

Spring Conference 2025

MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Creation of Welsh Candidates Sub Committee

MOTION AS AGREED BY CONFERENCE

Conference Believes:

- A. That candidates may stand as Welsh Liberal Democrats on the ballot paper by virtue of their membership of the party and associated support from Local, Welsh, and Federal Party.
- B. That support for candidates and elected members by Local, Welsh and the Federal party ranges from campaigning, media, training, administrative functions and advice.
- C. Support for candidates and elected members requires vibrant Local, Welsh and Federal parties with teams focusing on finding new candidates, selecting candidates for seats, caring and supporting candidates and ensuring their ongoing train and development.

Conference Notes:

- I. That the constitution only has a single Welsh State Chair of Candidates responsible for all the work with and for candidates in Wales.
- II. That Section D.I.v. of the Welsh constitution says that the Welsh Chair of Candidates must chair meetings of the Welsh Candidates Sub Committee, but the constitution is then silent about this committee.

Conference Resolves to amend the Constitution of the Welsh Liberal Democrats as follows:

1. In Section D Article 1.c add a new bullet point ""v", at the end:
"The Welsh Candidates Sub Committee"
2. In Section G Article 1.2.a add a new bullet point "xii", at the end:
"The Welsh State Chair of Candidates"
3. In Section G Article 2.2.a.v delete "A co-opted candidate assessor, should none be elected as a voting member through other means" and replace with "A representative of the Welsh Candidates Sub Committee".

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4. In Section G, insert a new article "8" and renumber subsequent articles.

"8. The Welsh Candidates Sub Committee

8.1 The responsibilities of the Welsh Candidates Sub Committee shall be:

- a. Driving the identification and encouragement of potential candidates, Returning Officers, Assessors, Markers and Facilitators.
- b. To have knowledge of, and support for, potential, approved and selected candidates.
- c. Organisation of candidate assessment days.
- d. Reviewing the social media check reports and other risk assessments for candidates and applicants for approval and taking any necessary actions.
- e. Building, training and maintaining the Welsh pool of Returning Officers, Candidate Assessors and associated functionaries.
- f. Liaison with the appropriate Officers and bodies to promote increased diversity amongst the pools of candidates.
- g. Running all selections and maintaining the selection rules as per the Federal and Welsh Constitution.
- h. Maintaining selection process and rules and recommending changes to these rules to the Board for ratification.
- i. Maintaining all other process documents concerning Candidate assessments, Selections and Candidate Conduct as Standing Order Working document(s).
- j. Organising training of Candidates in liaison with Federal Candidates Office and Welsh Membership Development Committee.
- k. Running Post election Candidate Reviews.
- l. Withdraw a candidate's approved status if circumstances so require.
- m. Fulfilling all requirements of a Candidates Committee as specified in the Federal Constitution.

8.2 The Welsh Candidates Sub Committee shall consist of:

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- a. Voting members:
 - I. The Welsh State Chair of Candidates.
 - II. 3 ordinary members elected from the membership.
 - III. An Assessment Officer.
 - IV. A Selections Officer.
 - V. A Candidates Officer.
 - VI. A representative of the Welsh Young Liberals.
 - b. The three Officers in G8.2.a shall apply and be appointed by the Board for 3 years based on their ability and knowledge of those specific areas."
5. In current Section G Article 12, after "Ordinary Members of the Finance & Resources Committee," insert
"Ordinary Members of the Welsh Candidates Sub Committee,"
 6. In current Section G Article 20, after "Ordinary Members of the Constitutional Affairs Committee," insert:
"Ordinary Members of the Welsh Candidates Sub Committee,"
 7. In Section J Article 7, after "Federal Constitution" insert:
"the selection rules maintained by the Welsh Candidates Sub Committee".
 8. In Section J, delete Articles 5 and 10, and renumber remaining articles accordingly.