

Suggested rule change

CLPs to have the right to receive a provisional Agenda

Rulebook 2008. Section A. Chapter 3. Conference rule 2 – Agenda

The first two clauses read as follows:

3C2.1 The NEC shall present to conference the report of the NEC, including: a summary of its work during the previous year; the work of the NEC committees and proposed programme for the forthcoming year. All such documentation shall be circulated to all affiliated organisations and CLPs by a date to be determined by the NEC.

3C2.2 The NEC shall present to conference the report of the NPF, including: a summary of its work during the previous year; the work of the policy commissions; draft and final documents; options, alternatives or minority reports by the NPF; and proposed programme for the forthcoming year to be circulated to all affiliated organisations and CLPs by a date to be determined by the NEC.

Amendment after heading: Add New Clause 3.C.2.1 and renumber accordingly

The NEC shall circulate a provisional agenda for a formal AGM to receive the Annual Report and Accounts and Conference business to all affiliated organisations and CLPs no later than 30 June each year to enable amendments to proposed business to be tabled by 31 July each year for consideration by the Conference Arrangements Committee and the NEC as part of the final agenda to be circulated to all affiliated organisations and CLPs two weeks before Conference.

In renumbered 3C2.2 - Line line 6 insert the word ‘final’ between ‘such’ and ‘documentation’. line 7 and 8 delete “by a date to be determined by the NEC” and insert “two weeks before Conference”.

In renumbered 3C2.3 - Line 9 and 10 delete “by a date to be determined by the NEC” and insert “two weeks before Conference”.

Supporting arguments

The right of affiliated organisations and CLPs to represent their members at Conference requires adequate notice of the business to be considered, which must include the right of Party members to hold members of the National Executive Committee to account for their stewardship of the Party's affairs between Conferences. By setting a clear timetable members will know in advance when they will be able to put forward proposals as set out in subsequent sub clauses to this section of the Rule Book. As currently set out these sub-clauses leave decisions about advanced notice at the discretion of the NEC making forward planning difficult if not impossible for affiliated organisations and CLPs.

Proposed by Cities of London and Westminster Constituency Labour Party