

East Midlands Liberal Democrats

Motions to Regional Conference

Saturday 30 October 2010

1. PARTY MATTERS Proposed by Cllr David Bill, Hinckley & Bosworth

This conference recognises the difficult financial position facing the country and supports the measures being taken by our parliamentary party.

It recognises that, here on the ground, we have a challenge in being able to adequately defend the actions being taken. It calls on the National Party to recognise that as the East Midlands no longer has parliamentary representation there is an urgent need to establish a two way link between campaigners in the East Midlands and the parliamentary party. To this end we urgently request that an MP or his or her office is nominated to act as a conduit to fulfil this role.

2. UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES Proposed by Sam Boote

Conference deplores the decision of the Business Secretary and of the Coalition Government to allow tuition fees to rise without limit and calls on the Deputy Prime Minister and his Liberal Democrat colleagues in the Cabinet to honour the pledge in the election manifesto of May 2010 to scrap unfair university tuition fees for all students taking their first degree including those studying part-time (saving them over £10,000 each) and immediately to scrap fees for final year students.

3. FOOD & FARMING Proposed by Lincolnshire Liberal Democrats

Conference believes that the first steps to reducing 'food miles' is to ensure that our country is self sufficient in all food products that can readily be produced in our climate.

Conference notes that the number of dairy farmers in the UK has fallen to below 50% of that just ten years ago. Unless farmers can be confident that milk prices will exceed the cost of production we will face a choice between large scale units as proposed at Nocton in Lincolnshire or importing fresh milk.

Amendments to any of these motions is invited until 10.00 am Friday, 29 October 2010

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