

LIGC DRAFT Motions May 2026

Motion 1 : Motion to Reassure, proposed by Tim Putnam:

LI call on the Government to show that it is willing and able to act to address the consequences of continuing disruption to fuel and other essential supplies arising from the attack on Iran.

-First, it must show ability and willingness to safeguard the essentials of life to all by rationing fuel and food as necessary.

-Second, it must show ability and commitment to combat speculation and correct distortions of income and wealth arising from shortages of essentials through changes to taxation and national insurance:

a. It should immediately tax capital gains on the same progressive basis as income and introduce a higher rate on income/gains of over 250k per annum

b. It should immediately tax all commodity market transactions as a step towards introducing VAT at an appropriate rate on all financial transactions.

-Third, it must focus investment on the UK by charging a higher rate of tax on unearned income and capital gains on overseas income and offer a higher allowance against capital gains and corporation tax for profits reinvested in the UK. It should hasten the exit from global market margin energy contracts and extend investment in UK energy supply through cost- plus contracts for difference.

-Fourth it must demonstrate its willingness to borrow directly from BoE as in other moments of national crisis so that necessary investment is not limited by tax receipts and gilt sales.

Motion 2: Sir Norman Bettison - Hillsborough,

- The LI SF, I & IOM branch notes the findings of the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) investigation relating to Sir Norman Bettison and the circumstances surrounding his application for the post of Chief Constable of Merseyside in 1998.

The branch further notes the IOPC view that, had Sir Norman Bettison still been serving, he would have had a case to answer for gross misconduct for deliberate dishonesty in relation to his explanation of his involvement in the aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster during the application process for the post of Chief Constable and his continued misleading and inaccurate press statements minimising his role during the post-disaster investigations.

The branch holds the view that Sir Norman Bettison is unfit to hold a knighthood and this honour should be forfeited at the earliest possible opportunity in order to preserve the integrity of the honours system and to express the importance of this action to Hillsborough families and survivors. The branch also believes that consideration should be given to removal of his police pension.

The branch therefore requests the Labour Party write to the Cabinet Office to urge them to:

(i) withdraw Sir Norman Bettison's knighthood, in light of the IOPC findings, on the basis that he is not worthy to hold this title and in order to preserve the integrity of the honours system; and

(ii) consider options to remove Sir Norman Bettison's police pension.

Motion 3: £2 bus fare cap

LI calls upon the government to urgently reinstate the bus fare cap (BFC) at £2 in view of the oil crisis and for an extended period to alleviate hardship provoked by the crises and to encourage the use of public bus services over private vehicles.

The original £2BFC (bus fare cap) was brought in by Grant Schapps in the Boris Johnson government in January 2023 to assist poorer families especially in rural areas it remains regrettable that a labour government might overlook reinstating this important measure for poorer families made worse off during this crisis.

[£2 bus fare cap across England to save passengers money - GOV.UK](#)

[Evaluation of the first 10 months of the £2 bus fare cap](#)

Motion 4: Royal tours of USA

The Israeli and USA unprovoked war on Iran is an obvious breach of the international law and the UN Charter.

There is ample evidence that US and Israeli strikes on Iran are causing civilian casualties and damage to civilian infrastructure. Not to mention the reckless US attack on a school in which ca 170 people died, of which more than 100 were schoolchildren. These amount clearly to war crimes.

Under these circumstances, this LI CENE Branch strongly believes that, at this time, the visit to the USA by His Majesty King Charles is highly undesirable. Also, the planned tour of the USA by the Prince and Princess of Wales should be cancelled. The UK cannot be seen as condoning the illegal war on Iran and obvious war crimes committed there by Israel and the USA.

Therefore, this branch calls on the UK Government to advise the Royals against those planned visits.

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