

**No. 60/26**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**TO: ALL BRANCHES, REGIONAL POLITICAL LEADS**

Dear Colleagues,

## **SPECIAL REPORT "LABOUR PARTY RELATIONSHIP"**

With the publication of LTB 058/26 containing the Special Report "Labour Party Relationship" as permitted by Rule 10.6 it has been necessary to issue this LTB with further information on how the Special Report will be dealt with at General Conference. Attached to the LTB is the Motion to Amend form and the Guidance Notes.

The Special Report "Labour Party Relationship" will form the Political Fund Management Section of the General conference Agenda and only Motions to Amend the Special Report and the enabling motion from the NEC will be included in that section. Therefore, any branch or Regional Political Sub Committee who have submitted a motion containing content which would be included in the PFM section of the agenda MUST read the report and then submit a motion to amend the report should they wish to do so.

Motions submitted not seeking to amend the Special Report which includes content the General Conference SOC consider would be placed in the Political Fund Management section of the General Conference agenda will not be included in the published agenda, therefore it is important that Branches and Regional Political Sub Committees read the information attached to this LTB.

## **Entitlements**

As the rulebook on entitlement to submit motions to a Special Report to General Conference is silent, the Standing Orders Committee has consulted the President for a ruling. The ruling was Branches and Regional Political Sub Committees would be entitled to submit ONE motion to amend the special report.

**Branches and Regional Political Sub Committees will only be entitled to submit a motion to amend the Special Report to change or expand the policies contained within the report, not to introduce new business outside the purpose for which the report has been issued.**

Branches and Regional Political Sub Committees are advised that while the closing date for Motions to General conference 2026 remains at Noon Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 the closing date for motions to amend the Special Report "Labour Party Relationship" will be Noon Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Submission of motions and motions to amend the special report can be by post or email but must arrive by the appropriate closing date and time.

If sending motions by post, Branches and Regional Political Sub Committees must ensure they use a signed for service which guarantees delivery by the closing date and time.

Branches and Regional Political Sub Committees are reminded that the Standing Orders Committee will not alter or amend any of the motions to amend submitted therefore it is important that motions are checked before they are submitted.

Please note that all correspondence must be sent by email to [conferences@cwu.org](mailto:conferences@cwu.org) and no other personal email address.

Any queries regarding this Letter to Branches should be addressed to Angela Niven on 020 8971 7237 or by email to [conferences@cwu.org](mailto:conferences@cwu.org)

Yours sincerely,

**Dave Ward**  
**General Secretary**

## GENERAL GUIDANCE ON THE SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS TO AMEND THE SPECIAL REPORT “LABOUR PARTY RELATIONSHIP” 2026

- a) Motions to amend the special report may be submitted by email using the appropriate template and only sent to [conferences@cwu.org](mailto:conferences@cwu.org)
- b) Motions to amend will only be accepted via the email address registered for the Branch at head office.
- c) Motions to amend the special report will not be admitted if sent to any other head office email address.
- d) Only Branches and Regional Political Sub Committees can submit a motion to amend the special report and any motion to amend must be sent from the submitting body.
- e) Head Office will acknowledge receipt, of all correspondence. Acknowledgements will usually be sent within 72 hours.
- f) Should an acknowledgement not be received within this period, branches and Regional Political Sub Committees should contact Angela Niven at head office on 020 8971 7237.
- g) Branches who do not have email facilities should contact Angela Niven at head office to request forms.
- h) If sending Motions to amend by post, the submitting body must ensure they use a Special delivery signed for service which guarantees delivery by the closing date and time.
- i) The SOC may seek validity of a motion to amend submitted electronically by the examination of minute books of branch or Regional Political Sub Committee meetings.
- j) Motions to amend must not conflict with the Rules of the Union.
- k) Motions to amend must contain an instruction.
- l) The NEC shall be responsible for pursuing the policies adopted by The Special Report “Labour Party Relationship” therefore any instruction contained within motions to amend MUST be to the NEC and no other person or committee.

### Entitlement to The Special Report “Labour Party Relationship”

- m) Following consultation with the President the entitlement to submit motions to amend the special report will be open to Branches and Regional Political Sub Committees only.
- n) Branches and Regional Political Sub Committees will be entitled to submit ONE motion to amend the Special Report. Which will be included in the Political Fund Management Section of the General Conference agenda.
- o) Branches and Regional Political Sub Committees will only be entitled to submit a motion to amend which seeks to change or expand the policies contained within the NEC Special report “Labour Party Relationship”.
- p) The NEC shall be entitled to submit a motion to endorse the Special Report “Labour Party Relationship” as amended.

### Compositing of Motions to Special Conference CWU Restructuring

- q) The General Conference SOC may composite any two or more motion to amend that seek to establish similar policy.

- r) All sections of the motion to amend form including address details must be completed and must clearly state which specific Branch or Region Political Sub Committee is submitting the motion.
- s) Motions to amend must be specific to the Special Report “Labour Party Relationship”, motions containing matters out with the Special Report “Labour Party Relationship” shall be deemed 'out of order'.
- t) Branches & Regional Political Sub Committees are reminded that the Standing Orders Committee will not alter or amend any of the motions to amend submitted therefore it is important that motions to amend are checked before they are submitted.
- u) Motion to amend submitted electronically and by post must be received by Head Office by no later than NOON on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- v) The SOC will categorise motions as:

Category A:	Those motions which in the view of the SOC require a decision by Conference.
Category X:	Those motions which in the opinion of the SOC are out of order. These shall be printed but shall not be admitted to the agenda.

**COMMUNICATION  
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**SPECIAL REPORT "LABOUR PARTY RELATIONSHIP"**

Name of Branch/Regional Political Sub Committee

Branch Ref No:

For Head Office use only

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND**

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Date of Meeting:

Name:

Branch Secretary/Regional Political Sub Committee Lead

Name:

Chairperson

TELEPHONE NUMBER :

**NOTES**

1 Please refer to guidance notes issued with this form.

**MOTIONS MUST BE  
RETURNED BY NOON ON  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

If by post, to Angela Niven, CWU,  
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London SW19 1RX if electronically,  
to [conferences@cwu.org](mailto:conferences@cwu.org)

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