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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HELD IN UNITE HOUSE, HOLBORN, LONDON WC1
ON MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017
COMMENCING AT 1.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Sis. S ABACHOR, L ADAMS, Bro. J ALLAM, R ALLDAY,
Sis. T ASHWORTH, Bros. D BANKS, C BOWEN, C CADMAN,
M CASEY, E CASSIDY, Sis. T COXHILL, A CROZIER,
Bro. T DAVISON, Sis. J DOUGLAS, J ELLIOT, Bros. P ENTWISTLE,
N GIBSON, J GILL, Sis. K GILLESPIE, A HAWORTH, R HAYES,
Bro. S HIBBERT, Sis. D JACKSON, Bros. A JONES, B KNOWLES,
Sis. T LANIGAN, P MARSDEN, S MATTHEWS,
Bros. S McGOVERN, J MITCHELL, T MITCHELL, Sis. T MOLONEY,
Bro. F MORRIS, Sis. S MUNA, Bro. T MURPHY, Sis. K OSBORNE,
Bros. T PEARSON, H PERCIVAL, J PISANI, A REILLY,
S ROSENTHAL, S RUDDOCK, Sis. M RYAN, J SHEPHERD,
Bros. D SMITH, K SMITH, A STANSFIELD, Sis. J STILL, F TATEM,
J TAYLOR, Bros. M THOMAS, S THOMPSON, Sis. N VERMA,
Bros. P WELSH, D WILLIAMS, MARK WOOD, T WOODHOUSE

EX OFFICIO: Bro. L McCLUSKEY (General Secretary)
Bro. H BECKETT (Assistant General Secretary)
Sis. G CARTMAIL (Assistant General Secretary)
Sis. S GRAHAM (Executive Officer)
Bro. A MURRAY (Chief of Staff)
Bro. E SABISKY (Executive Director, Finance, Property & Pensions
Bro. S TURNER (Assistant General Secretary)
Bro. A WEIR (Assistant Chief of Staff)

IN THE CHAIR: Bro. T WOODHOUSE

The General Secretary congratulated the newly elected Executive Council members and welcomed them to the meeting.

**Minute
No.01**

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 14.7, the Council proceeded with the nomination and election of the Chair to hold office during the ensuing Electoral Period.

On Tony Woodhouse being nominated, the Council

RESOLVED: “That Tony Woodhouse be elected the Chair of the Executive Council as now constituted.”

The General Secretary thereupon vacated the Chair, in favour of Tony Woodhouse who, in extending a personal welcome to the members of the Council, expressed sincere thanks and appreciation for the confidence placed in him.

**Minute
No.02**

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Bro. K. Agyemang-Prempeh, Bro. R Bentham, Bro. J Cooper, Bro. N Durkin, Bro. M Farrell, Bro. J Gamble, Sis. W Gilligan, Bro. T Seaman, Sis. J Stewart, Sis. F Sullivan, Sis. J Suraya, and Bro. H Turner.

At the close of consideration, the Council

RESOLVED: “That leave of absence be facilitated.”

**Minute
No.03**

3. UNITE ELECTIONS

A written interim report on the Constitutional Elections had previously been circulated to the Council and was verbally supplemented by the Chief of Staff, Andrew Murray.

The Chief of Staff advised that this was an interim report and a detailed report would be presented to the full meeting of the Executive Council in June. He further advised that the report referred to some of the issues that had arisen in relation to complaints and further reflection by the Council would be required for future elections. He also reported that the only specific matter to which the Council's attention should be drawn was in relation to a problem that had occurred with the ballot paper that had been sent to members in Wales. A complaint is with the Election Commissioner and it may be necessary for a rebalot to take place.

Questions and comments from members of the Council were responded to.

At the close of consideration, the Council

RESOLVED: “That the report be accepted and the results of the election be agreed pending the report of the Election Commissioner.”

**Minute
No.04**

4. GENERAL ELECTION

The Political Director, Anneliese Midgley reported to the Council on the Political Department's activities since the recent announcement of the General Election which will take place on 8th June 2017. She highlighted the work undertaken with regard to candidate selection, policies and the manifesto and materials that will shortly be available for distribution to members and workplaces.

The General Secretary supplemented the report paying particular attention to the current political climate. He also referred to the financial problems the Labour Party are facing and highlighted the cap on donations that are allowed. He also advised that an approach had been made to the Union for a financial donation.

A detailed debate ensued with Council members voicing their opinions and comments in relation to the Labour Party and the financial donation.

In responding to the debate, the Chair proposed that a donation of £2.5 million be made but giving the General Secretary authority to respond to any further requests the Party might make as necessary to which the Council agreed unanimously.

At the close of consideration, the Council

RESOLVED: “That the report be accepted in line with the preamble to this Minute.”

**Minute
No.05**

Documentation

The Executive Council noted that all documents specified within the Minutes had been circulated to all members of the Council and were filed on the records of the Council.

**The Meeting of the Council
thereupon terminated**