+ Rights Rally	Outside ACC
Tuesday 24 th September – 6pm	Maria Exall	LGBT+ Rights in the Workplace	The Conference Centre
Tuesday 24 th September – 6pm	FBU Fringe	How does the Labour Party and the trade union movement combat the far right?	Revolución de Cuba, Unit 17, Albert Dock

6. AOB

The President and General Secretary thanked the Delegation, the Communications team and the Political Coordinator for all their hard work during Labour Party Conference.

Chris Webb also wanted to add his thanks to all of the Communications team for all their hard work during conference and at the CWU Event.

The meeting concluded at 8.50am.