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Friday 11th March

11.00 Conference opens

Welcome address from Cllr Peter Barrett

11.10 SC1: Protecting independent consumer advocacy

Mover: Euan Robson Summator: TBC

Conference welcomes the devolution of consumer advocacy and representation in the Scotland Act 2016 as a further step on the road to a federal United Kingdom.

Conference believes:

1. That citizens and consumers should have access to advice, assistance and representation which is independent of government, regulators and commercial interests and which is free at the point of delivery;
2. That advocacy and representation on policy making or policy change on behalf of citizens and consumers is validated and given weight when underpinned by complaints handling data and research;
3. The advice provided by Citizens Advice Bureaux across Scotland to the general public in the most part by volunteers, over the last seventy five years has had quality and effectiveness.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish Government to:

1. Support the establishment of Consumer Scotland, resourcing it appropriately including by means of a levy on the key industries from which complaints and representations arise;
2. Promote the establishment of specialist functions within Consumer Scotland to handle complaints on specialist subject areas such as transport, communications and energy;
3. Ensure that central and local government provide proper support to Scotland's Citizens Advice Bureaux without conditions which compromise their independence;
4. Ensure that reports and proposals from Consumer Scotland and Citizens Advice Scotland are given full consideration by the appropriate Committees of the Parliament.

Cards:

Move – Euan Robson, Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire - called
Sum Up – Kris Chapman, Midlothian South Tweeddale & Lauderdale - called
Robert Brown, Rutherglen - called
Hamish Mackenzie, Aberdeen Central South and North Kincardine - called
Lin Macmillan, West Lothian - called

Votes:

Motion - carried

11.40 EM1: Keep Highlands and Islands Enterprise Local

Move: Cllr Jean Davis

Summator: Cllr Jamie Stone

Conference Notes:

- Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the successor of the Highlands and Islands Development Board which was established on the back of calls from liberals such as Jo Grimond, Russell Johnston and George Mackie, has delivered on a unique social and economic remit to support businesses and communities across the Highlands and Islands for over 50 years.
- The SNP Government's report on phase one of its Enterprise and Skills Review recommended the creation of "a new, single, strategic Scotland-wide statutory board to co-ordinate the activities of Scottish Enterprise and HIE, including Scottish Development International, Skills Development Scotland and the Scottish Funding Council".
- There has been overwhelming public opposition to the centralisation of HIE from businesses, local communities, leading economists, former Chairs and Chief Executives of HIE and the successful campaign led by the Press and Journal.
- That opposition MSPs united in Parliament on January 16th to defeat the Scottish Government and demand Scottish Ministers "ensure that the HIE board continues to take all strategic, operational and budgetary decisions."
- Professor Lorne Crerar's Scottish Government-commissioned report, published on February 23rd, recommends (i) reducing the HIE board to a "Delivery Board", (ii) installing "a Ministerial Chair" for the new overarching, centralised board, and (iii) enforcing the loyalty of HIE's Chair and board to Ministers while abandoning the interests of the local business and communities as "secondary."
- On March 1st the Scottish Government's plans to centralise enterprise and skills agencies were defeated for a second time during a debate on the Scottish Funding Council.

Conference Believes:

- The SNP's one-size-fits-all policy has already damaged the Highlands and Islands with (i) the loss of control over police and fire services, (ii) police counters and local courts closures, (iii) underfunding of NHS boards, and (iv) local government budget cuts.
- The centralisation of HIE will lead to a loss of local knowledge, risking economic development and fundamentally undermines HIE's unique remit to strengthen communities.
- Businesses and communities in the Highlands and Islands require tailored support, often different from the Central Belt, which is best provided by an economic development agency that is informed by, and has a laser-like focus on, local needs.
- An overarching super board based in the Central Belt will side-line the needs of the Highlands and Islands and strip local business, representatives and communities of the power to hold HIE to account.
- HIE can cooperate better with other agencies and be improved, but not under the Scottish Government's ill-judged proposals or Professor Lorne Crerar's report, described by a Highland economist as a "whitewash" and by a former Chair of HIE as "centralism run-riot".

Conference Calls on:

- Scottish Government Ministers to (i) reject the Crerar report, and (ii) respect the will of Parliament, and communities in the Highlands and Islands, by retaining the current “strategic, operational and budgetary” decision-making powers of the Highlands and Islands Enterprise board.
- SNP elected representatives for the Highlands and Islands to stand up for their constituents and publically reject the Scottish Government’s proposals to abolish the board of HIE.

Cards:

Move – Cllr Jean David, Ross Skye & Lochaber - called
 Sum Up – Jamie Stone, Caithness Sutherland and Ross - called
 Christine Jardine, Edinburgh North East & Leith - called
 Carolyn Caddick, Inverness Nairn Badenoch and Strathspey - called
 Liam McArthur, Orkney - called
 Angela Maclean, Ross Skye & Lochaber - called
 David Green, Ross Skye & Lochaber - called

Votes:

Motion - carried

12.15 Speech by Alistair Carmichael

12.30-14.00 Lunch

12.45-13.45 Fringes

14.00 SC2: Preventing drug-related deaths

Mover: Ewan Hoyle Summator: John Waddell

Conference notes:

- The number of drug-related deaths in Scotland has reached new heights in each of the last two years with that number reaching 706 in 2015.
- NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are exploring the potential of safe injecting and heroin assisted treatment facilities in addressing harm to drug users and the wider community.
- Concerns over apparent planned reductions in spending for drug and alcohol services in 2016/17.

Conference further notes:

1. Front of house pill testing has been deployed for the first time in the UK last summer, with drug users able to submit pills for testing at the Secret Garden Party festival in Cambridgeshire in July.
2. The closure of Glasgow's The Arches nightclub and arts venue following licensing restrictions due to drug-related incidents.
3. Existing Liberal Democrat policy supporting the decriminalisation of drug possession and provision of heroin assisted treatment clinics.

Conference believes:

- A. Drug-related deaths are preventable.
- B. Existing drug law enforcement strategies will continue to be unsuccessful in reducing drug-related deaths.
- C. Scotland can reverse its drug-related death trends if it learns from the experiences of other countries that have been more ambitious to save lives.
- D. It is wrong to punish venues for incidents on their premises when those incidents could be prevented through evidence based harm-reduction practices at a community level.

Conference calls for:

- i. The Scottish Government to support – politically and financially – the setting up of safe injection, heroin assisted treatment, and drug-testing facilities in all localities where there is a need.
- ii. The Scottish Government to encourage the de facto decriminalisation of the possession of drugs for personal use.
- iii. The Scottish Government and local authorities to deliver factual public health education on the dangers of drugs and safe usage.
- iv. Local authorities to make licensing decisions based on venues' efforts to keep their customers safe rather than their efforts to assist the police in enforcing drug laws.

Cards:

Move - Euan Hoyle, Glasgow South - called
Sum Up – John Waddell, Aberdeen Central South & North Kincardine - called
Tom Leatherland, Dunfermline - called
Paul McGarry, Central Scotland - called, request for separate vote on item IV
Ben Lawrie, Angus & Mearns - called
David Hannay, Galloway - called
David Jago, Glasgow South - called
James Calder, Dunfermline - called
Hamish Mackenzie, Aberdeen Central South & North Kincardine - called

Votes:

Sep vote on iv. – lines are retained
Motion - carried

14.50 SC3: Updating speed limits for HGVs over 7.5 tonnes

Mover: Ian Turnbull Summator: John Ferry

Conference notes that:

1) In April 2015 speed limits for Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) above 7.5 tonnes were increased in England and Wales from 40 mph to 50 mph on single carriageways, and from 50 mph to 60 mph on dual carriageways.

2) This change modernised an out-dated restriction that is no longer in place in most other European countries.

3) The 20 mph differential between lorry and car speeds on single carriageway roads encourages dangerous overtaking.

Conference reaffirms the Liberal Democrat commitment to:

A) Have an up-to-date road network with modern rules and regulations to match.

B) To improve productivity in the economy and safety on our roads.

Conference calls on the Scottish Government to update speed limits for HGVs above 7.5 tonnes to bring them in line with England and Wales.

Cards:

Move - Ian Turnbull, Ettrick, Roxburgh & Berwickshire

Sum Up - John Ferry, Midlothian South Tweeddale & Lauderdale

Malcolm Wood, Edinburgh West – NOT CALLED

Francis Renton, Borders - called

Ross Carruthers, Perth & Kinross - called

Sue Tritton, Edinburgh South - called

Andrew Nisbet, Dumbarton -called

Votes:

Motion – carried

15.10 Speech by Nick Clegg

15.30 TI1: Topical issue Dementia (Frank's Law and Dementia in Football).

David Green and five other members (David May, Mike Rumbles, Jamie Mackie, Laura Thomas and David Evans

Conference notes:

- In Scotland an estimated 3,200 people aged under 65 have dementia, an increase by a third in the last six years.
- Frank Kopel, a former Dundee United player, suffered from vascular dementia for 6 years but only became eligible for free personal care shortly before his death.
- Franks Law proposes individuals who suffer from dementia, motor neurone disease, or other degenerative illnesses receive free personal care regardless of their age.
- Dementia among former footballers is increasing, as evidenced by research published by Stirling University in 2016 that found "small but significant changes in brain function" while Alzheimer Scotland has announced that it intends to hold a "football and dementia summit".

Conference believes:

- Free personal care for the elderly was introduced by Liberal Democrats in the Scottish Executive and has been a success, but further action is now required to address the injustice Franks Law will address.
- That a person suffering dementia under the age of 65 will, in all probability, have lost their job and income but still be further disadvantaged by the cost of personal care, and recognises the work of The Courier and Amanda Kopel in raising awareness of this issue.
- That research into the links between football and dementia remains limited, and a concerted effort from sport and the research community is now needed - starting with a study about the incidence of dementia among former footballers.

Conference re-affirms its 2016 Manifesto support for Franks Law and calls on the Scottish Government to legislate to enable those under the age of 65 suffering from these conditions to access free care.

Conference urges the Scottish Government and the Scottish Football Association to (i) examine what support can be given to ex-football players suffering from dementia, (ii) develop research into the potential link between brain injuries, dementia and football, and (iii) respond swiftly to the publication of any research.

Cards:

Move - David May, Angus

Sum Up – Mike Rumbles, Aberdeenshire West

Sheila Thomson, Aberdeen Central South and North Kincardine

Peter Bellarby, Angus & Mearns

Willie Wilson, P&K

David Green, Ross, Skye & Lochaber

Votes:

Motion - carried

16.00 SC4: Education

Mover: Sheila Thomson Summator: John Waddell

Conference reaffirms its belief that education is the essential investment that allows everyone to achieve their potential.

Conference notes:

1. Scotland used to have one of the best education systems in the world but, after ten years of SNP Government, it is heading in the wrong direction.
2. Scotland's performance in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) has declined, with the latest report in December 2016 recording Scotland's worst ever ranking in reading, maths and science, with its performance now just average among OECD countries.
3. Teachers are contending with huge amounts of conflicting and complicated guidance.

4. Responses to the Scottish Government's consultation on the introduction of new regional education boards which would operate across council areas, including the comments of the EIS union that significant restructuring of the relationship between central and local government would be a "significant distraction from the real needs of Scottish education", the view of the Scottish Secondary Teacher Association that "structural change only diverts energies and resources away from the main challenge of closing the attainment gap" and the opinion of Children in Scotland that the governance proposals risk having "zero impact" on the attainment gap.

5. The introduction of national testing and prospect of school league tables, piling the pressure on pupils and school staff alike.

6. The widespread concerns surrounding the dual function of Education Scotland, founded in 2011 following a merger of HM Inspectorate of Education, which inspected schools, and Learning and Teaching Scotland, which developed classroom materials and provided school support.

Conference believes:

a) The SNP must take responsibility for the failure to provide schools, teachers and pupils with the support they need to work to the best of their ability.

b) Implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence has been beset by challenges under the leadership of four different Cabinet Secretaries but that the principles that underpin it are sound.

Conference also believes:

A. The introduction of national testing amounts to broken promises from the Scottish Government, undermining the spirit and purpose of Curriculum for Excellence and creating further burdens for teachers.

B. Moving towards an increasingly centralised, one-size-fits-all approach is not an effective way to improve education.

Conference therefore calls for the Scottish Government to:

i. Further invest in our education system in order to stop years of damaging cuts to school and college budgets, pursue evidence led measures to reduce the attainment gap, and ensure every child has opportunities to reach their potential.

ii. Work with others to identify further means to alleviate teachers' workloads.

iii. Stop school league tables.

iv. End its apparent determination to pursue centralising structural reform in education, irrespective of the evidence.

v. Separate the functions of Education Scotland and re-establish the independence of the school inspectorate

Cards:

Move – Sheila Thomson, Aberdeen Central South and North Kincardine - called

Sum Up – John Waddell, Aberdeen Central South & North Kincardine - called

Yvonne Finlayson, Central Scotland - called

Kris Chapman, Midlothian South Tweeddale and Lauderdale - called

David Hay, Angus - called

David Stevens, Edinburgh North East & Leith – called - call for sep vote on item iii

Votes:

Motion

Whisky tasting 5.30 - 7pm, Friday 10th March Muirhead Suite

Saturday 11th March

Party AGM

Reports & Accounts

All Reports to the conference were approved by the conference

Diversity – Willie Rennie MSP, NE Fife

BM1: Taking forward gender balance policy for the Scottish Parliament Elections in 2021

Willie Rennie & 28 members

Mover/Summator Willie Rennie

Conference notes:

- a. At the Spring Conference 2016 the party agreed a policy to deliver gender balance for the UK and Scottish elections for 2020 and 2021 respectively.
- b. It was agreed that the conference would conclude which Scottish Parliament seats would be subject to these arrangements for the 2021 elections based on five of the top ten most winnable seats.

Conference believes:

- a. The following extra votes would be required to secure victory in the following regions: 7,077 in South; 7,228 in West; 9,037 in Glasgow; 9,734 in Highlands & Islands and 11,228 in Central.
- b. The following extra votes would be required to secure victory in the following constituencies: 3,913 in Caithness, Sutherland & Ross; 5,978 in Argyll & Bute; 6,138 in Aberdeenshire West and 9,043 in Skye, Lochaber & Badenoch.

Conference agrees:

- a. To allocate the most winnable seats based on votes required to win, membership strength and a geographical spread.
- b. The following candidate positions shall be open for women only for the 2021 Scottish Parliamentary Elections:
 - Caithness, Sutherland and Ross constituency
 - Argyll and Bute constituency
 - The first place on the South of Scotland regional list
 - The first place on the West of Scotland regional list
 - The first place on the Glasgow regional list

Amendments

Amendment to BM1: Taking forward gender balance policy for the Scottish Parliament Elections in 2021

Submitted by: John Lawrie, Moyra Forrest, Graham Garvie, Sue Tritton and Gillian Gloyer

Mover: John Lawrie

Delete from lines 7 to the end.

Substitute:

“Conference further notes that

- (c) The five best prospects for gaining a seat at the 2021 election are regional seats.
- (d) These would be secured on an increase in the regional vote of less than 4% in each case.
- (e) No constituency would be won with an increase in the constituency vote of less than 6%, and only one on less than 10%.

Conference accordingly agrees that the first place on the following regional lists shall be open for women only in 2021:

- West of Scotland
- South of Scotland
- Highlands and Islands
- Central Scotland
- Glasgow

Cards:

Move & Sum Up – Willie Rennie, North East Fife - called
Amd & Sum Up – John Lawrie, Edinburgh South - called
Cathy McInnes, Argyll and Bute – called
Rod Ackland, East Dunbartonshire - called
Katy Gordon, Glasgow South - called
Alison Hay, Argyll & Bute - called
Ross Stalker, Paisley & Renfrewshire - called
Frances Renton, Ettrick, Roxburgh & Berwickshire - called
Andrew Nisbett, Dumbarton - called
Ashay Ghai, East Dunbartonshire – called, with Reference Back
Callum Leslie, Edinburgh North East & Leith – not called
Karen Lindsay, Exec – called – against reference back

Votes:

Reference Back - to be discussed
Reference Back – Count – For 55 Against 76 – not referred back
Amendment – Count – For 66 Against 78 – amendment falls
Line 20 Separate Vote – line 20 remains
Motion - carried

10.30 Baroness Sal Brinton speech

10.40 SC5: Fighting for our place in the UK and Europe

Mover: Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP Summator: Christine Jardine

Conference notes:

- The longstanding commitment of the Liberal Democrats to membership of the European Union;
- The motion passed at the Autumn 2016 conference that regretted the “lack of direction, leadership or clarity” from the UK Government on their negotiations and strategy which “breeds unwelcome uncertainty”;
- Support from former UK and Irish prime ministers John Major and John Bruton for the idea of a referendum on the final terms of the deal between the UK Government and the rest of the EU.

Conference believes that:

- The loss of the single market and other pillars of the EU would harm our economy, security, education, environment and individual freedoms;
- There is a need for at least one political party to speak for and articulate the “majority case” in Scotland both for the UK remaining in the EU and for Scotland remaining in the UK;
- The opportunity exists for the Scottish Liberal Democrats to be that party and to represent those people who voted Remain, as well as a wider group of voters who wish to retain the benefits of the single market or otherwise wish to reject the deal agreed by the Conservative Government with the rest of the EU;
- Such an opportunity would stay true to the positions taken by the Scottish Liberal Democrats in the referendums of 2014 and 2016 with the overwhelming support of party members and voters;
- No other party is prepared to take up that challenge: the Scottish Conservatives have switched sides to become hard Brexiteers; Labour is confused, has turned its back on free movement and has given up on the EU; and the SNP are marching up and down on independence;
- The Liberal Democrats were right to campaign for legislation to guarantee a Brexit deal referendum to allow people across the UK the opportunity to have a say when the terms become clear;
- The Liberal Democrats are right to maintain this stance, to continue to campaign for it, to advocate and to rally support for it among the public across the UK even as negotiations with the EU continue;
- The result of the Richmond Park by-election, gained by the Liberal Democrats on a platform of opposition to the Conservative Government’s Brexit policy, shows that there is appetite and appeal for a party prepared to stick to what it believes in and to campaign to win support for its position;
- All of this is consistent with the longstanding and continuing campaign for a modern UK constitution, federal and democratic in nature.

Conference calls for:

- The continuing purpose of the Scottish Liberal Democrats to be the voice for the majority in Scotland, who want Scotland inside the UK and the UK in the EU, and thus to seek to win support for a public vote across the whole UK on the final EU deal, and to persuade the rest of the EU to be pragmatic in response to such demands;
- Scottish Liberal Democrats to work with colleagues across the UK to be the UK-wide rallying point for all those who are pro-EU.

Conference further resolves:

- That in the event of the UK's withdrawal from the EU, to adopt a policy of re-entry for the UK to the EU, thereby reaffirming the Liberal Democrats as the only party advocating a truly internationalist platform of closer integration between the UK and EU.

Amendments

Amendment to SC5: Fighting for our place in the UK and Europe

Submitted by: Aude Boubaker-Calder, James Calder, Jill Blair, Joanna Cockburn, Tristan Gray, Robin Munro, Lauren Jones, Bryn Jones

Mover: Aude Boubaker-Calder

Insert after line 58 (additional point in Conference calls for):

- “The Scottish Liberal Democrats to continue to make the case for the UK Government to unconditionally guarantee expatriates from other EU member states the right to remain in the UK.”

Cards:

Move - Alex ColeHamilton, Edinburgh West - called

Sum Up – Christine Jardine, Edinburgh North East and Leith - called

Amd - Aude Boubaker-Calder - called

Sum - James Calder - called

Harald Gavin, NE and Central Fife – called – request for separate vote on lines 33-36

Christopher Wilson, Central Scotland - called

William Hogg, Perth & Kinross – called – request for separate vote on lines 59-64

Aisha Mir, Edinburgh North East & Leith - called

Richard Coxon, Edinburgh North East & Leith - called

Votes:

Lines 33-36 (2nd Brexit Referendum) – lines are retained

Lines 59-64 EU Re-entry – lines are retained

Amendment - carried

Motion as amended - carried

11.30 EM2: UK Budget

Mover: Lord Purvis

Following the publication of the UK Budget on 8 March 2017, Conference notes:

- * It set out a rise in National Insurance increases for 5 million self-employed people, despite an explicit commitment in the Conservative Manifesto that National Insurance would not be raised in the current Parliament.
- * Cuts in corporation tax will still go ahead.
- * The Conservative Government is amassing a Brexit contingency fund worth £60 billion, choking public services.
- * The Office for Budget Responsibility has revised down its forecasts for when promises on the “national living wage” will be delivered.

Conference believes:

- * The UK Budget is fundamentally unfair.

- * It adds greater burden upon people who are already starting to feel the Brexit squeeze, amid rising prices and uncertainty surrounding jobs.
- * The Budget demonstrates the cost of a hard Conservative Brexit and that the party can never again credibly claim to be the party of business.
- * Theresa May's reckless Brexit plans will mean there are fewer resources available in future budgets.

Conference therefore:

- * Welcomes the fact Liberal Democrat MPs have been leading the scrutiny of the NIC hike, supporting entrepreneurship and hard work, alongside calling for the funding that is desperately needed by health and social care.
- * Calls on the Scottish Government to use the UK Budget consequential to invest in education and mental health, following its refusal to deliver in its Budget for 2017-18.

Cards:

Move – Jeremy Purvis, Tweeddale Midlothian South - called
 Christopher Wilson, Central Scotland - called
 Callum Leslie, Edinburgh North East and Leith - called
 John Waddell, Aberdeen South & North Kincardine - called
 Alan Reid, Argyll & Bute - called
 Tom Leatherland, Dunfermline – not called
 Christine Jardine, Edinburgh North East & Leith – not called
 Yvonne Finlayson, Central Scotland – called
 Kris Chapman, Midlothian South Tweeddale & Lauderdale - called

Votes:

Drafting error, voted on and passed
 Motion as amended by the drafting error resolution - carried

12.00-14.40 Lunch

12.15-13.15 Fringe meetings

13.30-14.30 Fringe meetings

14.40 SC6: Maternal mental health

Mover: Elisabeth Wilson Summator: Sheila Thomson

Conference believes that:

- Maternal mental health in Scotland is a special cause for concern amidst the general neglect of mental health;
- Where a mother does not receive appropriate support there may be long term effects upon the health of children as well as herself;
- A growing body of research has demonstrated that the problem is serious and costly, yet can be tackled through an expansion of the training of professionals and the enabling of community support.

Conference notes:

- a) The report of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2015 that showed that post-natal depression and depression during pregnancy affect up to one in five women and are undetected in as many as one in two women;
- b) The 2011 research which names mental illness as one of the leading causes of maternal deaths in the UK;
- c) The 2016 report of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland which says that stigma remains “a significant barrier” to women seeking help for postnatal mental illness especially the fear that their baby would be taken into care;
- d) That there are only two Scottish Mother and Baby Units where a mother can continue to care for her baby, and these are both in the central belt, restricting the care offered to women with wider family responsibilities who live away from the central belt;
- e) The study by the London School of Economics and the Centre for Mental Health which suggests that the most common forms of perinatal mental illness cost the NHS across the UK £1.2 billion and puts the total economic costs at £8bn annually;
- f) The concern from Barnardo’s and NSPCC Scotland that knowledge of perinatal mood disorders is not a core compulsory topic within the curriculum of health professionals;
- g) The report of the NSPCC in 2015 which showed that many health boards do not meet best practice, including only 36% of boards having a specialist community perinatal mental health service, and most health boards are without any midwives or health visitors with accredited mental health training;
- h) The concern of the Royal College of GPs that core training does not equip GPs to deal with perinatal mental health problems;
- i) The evidence that focused, available community support from the third sector can have a significant beneficial effect in allaying fears and preventing further distress.

Conference calls for:

- a) Scottish Liberal Democrats to continue to press for an increase in funding for mental health services in Scotland, recognising the enormous personal, health and economic costs of failing to address the challenge;
- b) The new Scottish Government ten year mental health plan to strengthen the provision of services for women with maternal mental health problems;
- c) Scottish Liberal Democrats to make a new five-point offer to mothers for the services they can expect to receive:
 1. The current post-natal six-week check to include support from a GP and Health Visitor with specific training on maternal mental health;
 2. Referral to a suitable community support network operated by voluntary groups or the third sector and supported by a health visitor;

3. Where inpatient care is needed this is offered with provision for the mother's continuing care for the baby, with the range of bed spaces expanded to allow more women to receive care close to their family home;

4. A new campaign to remove the stigma of mental ill health for new mothers, and to provide reassurance that keeping mothers and babies together is a foremost concern except in the most extreme cases.

5. A new time-bound plan to increase core training for GPs and health visitors in identifying and treating maternal mental health, to allow for the entitlement for a fully trained six-week check to be honoured.

Cards:

Move - Elizabeth Wilson, East Lothian - called

Sum Up - Sheila Thomson, Aberdeen Central South and North Kincardine - called

Lauren Jones, Dunfermline & West Fife - called

Jenny Marr, Edinburgh North East & Leith - called

Alex Cole-Hamilton, Edinburgh Western - called

Galen Milne, Stirling & Clackmannanshire - called

Alison Andrews, Angus & Mearns - called

Votes:

Motion – carried

15.30 Willie Rennie - Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats

15.50 Consultation session: Housing

The Policy Committee will host a structured discussion on housing policy. The session will cover types of tenure, quality and sustainability, the overall volume of house building, planning rules, and funding sources for social housing. A short paper setting the scene and structuring the discussion will be available to those attending the conference. The discussion will allow Policy Committee to frame motions for future conferences.

16.40 Party Awards

| Award | Recipient |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| The Ray Michie Quaich | Elaine Ford |
| The SLDW Quaich | Willie Rennie |
| The Robin McSkimming Award | Cathy McInnes |
| The Russell Johnston Award | Aude Boubaker-Calder |
| The John Morrison award | Graham Garvie |
| The Sheila Tennant award | Ben Lawrie |