

MOTION ON THE DEMOCRACY REVIEW AND RULE-CHANGES

SE Cornwall CLP welcomes the proposals in the Labour Party's draft Democracy Review to strengthen grassroots participation and member-led democracy.

We particularly welcome proposals in those areas we made submissions on:

a) Local government – an annual conference for local government; democratic participation by members in the creation of a local manifesto; measures to increase the accountability of councillors to the local party; and a consultation on OMOV elections for local group leaders.

b) Annual party conference – a more structured conference with the timetable, deadlines and procedures outlined in the rule book; including relevant documents made available to members with adequate time for CLPs to debate; the end of restrictive criteria such as motions having to be 'contemporary'; the conference timetable focused on policy debate not platform speakers; more support for CLPs to send delegates; and changes to the policy-making process to ensure that conference becomes the sovereign policy-making body.

c) Selection process for the party leader – we welcome the inclusion of the principle that CLPs and trade unions, as well as members of the Parliamentary Labour Party, can nominate MPs for the post of leader of the party, which we called for in the rule-change we submitted in July 2017, and due to be debated this year; however we note that the proposal does not go as far as our rule-change.

SE Cornwall CLP notes that until the NEC have debated the Democracy Review and put forward a final report, we don't know exactly what our delegates will be asked to vote on; or whether to go ahead with our own rule-change or not. Accordingly, we resolve to mandate our delegates to vote in relation to the democracy review, and in relation to all rule-changes including our own, according to the principle of supporting maximum grassroots participation and democracy; and to follow advice from the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy where possible.

South-East Cornwall CLP, 1st September 2018