

Rules for the South East Regional Executive Committee and Regional Conference

Name

1. The South East Regional Executive Committee, hereinafter named 'REC'.

Clause II: Aims and values

1. National

A. The aims and values of the Labour Party as outlined in Chapter 1 Clause IV above shall apply to this REC.

2. Regional

A. To assist the NEC in promoting and building the Labour Party at all levels within the region. This REC will encourage all Party organisations to build and consolidate membership of the Labour Party, assist in the induction of new members and encourage their participation in the campaigning and policy making activities of the Labour Party.

B. To work with local Party units, the regional and local organising staff of the Party to secure the election of Labour representatives at all levels of the democratic process. Members of this REC will undertake such work in accordance with the plans formulated by the National Executive Committee.

C. To act as an Appeals and Disputes Panel to hear constitutional appeals, to receive reports of such appeals, and to carry out other constitutional duties as the NEC or the rules and constitution of the Party shall from time to time require.

D. To ensure the effective organisation of regional conferences. To develop an annual work programme for the REC to support regional engagement with all members, affiliates and stakeholders, including: registered supporters, affiliated supporters, women members, BAME members, disabled members, LGBT members, Young Labour and Labour Students within the region.

Clause III: Affiliated Organisations

1. CLPs shall affiliate to the Regional Labour Party.

Other organisations may affiliate to the REC if they fall within the following categories:

A. Regional trade union affiliated to the Party nationally;

B. Socialist societies affiliated to the Party nationally;

C. The Cooperative Party;

D. Other organisations which in the opinion of the NEC are deemed eligible for affiliation.

2. Each affiliated organisation must have members who are registered as electors within the region.

Clause IV: Affiliation Fees

1. Affiliation fees and contributions payable to the REC shall be:

A. Constituency Labour Parties at a fixed rate of £100 per CLP per annum.

B. Trade Unions, Socialist Societies and other organisations: at a rate set of £100 per 1000 members or part thereof per annum.

C. The South East Co-operative Party Council will contribute to the South East Regional Labour Party at a rate set of £100 per 1000 members or part thereof per annum

2. All affiliation fees shall be paid no later than 31 December of the relevant year. (Please see Appendix 3)

Clause V: Membership of the Regional Executive Committee

1. The REC shall comprise: (Please see Appendix 2)

A. CLP representatives elected by a ballot of CLP delegates at regional conference. The CLP section shall contain at least 50% women (Please see Appendix 1). The REC shall be responsible for ensuring that the election of CLP representatives reflects the geography and membership of the region. The size of the CLP section shall be determined by the size of the region and on the following basis:

iii. For regions with more than 60 Westminster constituencies there shall be 2 CLP representatives for every 10 constituencies or part thereof.

iv. There are 84 Westminster constituencies in the South East Region, and therefore 18 CLP representatives (Please see Appendix 1)

B. Trade union representatives elected by trade union delegates at regional conference. The trade union section shall contain at least 50% women. The trade union section shall make up at least a third of the overall voting members of the REC.

C. A women's representative elected by the regional women's committee, or elected by delegates to regional conference if there is no active regional women's committee.

D. A regional BAME representative elected by the regional BAME committee, or elected by delegates to regional conference if there is no active regional BAME committee.

E. A disability representative elected by the regional disability committee, or elected by delegates to regional conference if there is no active regional disability committee.

F. An LGBT representative elected by the regional LGBT committee, or elected by delegates to regional conference if there is no active regional LGBT committee.

G. A Young Labour representative elected at an all members meeting of the Regional Young Labour Group, or elected by delegates to regional conference if there is no active regional Young Labour committee. The rep must be a woman at least every other term.

H. A Co-operative Party representative nominated by the Co-operative Party who must be a woman at least every other term.

I. 2 representatives of local and regional government elected by members of the ALC at least one of whom must be a woman.

J. 1 representative from MPs elected by the regional group of the PLP who must be a woman at least every other term.

K. 1 representative from the Socialist Societies affiliated to the Regional Labour Party, elected by Socialist Society delegates to regional conference.

2. Ex-officio members of this REC, without voting rights, shall be:

- A. National Policy Forum members representing the region.
- B. A representative of Police and Crime Commissioners in the region.
- C. The Regional Director.
- D. NEC members' resident from the region elected from the CLP Division
- E. The Chair of the Regional CAC

3. The Chair and two Vice Chairs of this REC shall be elected by delegates to regional conference from amongst the membership of this REC. **At least** one of the 3 positions shall be a woman. At least one of the three must be from the CLP section and at least one from the trade union section.

4. This REC shall meet as required to transact the business of this REC and not less than four times a year.

5. The quorum for business meetings of this REC shall be 33 per cent rounded up to the nearest number of those members entitled to vote in attendance.

Clause VI: Regional Conference

1. The regional conference will take place annually to deal with Party business at a timing determined by the REC. The REC will be elected as outlined in Clause V in alternate years.

2. There shall be a Regional Conference Arrangements Committee of no fewer than three of its members which will set the priorities for the conference and oversee the organisation of the conference.

A. Where no Regional Conference Arrangements Committee is currently established, the Regional Conference Arrangements Committee shall be elected by and from the membership of the Regional Executive Committee.

B. Thereafter, the Regional Conference Arrangements Committee shall be elected by delegates to the Regional Conference.

3. Delegations shall be established on a basis set by the REC and fulfil the following criteria:

A. The voting weights of CLPs and affiliates to the conference should mirror Annual Conference.

B. The number of delegates permitted should be relative to the size of the nominating Party unit or organisation.

C. Delegations should be at least 50% women.

D. Relevant measures should be taken to ensure that the region's ethnic diversity is represented.

4. A delegation fee will be charged at an amount decided by the REC. Such fees should be paid before credentials are issued.

5. The duties of the Regional Conference Arrangements Committee shall be:

A. To draw up the agenda of regional conference ensuring that time is provided to enable debate and allow for any policy making process that is stipulated for the conference by the NEC or Annual Conference.

B. To publish a timetable for the submission of motions from members and affiliates.

6. Qualification of delegates

A. Every delegate must be an individual and fully paid-up member of the Party with at least 6 months continuous membership.

B. Delegates may only attend the regional conference if their appointing organisation's REC affiliation and delegate fee are up to date.

C. Delegates must be bona-fide members of the organisation appointing them and resident within the region except that:

i. Organisations can be represented by paid permanent officials.

ii. CLPs may be represented by their Member of Parliament (provided they are members of the Parliamentary Labour Party) or their NEC endorsed Parliamentary candidate.

iii. No delegate shall act for more than one organisation.

7. Ex-officio members of the Regional Conference are as follows and may attend on payment of the appropriate fee set by the REC:

A. Members of the NEC.

B. Members of the REC.

C. Members of the regional group of the PLP.

D. Local government group leaders, police and crime commissioners and Executive Mayors within the region.

E. NEC endorsed prospective Parliamentary candidates.

F. Labour City Region/ Metro Mayor(s) and Police and Crime Commissioners; or candidates for those positions once endorsed by the NEC.

G. Chairs and Secretaries of LCFs/LGCs.

H. Regional NPF representatives.

I. The General Secretary.

J. The Regional Director.

8. Visitors, who may be members or Affiliated Supporters, on payment of a fee set by the REC and subject to the limitations of the venue, will be eligible to attend Regional Conference without speaking or voting rights. Others may attend (Carers, Exhibitors, etc.) at the discretion of the Regional Director.

9. Procedure at Regional Conference shall as far as practicable be informed by the Standing Orders agreed at the last session of Annual Conference.

Appendix 1

Sub Regions (Counties) for the Purpose of CLP REC Representation

County	CLPs
Hampshire and IOW	Aldershot, Basingstoke, East Hampshire, Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Meon Valley, New Forest East, New Forest West, North East Hampshire, North West Hampshire, Portsmouth North, Portsmouth South, Romsey and Southampton North, Southampton Itchen, Southampton Test, Winchester, The Isle of White
Kent	Ashford, Canterbury, Chatham and Aylesford, Dartford, Dover, Faversham and Mid Kent, Folkestone and Hythe, Gillingham and Rainham, Gravesham, Maidstone and the Weald, North Thanet, Rochester and Strood, Sevenoaks, Sittingbourne and Sheppey, South Thanet, Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells
East Sussex	Bexhill and Battle, Brighton Kempton, Brighton Pavilion, Eastbourne, Hastings and Rye, Hove, Lewes, Wealden
West Sussex	Arundel and South Downs, Bognor Regis and Little Hampton, Chichester, Crawley, East Worthing and Shoreham, Horsham, Mid Sussex, Worthing West
Surrey	East Surrey, Epsom and Ewell, Esher and Walton, Guildford, Mole Valley, Reigate, Runnymede and Weybridge, South West Surrey, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath, Woking
Berkshire	Bracknell, Maidenhead, Newbury, Reading East, Reading West, Slough, Windsor, Wokingham
Buckinghamshire	Aylesbury, Beaconsfield, Buckingham, Chesham and Amersham, Milton Keynes North, Milton Keynes South, Wycombe
Oxfordshire	Banbury, Henley, Oxford East, Oxford West and Abingdon, Wantage, Witney

REC allocation of CLP Places

Sub Region/County	Allocated CLP Seats
Hampshire and IOW	2
Kent	2
East Sussex	2
West Sussex	2
Surrey	2
Berkshire	2
Buckinghamshire	2
Oxfordshire	2
Total	16

2 Representatives to be elected Region Wide

Women's Representation

Sub/County	Allocated Seats	Women's Representation
Hampshire and IOW	2	1 AWS/1 Open
Kent	2	1 AWS/1 Open
East Sussex	2	1 AWS/1 Open
West Sussex	2	1 AWS/1 Open
Surrey	2	1 AWS/1 Open
Berkshire	2	1 AWS/1 Open
Buckinghamshire	2	1 AWS/1 Open
Oxfordshire	2	1 AWS/1 Open
Region Wide	2	1 AWS/1 Open

Appendix 2

Membership of the Regional Executive Committee

Region	Total CLP REC seats (CL.V s1A)	Equalities seats (CL.V s1C-G)	Co-op Party (CL.V s1H)	Socialist Societies (CL.V s1L)	Elected reps (CL.V s1I &J)	Trades Unions (CL. V s1B)	Total voting members
South East	18	5	1	1	3	14	42

Total voting members	Total non-voting member (CL. V s2)	Total
42	9 + NEC Reps from the Region	51 + NEC Reps from the Region

Appendix 3

Affiliations Fees:

The current level of Affiliations Fees are as follows:

CLPs: £100

Trades Unions, Socialist Societies, and the Co-Op Party: £100 per 1000 members or part thereof