

ANNUAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE 2019



STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (SOC) REPORT NO 3

This Report is to advise delegates of the SOC recommendations for:

- 1) Amendments to SOC Reports No's 1 & 2
- 2) Other Issues

The SOC strongly recommends that you update your motions book with the changes listed in this and subsequent reports once they have been accepted by Conference so that you will be able to follow conference proceedings.

We'd like to draw attention to a statement from the National President:

Delegates, observers, trainee delegates, guests, and staff are asked to not make unofficial videos or audio recordings of any speech made at ADC or any other conference proceeding, for the purpose of distributing on social media.

- 1) Amendments to SOC Report Nos 1 & 2

Thursday (AM)

9.00 – 10.00

Pensions/CSCS

10.00 – 10.30

Personnel Policy

10.30 – 11.00

Guest Speaker: Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of The Opposition

11.00 – 11.45

Personnel Policy (continued)

11.45 – 12.15

Guillotine section

12.15 – 12.30

Vote of Thanks

12.30

Close of Conference

A77 to be re-categorised X77 (overtaken by events)

A279 to be moved by DfT East Midlands (201051)

A292, A294 and A306 (General debate to be taken at the head of the Pay Section)

E289 motion submitted by DWP HQ Sheffield (047012)

A294 motion submitted by BEIS Scotland and North of England (041215)

E300 motion submitted by DWP HQ Sheffield (047012)

E301 motion submitted by BEIS Scotland and North of England (041215)

E303 and **E304** are covered by A294

A319 to be taken after A21

A320 to be taken after A58 (but before A279)

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY MOTIONS

Due to the difficulties experienced during the recent Ransomware attack, two further emergency motions were seen by the SOC on Monday evening. These motions are printed below along with recommendations on categorisations and placings on the agenda.

A319 to be taken after A21
R&C East Kilbride (200031)

That Conference condemns the actions of Brunei who, at the beginning of April, introduced legislation which will see those found guilty of same sex acts or adultery being sentenced to death.

That Conference welcomes the subsequent announcement that the Brunei authorities will not seek to enforce these laws, however records its opposition to these laws remaining in statute, leaving Brunei's LGBT+ and Women's communities in danger.

That this Conference affirms our support for the human rights of women and LGBT+ people to live free from persecution around the world, regardless of their sex, gender identity and/or sexual orientation.

That this Conference agrees that these laws should be repealed as soon as possible to protect both the women's and LGBT+ communities in Brunei.

That this Conference, while condemning Brunei's actions, also condemns those who seek to use the situation to further any form of islamophobia and/or anti-Muslim sentiment, whether in the UK or around the world.

That this Conference calls on the incoming NEC to;

- Release a statement in support of women and LGBT+ people in Brunei and condemning the recent changes in law which have been introduced;
- Review our investments and holdings and ensure companies we have a nominal shareholding in do not share links to Brunei. Where we have the smallest link to Brunei via our shareholdings, the NEC is instructed to submit a motion to conference 2020 that debates selling the shares.
- Lobby the Government to apply political pressure on Brunei in order to repeal the recent changes in law, in full, and to offer assistance to anyone who may be at risk due to these changes and is attempting to leave Brunei;
- Call on The TUC, and affiliated unions, to support these efforts in order to maximise the pressure on the Government to act and to work with international trade union structures to challenge all forms of sexist and LGBT+ phobic laws and attitudes globally;
- Write to The Brunei Project (a human rights group) expressing our solidarity and for more information on how we can assist with campaigning against these oppressive laws, and;
- Work to strengthen our own anti-fascist/anti-racist work by publicising campaigns and organisations that seek to eliminate Islamophobia and racism.

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A320

to be taken after A58 (but before A279)

R&C East Kilbride (200031)

This PCS conference notes that on the 24th of April, the first minister of Scotland stated in the Scottish parliament that she wants to hold a second referendum on Scottish independence by 2021.

Conference acknowledges the response of Cabinet Office Minister, David Lidington, who on 25th April, stated the UK Government's position would be to withhold a Section 30 order, therefore withholding legal recognition of any referendum and its outcome.

This Conference believes it is the right of both national and devolved administrations to self-determine their own future, in line with the expressed will of the people as evidenced through the appropriate democratic processes of the relevant Parliament.

Conference therefore calls on the incoming National Executive Committee to support the Scottish Government position on holding a second referendum by May 2021.

Conference also instructs the NEC to use all political avenues in support of these calls including, but not limited to, utilising the PCS Parliamentary Groups and lobbying of elected parliamentarians in both Scottish and Westminster Parliament's, alongside any other actions identified as appropriate by the NEC.

Conference further instructs the NEC to liaise with the PCS Scotland Committee to begin considering arrangements on engaging with members in Scotland, to facilitate discussion on how any position on the issue should be determined by the union as a whole with a view to bringing a further motion to ADC 2020.

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2) Other Issues

Branches wishing to second a motion, withdraw a motion, or withdraw as seconder to a motion should obtain form SOC A from the SOC table during Conference.

Branches wishing to nominate a motion for inclusion in the Guillotine Section should obtain form SOC B from the SOC table during Conference.

On Wednesday and Thursday morning, the SOC will publish an update of decisions taken by Conference on the preceding days. Delegates should note that these will not be classified as SOC Reports and so there will be no entitlement to move reference back.

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