Secretary's report

Resolutions with cover letters sent to:

Motion 1 (Assisted dying)

- Health secretary

Motion 2 (Sudan)

- Foreign Secretary

Motion 3: Tangible growth

- Andy Burnham, at his parliamentary address, since no separate party-leader address is published.
- Louise Haigh, as Minister for the Cabinet Office.
- Miatta Fahnbulleh, as Energy Secretary.
- John Healey, as Chancellor.
- Steve Rotheram, at the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's general address, because it publishes no mayor's office email.
- NPF

External correspondence

Role Holder Support, Labour Party – Membership list,

- **Labour Party and official bodies:** The HQ membership-list problem looks resolved: HQ checked and believes it was a one-off. LI members are now visible on Organise, the NPF representative's re-election is confirmed, and Labour Digital added the DNS records for Kit.
- **Parliament, speakers and events:** An advisory on Siân Berry's Freedom of Information Bill went to more than 30 Labour MPs ahead of its 13 November second reading. A motion on tangible investment was sent to ministers and others on 22 October. Confirmed speakers are Claire Hanna MP (24 November), Alex Lawson (22 November) and Prof Hazell (19 November). Prof Claassen has accepted a webinar for the new year.
- **Campaigns, branches, members and volunteers:** This covers the Overseas Constituencies campaign, the EU survey, Brussels Labour's move to the LI site, the Northern France relaunch consultation, and member enquiries.

Role Holder Support and Policy Development – NPF representative

On 21 Oct the Secretary told HQ that Richard Williams was re-elected as LI's NPF representative for a further two years. Policy Development acknowledged on 3 Nov, said its records are updated, and apologised for the delay. Closed.

Labour Digital Tech Support – Belgium subdomain and email settings

On 19–22 Oct the Secretary explained that the Belgian branch wants to move from its own GoDaddy site to a subsite of the LI domain. Labour Digital said the branch can have its own look and feel (theme options are managed centrally) and asked to be told what is planned; the likely address is belgium.labourinternational.net

Parliamentary advisory programme – Bills before Parliament

Replies from Sian Berry (Green) and Ken Ritch (Labour for a Replublic). None from Labour MPs.

Speakers

Claire Hanna MP (SDLP leader) – Webinar 24 Nov After an invitation on 18 Oct, Claire Hanna's office accepted for webinar on 24 Nov; confirmed

Prof Rutger Claassen (Utrecht Univ) accepted on 7 Nov to lead a webinar on rethinking corporations in the public interest; confirmed

Prof Robert Hazell and the constitution stream – 19 Nov confirmed

Alex Lawson, Social Security Works (USA) – Webinar 22 Nov confirmed

Other topics

Meetings and events

The main speaker event was Professor Sir John Curtice’s post-election webinar on 13 October. His slides and the recording were shared with the Membership Secretary, and a write-up, “No sugar-coating: John Curtice’s verdict on Labour at half-time”, was published. The “Growth, in what, with what, by and for whom?” session led by Tim Putnam followed on 22 October, and its video went online on 31 October. Richard Williams hosted the Annual Budget Debate on 31 October. It was the first LI event listed on Labour’s national Organise system, so UK members could join through it. On 6 November Cllr Joel McKevitt of Blackpool spoke on “The Rise of Pro-Europeanism in

Post-Industrial Britain". He asked for no video, so a written article replaced the recording. Richard Williams then ran "Exploring the NPF Labyrinth" on 10 November.

Coming up:

- Alex Lawson of Social Security Works speaks on US Social Security on 22 November. The Americas Branch asked for the listing to be corrected so it names him.
- Frankie Ashton's "Affordability Economics" session is on 26 November.
- SDLP leader Claire Hanna has agreed to speak.
- Ken Ritchie is booked for electoral reform on 6 January 2027.
- Francis Shin is pencilled in for late January (21 or 28 January).
- Professor Rutger Claassen of Utrecht University has offered "Rethinking Corporations in the Public Interest". The Netherlands branch may host it.
- Robert Hazell's presentation and Alan Renwick's electoral reform talk are still being arranged.

Balen Najmalddin's comms and social media workshop, first set for 8 November, was postponed.

Governance

The Executive Committee moved from Thursdays to weekends and met on 1 November. A mix-up in the bulletin, which called that meeting a GC, was corrected. The next GC is on 15 November. Its agenda is going out through the automated 8-day request. Two motions are already lined up:

- The Southern Europe, Ireland and Isle of Man branch (LI SF, I&IoM) passed a Brexit/EU relationship motion on 4 November.
- The Brussels Labour branch has put forward a resolution on Israel and Palestine. It arrived after the cut-off, so the GC must first vote to accept it as an emergency motion.

Richard Williams was re-elected as LI's NPF representative. The Labour Policy Development team has confirmed the update.

Parliamentary advisories and motions

Several motions and advisories went out through the briefings mailer:

- Letters on the Constitutional Reform motion and the Irregular Migration motion went out on 17 October.
- Letters on the Cyber Security and Resilience Bill advisory went to peers on 16 October.
- Letters congratulating Lord Sikka and another peer on their interventions on the Sovereign Grant Bill went out on 17 October.
- The Boosting Tangible Investment motion was sent on 22 October to Andy Burnham, Louise Haigh, Miatta Fahnbulleh and others. The emails say it was adopted on 22 October, but the GC met on 18 October, so that date should be checked.
- A thank-you on floating offshore wind went out on 23 October.
- The Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill advisory went to about 34 MPs on 7 November, ahead of its second reading on 13 November. Replies so far are mostly automated, including one from Sian Berry's office.

Membership and campaigns

Eight or so new members were reported on 13 October, and branch lists went out to branch secretaries. Role-holder support confirmed that a one-off record problem with Labour's membership data was being fixed. In a significant step on 21 October, LI members became visible on Labour's Organise and Hub systems, and Graham confirmed he could log in to both.

The Overseas Constituencies campaign group has made progress:

- Nigel Williams published new overseas-constituencies web pages and created a new survey.
- A Lib Dem MP's unsolicited letter to an overseas voter was noted as a contrast with Labour MPs' silence.
- The next campaign call is on 14 November.

The EU survey closed with 62 second-phase responses. The CSV went to the working group, and Imogen is drafting the findings for the summit.

The Northern France and Channel Islands branch relaunch mailing went out on 5 November.

Communications and technology

The Brussels Labour branch is moving from its infected GoDaddy site to the LI website, with a possible belgium.labourinternational.net sub-domain approved by HQ.

New ideas discussed:

- An economics working group, which Frankie, Tim and Graham all back.
- A “yearbook” (requires a different name) to advertise LI and its global knowledgege and esperience

Finance and admin

The Costa Blanca branch’s £290.80 arrived in the LI account. The Hansard training payment of £240 was transferred. The outgoing LI debts, about £2,224 in sterling was paid. Some smaller debts remain. Secretary reset the treasurer mailbox following the resignation of the treasurer.

Newsletter

The newsletter has been moved to a quarterly schedule as a trial. The next edition will be in December.