

Labour International Executive Committee (LIEC)

Date: 5th July 2026 **Time:** 16.30 CEST **Location:** Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Karen Henderson (Membership), Graham Ward (Secretary), Frankie Ashton (Policy/ Campaigns), Frank Little (Representative NL branch), Balen Najmalddin (Communications), Tracey Scott (Disability and Carers Officer), Mark Lee (Representative CENE branch)

Apologies

Imogen Tyreman (Chair), Boyd Stephen (Vice-Chair), Anthony Fuller (Americas branch), Tim Putnam (NW France branch), Valerie Swales (NW France branch), Lakshmi Jonker (BAME), Nicky Turk (EMEA), Becky Slack (Women's officer), Eli Harris (LGBT+ Officer)

2. Action Item updates

(Closed action items will be archived after these minutes are approved.)

	Action	Who	Status
1.1	Arrange additional signatories on bank account.	Chair	5 Jul: Still awaiting bank confirmation.
4.1	Treasurer to finalise accounts for HQ.	Treasurer	5 Jul: no update
4.3	Apply for bank cards from Unity Bank	Chair, Treasurer	5 Jul: Still awaiting bank confirmation.
4.4	Fundraising: investigate to organise raffle	Treasurer, P&C	5 Jul: no update
4.6	Manage NEC candidate nominations process (post AGM)	Secretary	5 Jul: Closed. Elections complete
4.7	Prepare paper for EU-UK MPs on overseas voter issues	Chair	5 Jul: Graham will find an owner to convene a meeting to finalise survey summary.

4.8	Check political party donation limit in UK.	Secretary	5 Jul: Closed. 500 GBP
6.1	Imogen will have a meeting with a group of MPs on Monday (8th June). She will raise the Winter Fuel Payment issue and ask for support on amendments.	Chair	5 Jul: no update
6.2	The EC will review the voting system and consider whether to use a more anonymous/secure platform. A proposal may be brought to the EC or GC for a decision on a consistent system.	Secretary	5 Jul: new system (Eligo) in use for conference motion vote as a trial.
6.3	Treasurer to pay outstanding debts: - MailChimp monthly payment (June) - Reimburse previous Treasurer for personal payments made for LI	Treasurer	5 Jul: no update. (Graham: Potentially MailChimp may not be renewed as free system is under trial)

3. Votes and Motions

Item		For	Abstain	Against	Decision
4	July minutes approved.				Approved

4. Minutes of previous EC & Matters Arising

- Minutes were approved.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Meeting with HQ (Roleholder Support)

Karen, Imogen, Boyd and Graham attended a meeting with HQ. Key points:

- **Membership Renewal Difficulties:** Members abroad struggle to renew due to foreign credit card issues. HQ acknowledged the problem but has not resolved it. A phone-based renewal mechanism exists but is not always accessible.
- **Phone Banking:** Now available to overseas members via online facilities – positive development.
- **Transgender/Definition of Women:** HQ agreed that each LI branch should follow local laws on these matters; HQ will handle central policy issues.
- **Data Protection (US):** The Labour Party's Data Protection Officer has left; a replacement is pending. A workaround distribution list has been created for US branches.
- **Welcoming New Members:** Branch secretaries should write personally to new members.
- **Members in Arrears:** A personal approach (email/phone) is needed to help members struggling to renew.
- **Access to Digital Tools:** LI does not have access to Labour Party systems ("Organise", "Labour Hub") that other CLPs use.
 - Karen will prepare a paper for the next Roleholder Support meeting setting out LI's unique needs.

6. Branch topics: Costa Blanca merger

- The Costa Blanca branch could not find roleholders and has merged with Southern Europe.
- The merger was approved by both branches and the GC.
- HQ has updated the membership list.
- The inaugural meeting of the joint branch will take place on 13th July.
- Status: Completed.

7. National topics: Conference motions and logistics

7.1 Conference Delegates

- Mike Mitchell cannot attend conference due to medical reasons (unable to travel).
- Delegates: Imogen, Karen, Hector, Boyd (national conference); Becky (Women's Conference).
- A separate WhatsApp group and meetings are being led by Imogen.

7.2 Conference Motions Process

- An all-members meeting will be held on 18th July (extended GC) to discuss motions.
- Motions deadline: midnight on 11th July (Saturday).
- A single transferable vote (STV) ballot will be held over two weeks.
- The chosen motion will go to the Conference Arrangements Committee.
- Advice: Motions should have a "hook" to recent events to improve chances of acceptance.
- Women's Conference Motion: No submissions received yet – branches are encouraged to submit.

7.3 Leadership Election

- The leadership election was noted but not discussed in detail.

8. Campaign Topics – Overseas Constituencies and Voter Registration

8.1 Voter Registration Campaign

- A voter registration meeting is scheduled for 19th July.
- The campaign will focus on encouraging newly enfranchised overseas voters (those abroad >15 years) and young voters (16–17 year olds).
- Frankie noted that media coverage may be harder to secure this year without a strong human-interest hook.
- Members are encouraged to:
 - Check for re-registration reminders from their UK council.
 - Suggest youth organisations and networks to contact.
 - Engage Hector (Youth Officer) to lead youth outreach.

8.2 Overseas MPs Working Group

- Meeting scheduled for 12th July.

9 AOB

9.1 Thanks to Alan (outgoing Membership joint Secretary)

- Alan has stepped down due to illness which is a sad loss to the party and many of us individually. Alan was a founder member of LI and his efforts in the early days in particular helped to establish LI as a vibrant CLP.
- A formal vote of thanks will be proposed at the next GC.



- A replacement is needed as joint membership secretary – anyone interested should contact Karen.