

## **Labour North West Rules**

NW Regional Executive Committee

NW Conference Arrangements Committee

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Rules for the North West Labour Party Regional Executive Committee (REC), Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC) and Regional Conference.

### **Clause I. Name**

1. Labour North West Regional Executive Committee, hereinafter named 'REC'.

### **Clause II. Aims and values**

1. National

A. The aims and values of the Labour Party as outlined in Chapter 1 Clause IV above shall apply to this REC.

2. Regional

A. To assist the NEC in promoting and building the Labour Party at all levels within the region. This REC will encourage all Party organisations to build and consolidate membership of the Labour Party, assist in the induction of new members and encourage their participation in the campaigning and policy making activities of the Labour Party.

B. To work with local Party units, the regional and local organising staff of the Party to secure the election of Labour representatives at all levels of the democratic process. Members of this REC will undertake such work in accordance with the plans formulated by the National Executive Committee.

C. To act as an Appeals and Disputes Panel to hear constitutional appeals, to receive reports of such appeals, and to carry out other constitutional duties as the NEC or the rules and constitution of the Party shall from time to time require.

D. Work with the CAC to ensure the effective organisation of regional conferences. To develop an annual work programme for the REC to support regional engagement with all members, affiliates and stakeholders, including: registered supporters, affiliated supporters, women members, BAME members, disabled members, LGBTQ+ members and Young Labour within the region.

### **Clause III. Affiliated Organisations**

1. CLPs shall affiliate to the Regional Labour Party. Other organisations may affiliate to the Regional Labour Party if they fall within the following categories:

- A. Regional trade union affiliated to the Party nationally;
  - B. Socialist societies affiliated to the Party nationally;
  - C. The Cooperative Party;
  - D. Other organisations which in the opinion of the NEC are deemed eligible for affiliation.
2. Each affiliated organisation must have members who are registered as electors within the region.

#### **Clause IV**

##### **Affiliation fees**

1. Affiliation fees and contributions payable to the REC shall be:
- A. Constituency Labour Parties at a fixed rate of £100 per CLP per annum.
  - B. Trade Unions, Socialist Societies and other organisations: at a rate set of £100 per 1000 members or part thereof per annum.
  - C. The Co-operative Party branches at a rate set of £100 per 1000 members or part thereof per annum.
2. All affiliation fees shall be paid no later than 31 December of the relevant year.

#### **Clause V.**

##### **Membership of the Regional Executive Committee**

3. The REC shall comprise:
- A. CLP representatives elected by a ballot of CLP delegates at regional conference. The CLP section shall contain at least 50% women. The REC shall be responsible for ensuring that the election of CLP representatives reflects the geography and membership of the region. The size of the CLP section shall be determined by the size of the region and on the following basis:
    - iii. For regions with more than 60 Westminster constituencies there shall be 2 CLP representatives for every 10 constituencies or part thereof.
- The North West has 71 constituencies and so will have 16 CLP representatives. (see appendix 2 for further detail).

- B. Trade union representatives elected by trade union delegates at regional conference. The trade union section shall contain at least 50% women. The trade union section shall make up at least a third of the overall voting members of the REC.
  - C. A women's representative elected by the regional women's committee, or elected by delegates to regional conference if there is no active regional women's committee.
  - D. A regional BAME representative elected by the regional BAME committee, or elected by delegates to regional conference if there is no active regional BAME committee.
  - E. A disability representative elected by the regional disability committee, or elected by delegates to regional conference if there is no active regional disability committee.
  - F. An LGBT representative elected by the regional LGBT committee, or elected by delegates to regional conference if there is no active regional LGBT committee.
  - G. A Young Labour representative elected at an all members meeting of the Regional Young Labour Group who must be a woman at least every other term.
  - H. A Co-operative Party representative nominated by the Co-operative Party who must be a woman at least every other term.
  - I. 2 representatives of local and regional government elected by members of the ALC at least one of whom must be a woman.
  - J. 1 representative from MPs/MEPs elected by the combined regional group of the PLP and EPLP who must be a woman at least every other term.
  - K. 1 representative from the Socialist Societies affiliated to the Regional Labour Party, elected by Socialist Society delegates to regional conference.
4. Ex-officio members of this REC, without voting rights, shall be:
- A. National Policy Forum members representing the region.
  - B. A representative of Police and Crime Commissioners in the region.
  - C. The Regional Director.
  - D. The Chair of the CAC

## **Clause VI. Regional Conference**

1. The regional conference will take place annually to deal with Party business at a timing determined by the CAC and ratified by the REC.
2. Delegations shall be established on a basis set by the REC and fulfil the following criteria:

- A. The voting weights of CLPs and affiliates to the conference should mirror Annual Conference.
  - B. The number of delegates permitted should be relative to the size of the nominating Party unit or organisation.
  - C. Delegations should be at least 50% women.
  - D. Relevant measures should be taken by CLPs to ensure that the CLPs ethnic diversity is represented.
3. A delegation fee will be charged at an amount decided by the CAC. Such fees should be paid before credentials are issued.
4. The duties of the Regional Conference Arrangements Committee shall be:
- A. To draw up the agenda of regional conference ensuring that time is provided to enable debate and allow for any policy making process that is stipulated for the conference by the NEC or Annual Conference.
  - B. To publish a timetable for the submission of motions from members and affiliates.
5. Qualification of delegates
- A. Every delegate must be an individual and fully paid-up member of the Party with at least 6 months continuous membership.
  - B. Delegates may only attend the regional conference if their appointing organisation's REC affiliation and delegate fee are up to date.
  - C. Delegates must be bona-fide members of the organisation appointing them and resident within the region except that:
    - i. Organisations can be represented by paid permanent officials.
    - ii. CLPs may be represented by their Member of Parliament (provided they are members of the Parliamentary Labour Party) or their NEC endorsed Parliamentary candidate.
    - iii. No delegate shall act for more than one organisation.
6. Ex-officio members of the Regional Conference are as follows and may attend on payment of the appropriate fee set by the REC:

- A. Members of the NEC.
  - B. Members of the REC.
  - C. Members of the regional group of the PLP.
  - D. Local government group leaders and Executive Mayors within the region.
  - E. NEC endorsed prospective Parliamentary candidates.
  - F. Labour City Region/Metro Mayor(s); or candidates for those positions once endorsed by the NEC.
  - G. Chairs and Secretaries of LCFs.
  - H. Regional NPF representatives.
  - I. The General Secretary.
  - J. The Regional Director.
  - K. Delegates from any regional recognised equality committee's/groups.
7. Visitors, who may be members or Affiliated Supporters, on payment of a fee set by the CAC and subject to the limitations of the venue, will be eligible to attend Regional Conference without speaking or voting rights.
8. Procedure at Regional Conference shall as far as practicable be informed by the Standing Orders agreed at the last session of Annual Conference.
9. The Regional Conference Arrangements Committee shall be elected by delegates to the Regional Conference.

### **The NW CAC**

There shall be elected at each Regional Conference a Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC) consisting of 5 members to act as such for the Regional Conference following that at which they are elected and for any Special Conference called during the intervening period. A member of North West Labour Party Staff shall act as Secretary to the Committee.

Each Affiliated Organisation may nominate one of its delegates for a seat on the CAC, four members, at least two of whom shall be a woman, shall be elected by Regional Conference as a whole, and one, will be elected exclusively by the Local Party Organisations section.

### Appendix 1

Region	Total CLPs in region	Allocation of seats per CLPs as per V.1.A	Total CLP seats	Equalities & elected representatives seats	Total TU seats as per V.1.B	Total voting members	Non-voting members	Total
North West	71	2 per 10 or part thereof	16	9	16	41	4	45

### Appendix 2

Sub Region	Seats	Term 1	Term 2	Nominating units
Cheshire	3 seats	At least 2 women	At least 1 woman	Affiliated CLPs in Cheshire County Group
Cumbria	1 seat	Open	Must be a woman	Affiliated CLPs in NW Cumbria CLPs
Greater Manchester	5 seats	At least 2 women	At least 3 women	Affiliated CLPs in Greater Manchester
Lancashire	3 seats	At least 2 women	At least 1 woman	Affiliated CLPs in Lancashire County Group
Merseyside	4 seats	At least 2 women	At least 2 women.	Affiliated CLPs in Merseyside