Momentum's Proposals for Track 2 of the Democracy Review

Introduction

Momentum developed an online platform, My Momentum, to allow members to propose, demand, amend and nominate ideas to form the basis of Momentum's submissions into the Democracy Review. My Momentum was launched to the membership on February 2nd and February 3rd. The deadline for proposals and nominations under Track 2 was Friday 16th Feb. 116 proposals were made under Track 2, and at least 382 members used their nominations to express support for particular proposals. Additional contributions were also made by the Members' Council, which is comprised of Momentum members selected randomly by lot, and which met on December 2nd to discuss recommendations. We also consulted with two other organisations, the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy and Labour Women Leading, as well as partners in the trade union movement, while the NCG itself also developed three proposals with key activists, and these were put out to consultation with members via My Momentum. Draft proposals were then developed by Momentum in consultation with the original proposers, and those drafts were discussed and amended by the NCG on Saturday 24th February. The finalised proposals then voted on by Momentum members between Thursday 1st March and Monday 12th March on a One Member One Vote basis. In total, at least 3759 people participated in the OMOV ballots.

1. Charter of Members' Rights

SUMMARY: Labour should adopt a Charter of Members' Rights to support and expand members' rights by focusing on transparency, accountability, participation, capacity building, and disciplinary justice as set out in the Chakrabarti Report.

Read the [full proposal](#).

Source: Momentum's National Coordinating Group, Chakrabarti Report, and key contributions from Liz Davies of Momentum Hackney.

Vote: This proposal passed with 3488 members voting for it (92%), 80 voting against it (2%), and 191 abstaining (5%).

2. Code of Ethics

SUMMARY: Labour should adopt a Code of Ethics, for all members of the Labour Party to adhere to. This includes a commitment for party staff to be impartial and accountable

to elected representatives, and for all party actors to avoid actions which are detrimental to the party.

Read the [full proposal](#).

Source: Momentum's National Coordinating Group, Chakrabarti Report, and key contributions from Liz Davies of Momentum Hackney.

Vote: This proposal passed with 3327 members voting for it (88%), 155 voting against it (4%), and 280 abstaining (7%).

3. Ombudsperson

SUMMARY: Labour should have an Ombudsperson, who would be in charge of ensuring the implementation of the Charter of Members' Rights and Code of Ethics. The Ombudsperson would be independent and impartial, and would report to the NEC on the pattern of complaints received.

Read the [full proposal](#).

Source: Momentum's National Coordinating Group, Chakrabarti Report, and key contributions from Liz Davies of Momentum Hackney.

Vote: This proposal passed with 3084 (82%) members voting for it, 215 voting against it (5%), and 451 abstaining (12%).

4. Membership of Other Organisations

SUMMARY: The existing wording on membership of organisations other than official Labour Party groups needs to be clarified, by clearly emphasising that only membership of organisations which have principles, values, objectives or methods of organising which are demonstrably incompatible with those of the Labour Party shall be considered problematic and grounds for making someone ineligible for membership status.

Read the [full proposal](#).

Source: Momentum NCG, based on proposals and representations made by members through My Momentum.

Vote: This proposal passed with 3183 members voting for it (84%), 308 voting against it (8%), and 296 abstaining (7%).

5. Online Voting for Parliamentary Selections

SUMMARY: Currently, members can only vote in parliamentary selections by attending meetings or through postal votes. Allowing online voting would allow for increased engagement in the process of selecting candidates.

Vote: Online voting for parliamentary selections was passed, with 3163 members voting in favour of it (83%), 365 against it (9%), and 278 abstaining (7%).

6. A Democratic Selection Process for the 21st Century

SUMMARY: The Labour Party should reform the way sitting MPs are reselected. Key points include:

-   New candidates should be able to seek out nominations as well as the sitting MP.
-   Sitting MPs should be required to receive nominations from branches representing over two thirds of the membership as well as over two thirds of affiliate branches in order to get reselected automatically.
-   Each branch should only be able to make one nomination.

Read the [full proposal](#).

Source: A proposal by [Dan](#), as well as a rule change passed by Brighton Pavillion, Worthing West and Bristol West CLPs, which is due to be debated at this year's Labour Party Conference.

Vote: This proposal passed with 3118 members voting for it (82%), 224 voting against it (5%), and 443 abstaining (11%).

Additional Votes on Selecting Candidates in Seats with Labour MPs

In response to additional questions, 3268 members (86%) expressed the view that there should be a meaningful process allowing all party members and to consider different candidates to be their CLP's elected representatives in each term of Parliament.

In addition, 2202 members (58%) responded 'no' to the question 'Do you think that the existing trigger ballot system provides adequate accountability between elected representatives and party members in seats with sitting Labour MPs?' and only 368 (9%) voted 'yes', with 1200 (31%) abstaining. Finally, 3131 (82%) responded 'yes' to the question 'Do you think MPs should be required to demonstrate clear majority support from both party members and from affiliated branches in order to get automatically selected again?'

These votes demonstrate serious concerns with that existing trigger ballot system for reselecting MPs do not provide adequate accountability, and significant support for proposals that will require MPs to demonstrate overwhelming support among both members and affiliates in order to avoid an open selection.

7.   Socialist Societies

SUMMARY: Socialist Societies should have to demonstrate that their structures and processes are transparent and democratic as a condition for affiliation and for participating in internal Labour Party processes.

Read the [full proposal](#).

Source. This is largely based on a proposal by [Jody](#), and amendments by the NCG.

Vote: This proposal passed with 3232 members voting for it (83%), 124 voting against it (3%), and 434 abstaining (11%).

8.   Disability Labour and the Representation of Disabled Members

SUMMARY: Labour should support reforms to Disability Labour and make additional reforms to improve the representation of disabled people in the party. Key points include:

- Automatic membership of Disability Labour for all disabled party members.
- Scrapping of the registration fee for joining Disability Labour.
- Election of the Disability Labour Executive by One Member One Vote.
- The Labour Party to provide Disability Labour with regularly updated data regarding its membership.
- One staff member accountable to Disability Labour and responsible for promoting accessibility through the party.
- Disability Officers to be Executive Officers in CLPs with full voting rights.

Read the full proposal.

Source: It is based on proposals by Caroline, Fran, Adrie, Mick, and Ian.

Vote: This proposal passed with 2388 members voting for it (78%), 88 voting against it (2%), and 582 abstaining (19%).

9.   CLP Governance

Key points include:

- CLP Executives to always include an Online Communications Officer, a Political Education and Training Officer and a Trade Union Liaison Officer (TULO), with full voting rights.
- CLP Executives to always include representatives of BAME, LGBTQ and disabled people, with full voting rights, or a combined equalities officer if that isn't possible.
- CLP Executives to allow job shares for positions.
- The Labour Party to increase funding to CLPs.
- Efforts to ensure that all members of the CLP Exec are fully informed of guidance notes for CLPs produced by Disability Equalities Act Labour to improve accessibility.

Read the full proposal.

Source of proposal: This is based in part on proposals by the Members Council, Caroline, Lydia, Andy, Ian, Jessica, as well as Heather on behalf of the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy.

Vote: This proposal passed with 2960 members voting for it (78%), 252 voting against it (6%), and 556 abstaining (14%).

10.   Recruitment of Members

SUMMARY: The Labour Party should support reforms to ensure high levels of recruitment of members in the future. Key points include:

- Maintain the category of registered supporters and their right to vote in leadership campaigns.
- Late freeze dates during leadership campaigns to allow newly enthused members of the public the chance to sign up and vote.
- Integration of recruitment with community organising, in cooperation with the Community Organising Unit.
- Consultation with BAME Labour, LGBT Labour, and Disability Labour in the development of recruitment strategies.

Read the full proposal

Source: This proposal is based on contributions from Lee, Joshua, A Porter, and Jody.

Vote: This proposal passed with 3216 members voting for it (85%), 217 voting against it (5%), and 342 abstaining (9%).

11.   Representation of Women

SUMMARY: The Labour Party should support reforms to improve the representation of women in the party. Key points include:

- All CLPs shall be required to form Women's Forums when there is demand from female members.
- A standalone women's Conference to be held in Spring, to which each CLP shall be eligible to send at least one woman delegate.

- Annual Women's Conference to elect a Women's Committee, which shall be the institutional representative of female party members.

Read the [full proposal](#).

Source: The proposal is based on proposals by Labour Women Leading, the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, [Jean](#), and [Jody](#).

Vote: This proposal passed with 2773 members voting for it (73%), 388 voting against it (10%), and 621 abstaining (16%).

12.   Social Media

SUMMARY: The Labour Party should support efforts to improve the party's social media operation. Key points include:

- Clearer guidelines for branch and CLP social media forums and pages.
- The renovation of Membersnet to convert it into an interactive hub.

Read the [full proposal](#).

Source: The proposal is based on proposals by [Andrew](#), [Jamie](#), and [Edward](#) (Yes/No/Abstain)

Vote: This proposal passed with 3383 members voting for it (89%), 75 voting against it (1%), and 334 abstaining (8%).