

Draft amendments to Autumn Conference motion F16 from LD4SOS

line 2 for 'world,' read 'world –'

lines 11-14 for 'policies-immigration' read 'policies that benefit the United Kingdom, treat migrants and seekers of sanctuary with dignity and courtesy and address the issues which affect social cohesion, including the prevalence of low wages and the shortage of affordable homes'

lines 16-19 for 'partly-racist' read 'through a generally acceptable and fully enforced policy meeting international standards, which will allow families to be reunited, students to study here, those with skills to offer to work here, and seekers of sanctuary to be protected and integrated'

line 35 for 'regrets-referendum' read 'notes the result of the referendum on EU membership'

lines 36-37 for 'British people' read 'UK electorate'

line 38 for 'goods, people' read 'people, goods'

lines 40-42 for 'endorses-meet' read 'regards the recommendations of policy paper 131, *A Fair Deal for Everyone: Prosperity and Dignity in Migration*, as a good basis for Liberal Democrat policy to meet'

lines 44-45 for 'target-policy' read 'target, the hostile environment policy and using civil society as border guards'

lines 50-52 'A new-save' read 'A right to work for seekers of sanctuary in any employment for which they are suitable if their application is not decided after 3 months rather than the current 12 months, in order both to treat them more humanely and to save

lines 53-56 for 'policy-save' read 'policy for irregular migrants of 'detention as last resort', with increased use of case-work in the community replacing detention, thus allowing the closure of 8 immigration centres, so as to treat people more humanely and to save'

below line 56 insert new '(v)' and renumber: 'Ensure vulnerable people, such as pregnant women and those who have mental health problems or been subject to torture, are not detained, that no one is detained more than 72 hours without judicial oversight, and that no one is detained longer than 28 days in any circumstances.'

line 58 for 'illegal' read 'irregular'

line 66 for 'economic' read 'social and economic'

line 71 for 'Support projects' read 'Support the Schools for Sanctuary programme, and projects'

below line 72 Insert '(d) Double the number of Minimum Wage checks on firms to stop them undercutting others and exploiting workers'

lines 75-76 for 'and the' read 'and, for a time-limited period of not more than five years and subject to individual assessment, the'

lines 97-98 for 'reporting-separately' read 'counting students separately in Government statistics'

below line 105 insert new 'a)' and reletter the rest of section 5: 'If the UK leaves the EU, retain alongside refugee status subsidiary protection status as defined in the EU Qualification Directive, and reiterate our commitment to the principle of *non-refoulement* as applied in international and European human rights law.'

lines 106-107 for 'applications-local' read 'applications independent of central control, to improve speed and quality of decision-making, working with local'

lines 109-111 for 'sanctuary-asylum-seekers' read 'sanctuary, to include conversational English and way of life in the UK, and scrap the financial support 16 hours-per-week rule for asylum-seekers'

line 114 for 'justice, with' read 'justice, doing away with the culture of disbelief, and with'

line 115 affect...applications' read 'LGBT+ applicants, child-led family reunification applications and those who fled because of their religious or non-religious beliefs, or who are at risk if returned because they have converted to another faith or belief'

below line 116 Insert 'e) Ensure an effective review and arbitration process to allow any decision apparently taken outside the rules to be rectified before reaching appeal.'

'f) Improve the appeals process by transferring the cost from the Ministry of Justice to the responsible department (Business, International Development, Home Office, and in England Education), thereby incentivising getting it 'right first time'.'

'g) Endorse Baroness Hamwee's The Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill and support restoring the arrangements for legal aid for seekers of sanctuary that existed before the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders (LAPSO) Act 2012.'

'h) Ensure that interpreting to nationally recognised standards to and from the language of the asylum seeker is available at every asylum interview, in order to ensure a common understanding of the issues, and to enable the correct decision to be arrived at more quickly and cost-effectively.'

'i) Provide an effective mechanism to implement in full the Immigration Act 2016 that commits the UK to welcoming unaccompanied refugee children.'

'j) Support those who arrived in the UK as unaccompanied minors to enable them to apply on their 18th birthday or shortly after for refugee status, and not returning them to countries where they may no longer have any living relatives, but allow them to apply for family reunion in the UK until the age of 25.'

'k) Rewrite all government-tendered contracts for asylum-seekers' housing, to ensure that a local authority or group of local authorities can compete for them, that housing conditions which compromise human dignity, such as forced bedroom sharing for unrelated adults, will be grounds for termination, and that existing specific laws on rental housing standards will be fully applicable, while making every effort to terminate any current contracts that do not meet these last two conditions.'

line 117 for 'tackle illegal' read 'address irregular'

line 118 for 'the Border' read 'accountable Border'

lines 122-124 Replace in their entirety below line 56 above, and reletter the item following a) in this section.

below line 126 Insert 'c) Ensure that those who are refused entry on arrival are subject to the same rules on detention as other detainees, and that the recommendations of the Independent Monitoring Boards on conditions at Heathrow and Gatwick are implemented.'

'd) Ensure the victims of trafficking are supported so that they can give evidence against their traffickers and never be returned to their country of origin where their traffickers would have access to them all over again.'

line 129 for 'towards a' read 'towards a fully trained'