

# **2018 Special Assembly Motions Carried 6th January**

## **Catalonia Pro-independence**

The Liberal Party notes the outcome of the recent election results in Catalonia in that Catalan separatists maintained their absolute majority in the Catalan parliament.

Pro-independence parties matched their vote share from the previous election. This was reinforced by a massive 82 percent turnout.

The Liberal Party deplores the use of police violence against pro-independence campaigners and urges that the people of Catalonia be allowed a ballot as to their future.

The Liberal Party deplores the limp reaction of the EU to police violence from Madrid and its failure to respect and acknowledge the election results.

## **Renewable Energy by Design – Community and New Build Property**

The Liberal Party welcomes progress with 2017 being declared the “greenest ever” for the UK, according to data provided by the National Grid.

However, we urge the UK to continue investment in renewable energy and note that support for customers investing in solar panels has been reduced with feed in tariffs being reduced earlier this year.

We urge strides be made for community buildings and all suitable new build properties to have solar panels and/or other renewable energy features mandatory in their design.

## **Employment Protection – Contract and Part Time Workers**

The Liberal Party notes with grave concern continued media coverage of part time and contract workers being penalised financially by employers for any absence from work.

The rise in contract and part time working has seen an increase in punitive clauses being imposed on workers, placing the emphasis on them to attend work under threat of sanction or loss of contract renewal.

Such measures are unwelcome and penalise people for simply being too unwell to attend a place of work, and placing the onus on them to provide their own replacement cover.

The Liberal Party calls upon the government to outlaw such practises and to grant all workers basic protection and reasonable time off from work without prejudicing their livelihood, and asks for the HS&E to make a statement on these practices.