

**East Midlands Liberal Democrats Autumn Conference**  
**University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH**

**Saturday 7th November 2009**

**Agenda**

- 09:30 Registration at Attenborough Building and Coffee
- 10:00 Welcome – **Pete Coley**, Leader of Lib Dem group on Leicester City Council PPC for Leicester West
- 10:20 **Brian Orrell** – Chairman of the English Party
- 11:00 Motion/debate: (Three have been submitted to be debated in the following order, time permitting)
1. "Conference deplores the recent proposal for a so-called 'mansion tax' and reaffirms the party's commitment to abolish any form of property taxes and to replace them with taxes that are based on the ability to pay." **Sam Boote Rushcliffe**
2. "Conference notes the recent report by Network Rail which supported the electrification of the Midland Mainline between Sheffield and London. Conference further notes that electric trains are faster, better for the environment and in the long run cheaper than ordinary trains.
- "Conference resolves to support the electrification of the Midland Mainline."  
(Final wording TBC) **Lucy Care Derby City**
3. "Conference notes that across the country local fire services are facing cutbacks.
- "Conference further notes that here in the East Midlands local fire services are threatened with cuts. In Leicestershire Hinckley faces eight firefighters being cut from its Fire Station, whilst in the north of the county the Moira Fire Station is threatened with closure despite massive local opposition.
- "Conference believes that even during a recession some services are too vital too cut back and the Fire Service is one such service.
- "Conference resolves to support local Liberal Democrats who oppose cuts to their Fire Services and urges the government to give Fire Authority's fair grant settlements."  
**Michael Mullaney Bosworth**

12:00	<b>The life of an MEP-Bill Newton Dunn MEP</b>
13:00	Lunch – David Wilson Library café is available to delegates at student prices.
14:00	<b>Baroness Ros Scott- What does the President do all day?</b>
15:00	Coffee
15:15	<b>Workshop/Training sessions</b>
	Pageplus training with Alex Foster
	Election Planning with Stuart Bray
16:15	<b>AGM-</b> Including Approval of Accounts Treasurer's report Appointment of Auditor Chair's report
17:00	Closing words