

Below is a summary of the major decisions of the May meeting of the NEC

Elected by the membership every year, the national executive committee (NEC) is the governing body of PCS, responsible for running your union in line with the policies established by you and other members through national annual conferences and membership ballots.

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ADC 2017

PCS ADC 2017 takes place at Brighton Conference Centre from the afternoon of 23 May to lunchtime on 25 May. Group conferences are 22 and 23 May (morning).

Full details about ADC 2017 along with conference documents are available on the [PCS website](#).

General election

On Tuesday 18 April the government announced that it planned to call a general election and set the date for the 8 June 2017, which was agreed by parliament. The NEC agreed an emergency motion to ADC on the election.

Since 2010, more than 110,000 civil and public service jobs have been axed - plus more in privatised areas - living standards have been slashed by 14%, and hundreds of

offices serving the public have closed. We already know the Tories plan to continue the public sector pay cap, and they have proposed more office closures and job cuts.

The NEC decided a campaign strategy and plan for the general election, including an election campaign pack and on-line resources to branches focusing on pay, job cuts and office closures as well as how to intervene in the election. Campaign materials aimed at maximising voter registration among members will be issued.

PCS is not affiliated to any political party, but the NEC were clear that another Tory government would be the worst possible outcome for our members.



As in previous elections, PCS will step up its ongoing campaigns against the far-right and Ukip, and the NEC decided to join with other organisations to maximise campaigning against racism and hate.

In addition, the NEC agreed that analysis of the party manifestos will be publicised to members ahead of the election, focusing on key PCS industrial issues.

Pay campaign

The NEC was updated on pay campaign activities and contact with the Treasury and Cabinet Office since the March NEC, and agreed the next steps for the campaign.

Following the PCS submission to the Treasury Pay Remit, David Gauke, Chief Secretary to the Treasury responded confirming the government does not intend to lift the 1% pay cap, claiming pay restraint has protected jobs, which is simply not true. More than 110,000 civil and public service jobs have been cut over the last seven years.

The NEC was updated on the pay day protests held in workplaces across the union on 31 March 2017 which saw activists and members join a day of action raising awareness of the pay campaign. Hundreds of photos were submitted to PCS showing members taking part in protest activity. Further feedback has been sought from branches who took part.

The NEC decided that pay will feature prominently in PCS campaigning around the general election. Beyond the election, the NEC agreed to support the European Public

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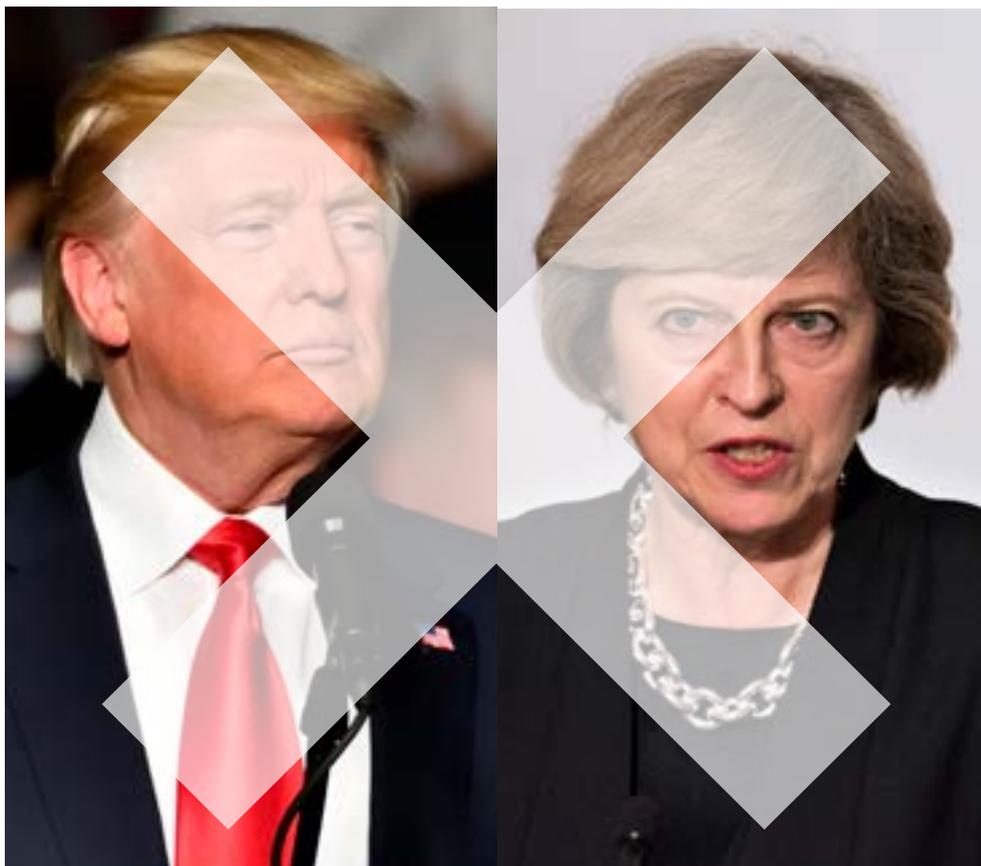
Services Union's Europe needs a pay rise campaign and day of action on 23 June.

The NEC motion to ADC, if agreed, outlines a campaign plan for the coming period, including:

- Campaign for an end to the pay cap in the civil service and related areas;
- Groups and branches develop and coordinate campaign plans to involve members at workplace level;
- Continue to make the case with the TUC and others for joint union action on pay;
- Continue to campaign for national bargaining in the civil service.

Political strategy consultation report

The NEC was updated on the report on the political strategy consultation that has been circulated to branches and is available to download on the [website](#). Branches are encouraged to circulate the report ahead of a debate at ADC.



Trump a state visit to the UK in 2017 which he accepted. There has been significant opposition to the visit across the labour movement.

The NEC was updated on the campaigning against President Trump's state visit. The TUC will be the lead organiser of the demonstration, which will take place the Saturday before Trump's planned visit with a rally in Hyde Park. The TUC estimates that up to half a million people may want to join a demonstration against President Trump's state visit.

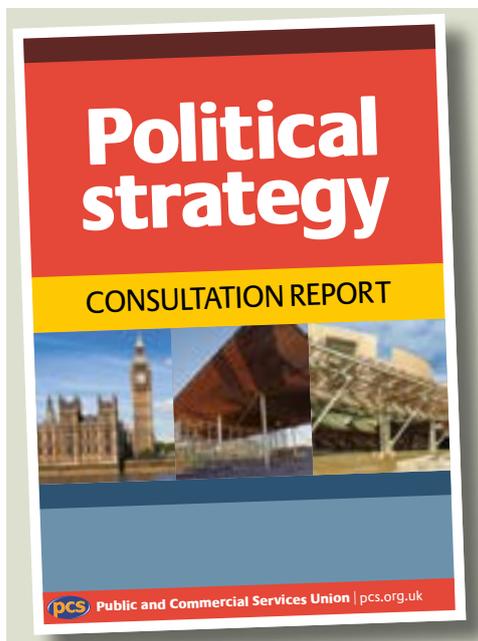
The NEC decided to support the national demonstration to coincide with the visit of President Trump to the UK. The NEC also agreed a donation proportional to membership to the TUC to contribute to the organisational costs of the demonstration.

Details of the demonstration will be circulated ahead of the proposed state visit and members will be encouraged to attend a debate at ADC.

The report demonstrated how recent months have seen the average number of joiners increasing, while the trend for the number of leavers is generally decreasing.

The NEC agreed new measures for increasing representation at work, improving personal communications and improving density, and a renewed emphasis on education and training and other support available to activists and reps.

The national organising strategy 2017 is **available to download** as a conference document on the PCS website.



Protest against Trump visit

Following his inauguration, the UK government offered US president Donald

Organising strategy

The NEC was updated on membership trends as part of a report on organising in the union.

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