

MOTIONS CARRIED
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Liberal Party's Political Position.

The Liberal Party is concerned to ensure that people from all socio-economic backgrounds have access to join the political process,

To advance this goal we call for

- 1) Greater education politics, economics and civil society
- 2) Support for political and economic education through Adult Education and voluntary groups like Workers Educational Association
- 3) The Electoral Commission financially support by consent some constituency / ward parties trial primary elections by supporters of party to nominate their candidate as a pilot to see if this maximise public engagement.
- 4) The Liberal Party urges our councillors to promote student placement / mentoring schemes.

Divided Communities.

The Liberal Party is concerned we learn and act upon to prevent the divisive and sectarian nature of riots in both Northern Ireland and more recently Oldham.

The Liberal Party urges the development of community schools and religious schools where more than one faith or denomination is brought together in the management and ethos of the school

We wish to encourage that across local authority areas initiatives to encourage mutual respect of different cultures and faiths are done by consent and that multi culturalism is not used as an excuse to repress different faiths and traditions or deny parental choice

Transport Governance Reform – Referenced back

Common Good Capitalism.

‘The Liberal Party recognises the freedom and prosperity capitalism creates but also recognises that our economic system has been 'captured' by the extremely rich and monopolies. As such we propose a new type of capitalism to benefit all citizens which we call 'Common Good Capitalism.’

‘Common Good Capitalism would include positive redistribution of the inheritance of wealth in each new generation by means of a £10,000 UK Citizens Inheritance at 25, as recently proposed by the Institute of Public Policy Research and the Resolution Foundation, financed by, and subject to, a progressive tax on beneficiaries cumulative total lifetime receipt of all capital gifts and inheritance, in tandem with the current so-called ‘Inheritance Tax’ on giving and bequeathing but without its unlimited exemptions and with its rate reduced from 40% to 10% except for giving to non-UK tax payers.

Liberal Party Statement on Freedom of Speech in Political Debate: Referenced back

Apprenticeship Levy.

Referenced back from the 2018 Summer Assembly.

The Apprenticeship levy has seen a decline in the take-up of apprenticeships, with a reported 31% fall in numbers in the last academic year.

The party believe the scheme although well intended has proven cumbersome and does not meet the wider needs of the economy, nationally or regionally, which remains prominently service orientated.

A properly funded network of regional and/or industrial training boards would be better suited and responsive to local skill shortages whilst freeing up companies from the administration burden of seeking accreditation of approved training schemes.

Constitutional Reform. – Referenced back

Home Solar Energy.

The Liberal Party deplores that the government recently announced that all incentives for new solar installations are to cease at the end of March 2019.

The current Feed in Tariff (FIT) incentives comprise of two payments for solar energy, Generation tariff, solar owners get paid a tariff for every unit of electricity they generate , Export tariff “ solar owners will get paid for any excess energy that goes back to the grid

While it was expected that the generation tariff was coming to a close, the export tariff has come as a shock to the industry. Closure of the export tariff will mean that excess energy (assumed around 50% of a households solar energy generation) will be going back to the National Grid for free, meaning that private energy companies will be the only ones benefiting from these incentive cuts.

The consultation paper predicts that this will mean virtually no more deployment of solar post March 2019. This will invariably cause significant job loss in the solar industry, Meanwhile the government are subsidizing fracking and fission nuclear energy which are both detrimental to the environment.

The Liberal Party calls for an immediate withdrawal of these measures to reduce support for solar panels.

Furthermore we deplore the bureaucratic nature of the admin of the current solar panel feed in tariff scheme. We urge local councils utilise section 106 payments to support solar panels in community buildings.

Education in English Cities.

The Liberal Party notes with concern that advanced educational achievement in many English cities and urban conurbations remain poor.

We believe far too much political energy and effort has been put in to promote or deter academies, it is now time to move the whole level of English educational attainment forward.

We note that pre-school education can have a dramatic and positive benefit.

We therefore call upon a funding package dedicated to supporting the continuation of children centres in all major cities and areas of economic and social deprivation.

Brexit Implementation.

The Liberal Party believes that HM Government should deliver a withdrawal from the EU.

The Liberal Party notes with contempt that those most vociferous for an EU Referendum this year are those who have cynically voted against and de-railed all election pledges made by their own political parties to deliver referenda on the EU itself and various stages over centralisation

Arguments that we didn't know what sort of Brexit would be delivered are counter balanced by equal arguments we had not a clear assurance what sort of shape continued membership would take had we remained