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Call for an emergency NEC

Rapidly moving events require an emergency NEC meeting to consider how to shape the political agenda in the run up to Conference and the next General Election. STLP is in touch with the Trade Union and other sections of the NEC in a bid to ensure that the Party's ruling body is seen working with members to stage a recovery from the Euro and English County Council election setbacks.

Deselecting MPs – expenses scandal

Under the terms of an NEC resolution passed at its meeting on 19 May, any CLP with concerns about its PPC arising from the Parliamentary Allowances' scandals can refer its concerns to the General Secretary for possible reference to the NEC endorsements panel. (Please copy to [Peter Kenyon](#) and [Ann Black](#).)

New rules for reselecting PPCs needed now

STLP's committee reviewed the Rules covering PPC selection following the Erith and Thamesmead and Calder Valley controversies' – concerning alleged parachuting, favouritism, and Postal Vote harvesting. Two discussion documents have been prepared:

1. covering all selections between now and the calling of a General Election
2. covering the fast track selections after a General Election is called.

Both require Rule Changes to be agreed at the 2009 Conference. Would your BLP/CLP support the proposed changes?

Reviewing policy-making – deadline 30 June 2009

Labour Party General Secretary Ray Collins sent an email to members inviting comments on two documents. At the time of writing neither was available on the Labour Party's Membersnet.

The documents are:

[Winning the fight for Britain's Future](#)

and

[Extending and renewing party democracy](#)

STLP chair and Labour Party NEC member is lobbying for both documents to be made available in a format suitable for open and transparent discussion by party members. An example of how that can be achieved can be seen [here](#). STLP supporters will recall this technology was offered to the Party for development inside Membersnet in 2007.

The deadline for submissions, though not stated in the GS letter, was agreed at the March NEC to be 30 June 2009.

Countdown to Conference 2009

The deadline for delegate accreditation, tabling Rule changes and nominations to the Conference Arrangements Committee and National Constitutional Committee is 12 June 2009

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