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**MOTION SUBMITTED TO AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2023
BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

VARIATION OF 2024 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESS

Conference notes that in May, 2024 voters will go to the polls to select Police & Crime Commissioners for the four Wales police authorities:

- **Dyfed-Powys**
- **Gwent**
- **North Wales**
- **South Wales**

In spite of our opposition to the existence of these roles it is important that we contest the elections and that Welsh Liberal Democrats are a choice on the ballot paper in these areas. As such, the Welsh Board has determined that we will contest these elections next year.

As such, it is necessary for the Party to commence the selection process for these posts. Currently, returning officers are instructed to commence the selections as per the ANNEXE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WELSH LIBERAL DEMOCRATS CANDIDATE SELECTION RULES. In the event these selections are contested the cost of administering the selections has a potential liability in excess of £4k.

In order to mitigate the risk of that substantial cost, this motion seeks as a single instance to empower selection panels and returning officers to determine whether in fulfilling a fair and democratic process that they incorporate modern communication methods to reach a wider audience and reduce potential overheads.

Conference therefore resolves that SOLELY for the selection of candidates in the May, 2024 Police & Crime Commissioner Selections (for those police authorities in Wales) and with authority from the Constitutional Affairs Committee using N2,

that returning officers and selection panels for said selections are at liberty to interpret the following “ANNEXE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WELSH LIBERAL DEMOCRATS CANDIDATE SELECTION RULES – Selection of Police & Crime Commissioner Candidates” to include modern digital methods of communication i.e. ‘Members mailing’ includes email communication, ‘Members Ballot’ includes electronic balloting, ‘Members Meeting’ includes hybrid/virtual meetings as determined by the relevant selection panel / responsible committee & returning officer.