

Conference Arrangements Committee

Criteria for determining if a motion is contemporary

Labour Party policy is made through Partnership into Power (PiP), a year round cycle of policy development. As part of PiP, policy submissions on any topic are accepted year round and are considered by one of Labour's six policy commissions. The NEC considers motions submitted on campaigning and organisational matters. Contemporary motions are designed to deal with those issues which could not have been dealt with through PiP throughout the course of the year - new issues which arise between the publication of the NPF reports and Annual Conference each year.

In deciding if a contemporary motion is valid (contemporary) the CAC will consider the following points:

- Is the issue already addressed in the conference agenda?
- Has the issue been dealt with by the NPF and Policy Commissions in their work during the year as set out in their reports to Conference and the papers?
- Could the issue have been sent to the NPF, Policy Commissions or the NEC for consideration before they published their work?

A motion will be deemed to be contemporary if:

- a. It is 250 words or less and deals with one subject.
- b. It deals with a topic which arose after the publication of the reports of the National Policy Forum (NPF), Policy Commissions or National Executive Committee on the 31st July or has not been substantively addressed in those reports. Copies of the reports will be sent to delegates in early September.
- c. The issue could not otherwise have been raised through the Partnership in Power process.
- d. It does not seek to by-pass either the National Policy Forum policy-making or National Executive Committee decision-making processes or to overturn or revisit the Party Policy Programme as agreed through the Partnership in Power process, including issues defeated at the NPF which failed to achieve the status of an alternative position at the NPF.

The **National Policy Forum's Annual Report** will be published in early August on Membersnet at: <http://members.labour.org.uk/partnership-into-power>

The paper copies of the annual reports of the National Executive Committee and the National Policy Forum will be sent to delegates in early September.