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Amended and agreed at NC meeting on 28th November 2015 & constitutional changes agreed at SGM of February 2016.

The Labour Representation Committee needs to be streamlined in its communication methods, both face to face and online. Rather than have an executive committee which meets and then takes proposals to a National Committee we propose to combine these to form a leaner more pro-active National Executive Committee (NEC), members of which will take part in running the organisation.

Members:

One officer task which requires streamlining is: membership. We will aim to provide self-registration online, with an automatic receipt being provided by a system. (Postal members will have to be managed manually – but we ask for email addresses at every opportunity.) Dependent on funds, we will aim to provide an online discussion area for members and local groups.

The system will request Labour Party CLP information on entry form, as well as union membership. There will of course be exceptional circumstances for non-LP members or supporters, who don't belong to organisations who stand against Labour.

Steering group (for the period between SGM and AGM).

During the transition stage – it will be the existing National Committee. Constitutional changes were made at the SGM to satisfy the new structure.

Working Body (NEC) proposal for next AGM.

- Honorary President
- Chair & vice chairs(2)/Secretary/Treasurer/Admin/Memberships/Web (at least 4 women)
- National Unions, National Affiliates (1 place per 100 members (maximum 2 seats) gender balance preferred if possible. Responsible for promoting LRC membership amongst their own memberships
- 8 members nominated by affiliates or other members. (aim for at least 4 women) Must be prepared to take on responsibilities for running the organisation.
- 1 each LGBT/Disabilities/BAME for recruiting, representing and spreading the word.
- 2 National Organisers representing local LRC groups (2) to be elected by balloting delegates from local LRC groups attending the AGM

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- All above will be elected at the following AGM
- Co-options by the NEC where and when necessary for administrative tasks
- Some decisions and meetings to be held online to save travel costs.

Affiliates

- Union branches/regions as before. CLPs & Branches as before
- Local groups: Geographically no larger than borough wide in London or no larger than county-wide outside London. Groups must be properly constituted and minuted with minimum number of attendees. Eventually, subject to funds, each recognised group will have presence on website – with relevant communication methods. Local group constitution changes are required.
- Affiliated Organisations to be approved by the NEC.
- Each recognised group & recognised regional/branch affiliate has the right to raise motions to AGM conference.

Membership fee. New rates £14 waged; £7 unwaged or low waged, to be voted on at SGM

There is a great need for a part-time admin person – especially at AGM time, which we currently cannot afford. The website needs a complete overhaul