

Interim policy requested for the drafting of the manifesto

Synopsis

Policy Development Committee confirms that this motion has been properly proposed under clause 14viii of the Constitution.

Motion

This motion is to request the Conference ratify the text in the form of an Interim Policy Statement. It is open to amendments as if it were a normal policy statement, except that an amendment cannot be ruled out of order for tending to negate the original text. It will go (as amended) to the following conference as a motion proposed by PDC to amend the PSS.

1. Small businesses

Prompt payment code in law and active investigation of breaches

This is to provide better security and cash flow for smaller businesses and to stop other businesses using them for credit.

2. Gig workers equality

We would bring workers who pick up jobs from Apps under a single legal status of “worker”, with full and equal rights from the first day of employment

This is to improve the employment rights of this group of workers.

3. Sick pay

We would extend an increase SSP so every workers income is protected in times of sickness

This is to improve employment rights.

4. Democracy

A fair politics Act to repeal Tory legislation around voter ID and third party campaigning and restore the powers of the Electoral Commission

This is to remove obstacles to people without the necessary ID being disenfranchised and to make funding sources more transparent. It would also see a restoration of the Electoral Commission’s independent oversight, which was removed by the Elections Act 2022, which made it subject to government oversight.

5. Disabled people

Restore disabled adults care to the level it was in 2010.

This is part of a new policy to work towards restoring the social care system

6. Children’s social care

Properly funded care for looked-after children.

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7. Transition to Green economy

Offshore Training Passport so that workers can transition more easily between offshore energy industries.

This is a suggestion from the industry to assist workers moving from the oil and gas to renewable energy sectors.

8. CMS

Ensure that musicians have access to European markets via a reciprocal arrangement with EU.

This meets the criticism that our music industry is being penalised by Brexit as they are subject to the usual restrictions on visiting the EU.