Labour International Executive Committee (LIEC)

Date: 4th October 2026 **Time:** 16.30 CEST (14.30 UTC) **Location:** Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

1. Welcome and Introductions
Attendees: Imogen Tyreman (Chair), Graham Ward (Secretary), Frankie Ashton (Policy/ Campaigns), , Mike Mitchell (TULO), Richard Williams (Political Education, NPF), Lakshmi Jonker (BAME)

Apologies
Boyd Stephen (Vice-Chair), Tracey Scott (Disabilities and Carers Officer), , Karen Henderson (Membership)

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	4 Oct: Chair's application to create payments was returned as it needs additional signatures; to be resubmitted Monday. Graham's signatory form has been sent but not yet processed – Chair to call the bank Monday.
4.1	Follow up on accounts with Thomas	Treasurer	4 Oct: Tom (Treasurer) has not signed the papers and cannot be contacted. The Chair will take this over for now.
4.3	Apply for bank cards from Unity Bank	Chair, Treasurer	4 Oct: Waiting until the Chair is

			on the bank account.
4.4	Fundraising: investigate to organise raffle	Treasurer, P&C	4 Oct: Paused.
4.7	Prepare paper for EU-UK MPs on overseas voter issues	Chair	4 Oct: See 7. Campaign topics – EU survey closing this week; paper to be drafted from the results.
9.1	Confirm that Bev has been fully reimbursed for payments made on LI's behalf and pass on the EC's thanks.	Chair	4 Oct: Bev has not yet been reimbursed (over £2,000 outstanding) and is currently the only person able to create payments. Two officers will confirm approval by email so that Bev can make the transfer, with the Chair approving.
9.2	Write to members of the Representation of the People Bill committee expressing disappointment that amendments on overseas voter registration (e.g. automatic renewal, reminders) were not accepted.	Chair, P&C	4 Oct: Not yet done; letter to be sent now that Parliament has returned.
9.3	Add a reminder to the weekly bulletin for members to respond to council electoral-registration renewal requests.	Secretary	4 Oct: To go in Monday's bulletin. Renewal is rolling – councils send reminders at different times, with an end-of-

			year deadline.
9.4	At HQ mtg, raise Labour support for overseas voters (e.g. letters from the Deputy Leader) and the members' area.	Chair, Secretary, Membership	4 Oct: Raised at HQ meeting. HQ's follow-up shows no commitment to an overseas voter registration campaign; HQ said LI will get access to some tools (probably membership). To follow up after the by-election.
9.5	Propose autumn meeting dates for the Overseas MPs and Voter Registration working groups.	Chair	4 Oct: Overseas MPs group: 11 Oct at 14.00, before the 16.00 informal chat. Voter Registration group: late October – Chair to email for dates.
9.6	Bring the proposal for a parliamentary liaison/strategic planning role (or small team) to a future EC for discussion.	Secretary	4 Oct: To be combined with the discussion on motions (see 10.7).
9.7	Audit LI and branch Facebook pages/groups and other social media accounts (who controls them) and prepare a branding guide for branches.	Vice-Chair, Communications	4 Oct: In progress. Follow-up with branches on account ownership still needed; complicated by changes in office.

9.8	Arrange social media (and possibly website) training for members in September.	Communications	4 Oct: Balen will still run the training; proposed for 20 Oct – Chair to confirm with Balen.
9.9	Investigate secure options for branches to share meeting materials (e.g. proposed motions) online, including costs of a separate domain; report to next EC.	Secretary, Chair	4 Oct: Closed. Southern France only needed agreement to use a Gmail account to store branch documents – agreed.
9.10	Submit written officer reports for the 19 Sep LIGC by 15 Sep.	All officers	4 Oct: Closed.
9.11	Submit the UK2Zero conference motion to conference if CAC rejects the current motion in time.	Secretary	4 Oct: Closed.
9.12	Asia-Pacific branch: check where members are based, trial different meeting times, contact the member who attended, and organise individual outreach. Plan mtg for October.	Secretary, Vice-Chair	4 Oct: Next meeting at 19.00 Sydney time, as most members are in Australia. Neil has been back in touch and will attend.
9.14	Arrange an internal discussion among interested members on European technology autonomy (and data centres/water use) and identify possible speakers.	Secretary, P&C	4 Oct: Discussion has moved towards “sovereign technology”. Southern France branch meets next week; an informal LI discussion will

			follow.
10.1	Check the bank for the Costa Blanca branch's remaining funds (c. €200) and hold them for the branch.	Chair	4 Oct: New
10.2	Circulate to the EC Ashley's feedback on conference fringe activity and the UK2Zero leaflet.	P&C, Secretary	4 Oct: New
10.3	Reimburse Ashley for printing the UK2Zero conference leaflet (on receipt).	Chair	4 Oct: New
10.4	Upload the conference delegates' guide to Dropbox for reuse.	Chair	4 Oct: New
10.5	Build an annual/quarterly calendar into the 2027 development plan, including earlier conference planning (delegate selection, campaign messaging, leaflets, a possible stall or partner fringe event) and values-based guiding statements.	Chair, Secretary	4 Oct: New
10.6	Define how the Communications role will be split and find an owner for social media.	Secretary, Chair	4 Oct: New
10.7	Meet (Graham, Lakshmi, Frankie and others interested) to prepare a proposal for the GC on prioritising themes and routes for LI policy work (select committees/APPGs, NPF, campaigns), using a shared parliamentary calendar.	Secretary	4 Oct: New
10.8	Hansard Society training: send details to Lakshmi, confirm dates and book; attendee to run an internal session afterwards.	Secretary, Membership	4 Oct: New

3. Votes and Motions

Item		For	Abstain	Against	Decision
4	September minutes approved.	3		0	Approved
11	Allocate £200 for the Hansard Society training on parliamentary resources.	5			Approved

4. Minutes of previous EC & Matters Arising

- The September minutes were approved, with none against.

4.1 Colin's memorial

- Colin's memorial will be held on Saturday at 15.00 on Zoom, on a separate Zoom link from the UK2Zero meeting at the same time. All are invited to attend

5. Correspondence

- The HQ Roleholder Support meeting has taken place (see action 9.4).
- The Costa Blanca branch has transferred its remaining funds (c. €200) to the CLP account, which will hold them for the branch as it no longer has a bank account. The Chair will check this in the bank account.

6. National: Conference feedback incl. management of motions

- **Overview:** Imogen reported a positive conference with a good mood. LI delegates attended the votes. Imogen spoke on the CAC report asking for more time to debate international issues; the CAC said it will look at this for next year. The international guest speaker was the Prime Minister of Norway.
- **EU and outreach:** Imogen attended mainly EU events, including the Labour Movement for Europe rally, and handed the EU survey leaflet to Hamish Falconer (the minister

responsible). LI sat next to the Northern Ireland Labour Party; Lakshmi gave them LI's leaflet on standing candidates.

- **Motions:** Priority ballot topics included housing, violence against women, buses, re-industrialisation, fairness for older workers and AI. LI's Women's Conference motion could not be found by the organisers despite being sent. None of LI's motions to the national conference was selected. The list of selected motions, and who proposed them, is on the LIEC page of the website.
- **Young Labour:** LI's young members reported a dismissive response from the Young Labour international officer, who suggested they should engage with local parties instead of LI. This contributed to Hector offeing his resignation as Northern France as branch secretary, and he is reconsidering his role as Youth Officer. Imogen has written to the party about it. Karen suggested raising it at the Roleholder Support meeting as evidence of the party's wider attitude to members abroad.
- **Values and policy:** Mike shared the values-based policy statement on older people (respect, recognition and hope) that he presented to the AFL-CIO retirees' meeting, and suggested LI develop values statements to underpin its development plan. Imogen will involve Mike in drafting the 2027 development plan. Frankie proposed a series of informal workshops (e.g. apprenticeships, education, SEND, caring) to build a library of background papers for NPF consultations, and suggested inviting Clive Lewis, Neil Duncan-Jordan and others to speak on Labour values.
- **UK2Zero and leaflets:** Frankie felt the policy groups were not fully involved in what was produced and used at conference, and asked for closer links in future. Three leaflets were produced on Canva (EU survey, overseas constituencies, UK2Zero), 50 copies each, and about 80–90% were handed out. Ashley printed the UK2Zero leaflet in London and will be reimbursed. Ashley's feedback on fringe meetings will be shared with the EC.
- **Next year:** Graham noted that HQ's tools may include central leaflet printing with bulk discounts. Planning should start earlier, with campaigns and comms feeding messaging and leaflets to delegates over about three months. Imogen will put the delegates' guide on Dropbox and suggested selecting delegates earlier (e.g. alongside EC elections) and voting on LI's conference motion in September. An annual calendar will be built into the 2027 development plan. Mike raised a conference stall or partner fringe event (e.g. with LabourList or the Fabians) for consideration in next year's budget; Frankie suggested groundwork with MPs first.
- Mike suggested LI discuss gaps in the housing proposals in the leader's speech, such as social housing investment and the profit motive in house building. A separate post-conference discussion may be held next year.

7. Campaign topics

7.1 EU Survey

- 43 responses have been received over two weeks. A final reminder will go out on Monday and the survey will close on Wednesday night or Thursday morning. The CSV will then go to the team and a meeting will be held to start drafting the paper, which will be fed into MP briefings and evidence gathering.

7.2 Voter registration and overseas constituencies

- HQ is not committed to supporting overseas voter registration. Karen reiterated that the barrier is political rather than technical. It was noted that the Conservatives have dedicated staff for this, and recalled past use of English-language newspapers abroad. Imogen's conference leaflet showed only about 3.5% of potential overseas voters are registered, yet 20 constituencies have more than 1,000 overseas voters.
- Ideas included asking the Electoral Commission for politically neutral registration messaging on social media, and highlighting postal votes that failed to arrive at the last general election. Proxy votes were seen as the most reliable option. To be taken forward at a Voter Registration group meeting in late October; the Overseas MPs group meets on 11 October.

8. Communications

- Balen has stepped down as Communications Officer, partly because the party could not deliver support on issues he had prioritised. He will still run a digital training session for members. Graham has the passwords for the accounts Balen created.
- Imogen posted live on Instagram and X during conference, with good engagement, including campaigning in Holborn & St Pancras.
- Graham proposed splitting the Communications role, with an owner for social media as the first priority. That person should be able to produce images and videos and turn policy into visual content (possibly using AI tools). Accounts should have backup admins. A follow-up chat will be held to define the roles.

9. Meetings

- October is full: John Curtis (13 Oct), Tim Putnam on growth (22 Oct) and Richard Williams on the Budget (31 Oct). In early November, Frankie will bring together those interested in education, and Richard will give an in-depth session on the mechanics of the NPF. The motion-writing workshop will move to November.

9.1 LIEC meeting timing

- The Thursday option was dropped. Meetings continue on Saturdays/Sundays at rotating times (08.00, 14.30 and 16.00 UTC). Anyone with concerns should contact the Chair or Secretary.

9.2 Approach to motions and parliamentary engagement

- Lakshmi noted that other CLPs rarely debate motions at their GCs and use them for updates and discussion instead. Graham proposed working with Lakshmi, Frankie and others on a proposal for the GC: prioritise themes, then decide the right route for each (select committee or APPG evidence, NPF policy motion, campaign). This would replace ad hoc motions that have little impact. A shared parliamentary calendar (already on the website) will support this.
- Graham noted APPG secretariats are often more approachable than MPs. Imogen confirmed this from working with the APPG on citizens' rights. Mike asked for 4–5 priority topics that branches can discuss and feed back on.

10. Finance

- Covered under action items 1.1, 4.1, 4.3 and 9.1. Further post-conference expense claims are expected.

11. Training opportunity: Parliamentary resources

- The Hansard Society is offering a four-hour online training session later this month on parliamentary resources (how to find information and contact people), costing £200. The EC voted to allocate the £200 (5 in favour). The attendee should come back and run a session for LI members.

12. LIGC Preparation (incl. monthly officer reports)

- Officers and working groups will be emailed for reports.

13. Branch topics

13.1 Africa & Middle East and Asia-Pacific

- Meetings are planned this month for both branches. The next Asia-Pacific meeting will be at 19.00 Sydney time, as most members are in Australia; Neil (former Comms officer) has been back in touch and will attend.

13.2 Northern France & Channel Islands

- Hector has resigned as branch secretary, so the branch needs a new secretary. Offers have been made to convene the next meeting. Frankie will speak to Nicky Turk about taking on the role.

14. AOB

- None. The meeting closed.