

Policy Motions: Lancaster 2018

Motion 1: Brexit

Submitted by Regional Policy Committee.

Proposer: Andrew Haldane, Macclesfield.

Summator:

- 1 A. **Conference welcomes** opinion poll findings which indicate growing majority support both for a
2 People's Vote and for Remaining in the EU.
- 3 B. **Conference commends** the Party's leadership, parliamentarians and the wider membership for their
4 unwavering support of the campaign to Exit Brexit.
- 5 C. **Conference notes** the findings of the recent study from the Centre for European Research which
6 reports that Brexit has already impacted on the UK economy to the extent that GDP growth is 2.5%
7 below that which we should have achieved had the referendum resulted in our remaining in the
8 European Union.
- 9 D. **Conference regrets:**
 - 10 a. The consequential loss of £26bn per year in Government revenue at a time when all key
11 public services have been suffering unsustainable cuts.
 - 12 b. That this loss of revenue, which amounts to £500m per week and is worsening, dwarfs the
13 mythical and discredited £350m per week benefit falsely promised by Vote Leave.
 - 14 c. That the Prime Minister's signalled "end of austerity" is undermined both by continued cuts
15 in benefits and public services and by the damage to our economy caused by Brexit.
 - 16 d. That despite majority support, both among the public at large and among its own
17 membership, the Labour Party has failed to back unequivocally a People's Vote with the option to
18 Remain on the ballot paper.
 - 19 e. The accelerating transfer of highly skilled jobs and tax revenues from the City of London to
20 other European financial centres.
 - 21 f. The forecast haemorrhaging of highly skilled manufacturing jobs in sectors such as
22 engineering automotive and aerospace, which will particularly affect the North of England.
 - 23 g. The permanent and growing damage to scientific research and its economic spin-offs as
24 exemplified by the potential exodus of the Wellcome Foundation from the UK.
- 25 E. **Conference recognises** that events are moving rapidly and that agreement on holding a People's
26 Vote could happen at any time in the coming weeks.
- 27 F. **Conference therefore proposes:**
 - 28 a. That each local party in the region should be put on a campaign footing to be ready to
29 mobilise effectively immediately following any decision for a People's Vote.
 - 30 b. That local parties should work with all other Remain campaigners including the People's Vote
31 campaign, the European Movement and others to mobilise cross-party and cross-community
32 support.

Motion 2: Keep Pride in the Village

Submitted by Regional Policy Committee.

Proposer: Iain Donaldson, Manchester Gorton, Central, Blackley & Broughton.

Summator: Richard Kilpatrick, Manchester Withington

1 **Conference notes** the unique local, national and international significance of Manchester's Gay
2 Village to the LGBT+ communities and to the heritage and culture of the United Kingdom, and
3 believes that it is of vital importance that Manchester's Gay Village be protected and preserved as a
4 memorial to mark the on-going struggle for acceptance and equality of the LGBT+ communities.

5 **Conference recognises** the value of the businesses based in Manchester's Gay Village and the events
6 held there to the local, regional and national economy and in particular the Manchester Pride and its
7 ancillary events.

8 **Conference understands** the pending threat to the future of Manchester Pride if the main stage and
9 Lifestyle Exposition are moved out of the Gay Village.

10 **Conference believes** that there should be a permanent national living memorial of the LGBT+
11 community's struggle for acceptance and equality in the UK and as a beacon of hope to all LGBT+
12 people around the world in that fight, and that Manchester's Gay Village should be that living
13 memorial.

14 **Conference calls:**

- 15 1. Upon all Liberal Democrats in the North West Region to work together to secure the future of
16 Manchester's Gay Village, and in particular to:
- 17 a. Formally recognise the whole area bounded by Whitworth Street, Chorlton Street, Portland
18 Street and Princess Street as the "Gay Village" and to campaign for Manchester City Council
19 to formally declare this area to be a conservation area;
- 20 b. Campaign for an LGBT+ Heritage Centre and Museum, performance area, meeting rooms and
21 exhibition area to form a part of any new developments in the environs of Manchester's Gay
22 Village;
- 23 c. Campaign for the erection of clearly visible appropriate tourist signage at every entry-point to
24 Manchester's Gay Village; and
- 25 d. Ensure that the LGBT+ community have a secure and safe space in which the Manchester Pride
26 Festival can take place every year with all the main components of the festival remaining in
27 the area to be known as the Manchester Gay Village.
- 28 2. Upon the Liberal Democrat parliamentary parties to ensure that an early day motion is tabled
29 in Parliament supporting the aims of this resolution.

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- 30 3. The Federal Party of the Liberal Democrats to:
- 31 a. Recognise the cultural and heritage significance of Manchester's Gay Village;
- 32 b. Adopt this resolution as Federal Party Policy; and
- 33 c. Work to secure the inclusion of Manchester's Gay Village in English Heritage's list of English
34 Heritage Sites with a view to subsequent recognition as a world heritage site.
- 35 4. Upon the Officers and Executive of the North West Regional Party to:
- 36 a. Submit to the Spring 2019 Federal Conference a motion in line with this policy; and
- 37 b. Assist the local party to campaign on this issue.



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