

Final
Agenda
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GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

BFAWU – Bakers Food and Allied Workers Union.

EC – Executive Council.

RC – Regional Council.

EU – European Union.

MP – Member of Parliament.

HSE – Health and Safety Executive.

UK – United Kingdom.

NHS – National Health Service

TUC – Trades Union Congress.

OECD- Office for Economic Co-operation and Development.

RPI – Retail Prices Index.

CPI – Consumer Prices Index.

GM – General Manager.

IT – Information Technology.

NPC – National Pensioners Convention.

CCTV – Closed Circuit Television

WASPI- Women Against State Pension Inequality.

RULE CHANGES AND NEW RULES

Motion 1

Rule 5.1

Branch 253

That this conference agrees to a new rate of contribution for those on contracts of less than 21 hrs and an amendment to rule 5.1 as follows

5.1 Contributions and Benefits

The weekly contribution of all waged members on contracts over 21 hrs (other than free card members) 18 years of age and over, shall be set by the EC but shall not exceed one half of the basic hourly rate in the National Working Agreement. With the NW Agreement, members under 18 shall pay £1 per week – to be increased each year at the same percentage rise as the full members' contribution increase.

Also, where members are on contracts of 21 hrs or less the contribution shall be 50% of the full rate (over 21-hour contract rate) This rate is not retrospective and is for new members joining after July 2019 and for returning members whose membership has lapsed for more than 6 months.

Also, where a member is employed on a zero hours contract in the Fast Food Industry (or any industry organised by the BFAWU) and is an unrecognised site, they are entitled to pay the same rate as members under the age of 18, until such time as the site becomes recognised and/or the member is placed on a full contract. They shall then pay the full rate of membership contribution

Motion 2

Rule 5.1

No4 Regional Council

That this conference agrees that BFAWU members who joined the trade union whilst employed on a zero hours contract at an unrecognised site, but have full trade union membership with a different trade union in their other job only have to pay the reduced rate of membership subscription with the BFAWU as long as proof of other trade union membership can be provided. An update of the application form with additional trade union membership information is all that is required for the trade union to set the appropriate level of subscription fee.

Motion 3

Rule 5.1

No4 Regional Council

That this conference agrees that BFAWU members who have multiple jobs including a zero hours contract jobs at an unrecognised site and a contracted hours job, must pay the trade unions full membership subscription. An update of the application form with additional job information is all that is required for the trade union to set the appropriate level of subscription.

Motion 4

Rule 5.1

No4 Regional Council

That this conference agrees that BFAWU members leaving a zero hours contract job at an unrecognised site for a contracted hours job or self employment work, must pay the trade unions full membership subscription. FTO's, branch secretaries or the head of the region to contact affected members to advise them of the increased membership subscription and why they should stay a BFAWU member.

Motion 5**Rule 14.2****Branch 253**

That this conference agrees to an amendment to rule 14.2 as follows

14.2 Complement of Officers

The business of the Branches of this Union shall be conducted by the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Auditors, Shop Stewards and a Branch Management Committee consisting of three of the aforementioned officers, plus two other members of the Branch. All officers shall hold office for not more than two years, and shall be eligible for re-election at the December Quarter meeting, nomination at the previous September Quarter meeting. The election year shall be the same year as election for the EC.

Motion 6**Rule 14.2****Branch 558**

That this conference agrees that the mandatory two year election period for branch officials is reduced to one, creating greater interest, keeping members engaged and giving out opportunities to others who are hungry, stopping apathy and stagnation at the same time removing the "comfortable, feet under the table, coffee, one sugar please" approach. This in turn will keep branches busy and active.

Motion 7**Rule 14.7****Branch 253**

That this conference agrees to an amendment to rule 14.7 as follows

14.7 Sick Stewards

Each Branch may elect a Sick Steward or Stewards whose duty shall be to visit Members and report to the Branch Secretary as to their condition from time to time. They may receive out-of-pocket expenses. Sick stewards to hold office for a period of two years and be eligible for re-election. The election year shall be the same year as election for the EC.

Motion 8**Rule 14.8g****Branch 253**

That this conference agrees to an amendment to rule 14.8 g) as follows

14.8 Shop Stewards.

g) There shall be a Branch meeting at December Quarter for the election of Shop Stewards for which 14 days notice shall be given. All Stewards shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-election. If there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot shall be held. The election year shall be the same year as election for the EC.

Motion 9**Rule 14.8k****Branch 253**

That this conference agrees to an amendment to rule 14.8 k) as follows

k) Safety representatives shall be elected from the members of the Branches. The duty of Safety Stewards is to inspect plants and machinery and advise members of dangers and to keep the Secretary informed of dangerous practices, which may affect the health and safety of members. Safety stewards to stand for re-election after 2 years' service, and credentials to be progressed through the RC. The election year shall be the same year as election for the EC.

Motion 10**Rule 15.2****No7 Regional Council**

This conference agrees to change the number of members needed on the shop floor to have delegates to conference from 100 members to 75 members and the same ratio thereafter up to the maximum of 3 delegates.

Motion 11**Rule 15.4****Branch 253**

That this conference agrees to an amendment to rule 15.4 as follows

15.4 Branch Elections

Branches shall elect the Delegate or Delegates to the RC in December following the election of the EC and no member shall be eligible for election who is not in compliance with Rule 10. No nominations to be accepted unless submitted from Branches. Payment to Delegates shall be £5 plus travelling expenses for each meeting.

Motion 12**Rule 22.2****Branch 243**

That this conference agrees to an amendment to rule 22.2 as follows:

22.2 Nomination and Election of Delegates for Annual Conference

That nomination and voting for Conference Delegates shall be at the March Quarterly Meeting. A Branch may use a Substitute Delegate, elected at the March quarter meeting, to attend Conference at anytime up to Conference commencement with full rights, in the event of an elected Delegate being unable to attend Annual Conference. There shall be no restrictions on nominations. Each Branch shall be allowed one Delegate per 100 members or part thereof with a maximum of three delegates from any one Branch. A Branch will be able to elect a further delegate if they elect a member under the age of 27.

However, where there is a shops section within the factory branch, additional to factory branch delegates, nominations shall be held within the shops section and election on the basis of one delegate per 50 members or part thereof with a maximum of three delegates from that shop section. A shop section will be able to elect a further delegate if they elect a member under the age of 27.

For the purpose of Annual Conference delegates, the factory and shops membership must be counted separately and the election of the shops delegates be by ballot. The notification of delegates and substitute delegates must arrive at HO by the last Friday in March. The return sheets for the September Quarter shall determine the proportion of representation.

If any new Branch is formulated between 1 September and 1 March they may elect a maximum of one delegate at the March Quarter to attend Annual Conference.

Motion 13**Rule 22.2****No3 Regional Council**

That this conference agrees to amend Rule 22.2. Nomination shall be held within Shop Section and District Branches and election on the basis of one delegate per 50 members or part thereof with a maximum of two delegates from that Shop Section and District Branches.

Amend Rule 15.2. Add after second paragraph; District Branches to elect one delegate per 50 members or part thereof with a maximum of two delegates per branch.

Motion 14**Rule 22.5****No7 Regional Council**

This conference agrees that a Region can move to find their own accommodation at conference with the Union paying them the same as they pay for EC choice of hotel. If there is any difference in cost then the Region will pay the difference.

Motion 15**Rule 22.5****No7 Regional Council**

This Conference agrees that the mileage payment for members using their vehicle should be set using the AA mileage payment rate at the 1st January each year and to pay this rate for the next 12 months, then reviewed again every 1st January and changed again if rate has changed.

Motion 16**Rule 22.19****No4 Regional Council**

That this conference agrees that members wishing to be on the ballot paper for the executive committee must provide details giving relevant information to the union on why they think they are suitable to be elected to the EC. This will allow voting conference delegates to make a more informed decision when voting on candidates for the EC.

Motion 17**Rule 22.20****Branch 277**

That this conference agrees that members who have attended any Labour/TUC Conference's should not be able to attend the following year, so as to allow new and existing members the chance to attend, unless there are no other applicants wishing to go.

GENERAL MOTIONS

Union Policies

Motion 18**No7 Regional Council**

That this conference agrees to amend the rule book as agreed in the 2014 annual conference to refer to unemployed members as unwaged members. The rule has not been changed to reflect this motion that was passed.

Motion 19**Branch 100**

That conference agrees to pledge it's continued support to the Fast Food Rights campaign, to bring in more hospitality workers into the BFAWU and to give them the tools to assist them to improve our terms and conditions.

Motion 20**Branch 582**

This conference agrees that going forward that we look at recruiting special Union Organisers.

Motion 21

Executive Council

That this conference agrees that concerns have rightly been expressed about the apparent falling membership of the BFAWU both in the established sectors and at greenfield sites. The Executive Council recognise that they should take a more active, inclusive role in organising and therefore propose establishing a working party to explore all aspects of recruitment with a view to reporting their findings and recommendations back to 2020 annual Conference.

Motion 22

No4 Regional Council

That this conference agrees that BFAWU members are organised, represented and advised by FTO's, accredited shop stewards and democratically elected BFAWU officials only, and not persons employed by any third party, campaign group or charity organisation who are not answerable to the trade union membership and have not been democratically elected to their trade union role within the BFAWU by its membership.

Motion 23

Branch 253

That this conference agrees that the EC shows progress on motions from the previous conference. And any issue arising may be raised as an emergency motion.

Motion 24

Branch 253

This conference agrees that Verbatim be available in a draft format for all delegates that it relates to, in time for the March meeting to allow for any amendment to motions for the following conference.

Motion 25

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to debate the need for every delegate to have a copy of the big red conference book. It is costly to produce and should only be available should a delegate request it.

Motion 26

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to debate the stipulation that the General Secretary, President and high ranking officers need to be able to drive to hold said positions. We should be encouraging officers to use public transport where ever possible and not penalising none drivers.

Motion 27

Branch 405

That this conference agrees that all BFAWU representatives, (Health & Safety, Shop Stewards, Union Learning Reps and any other representatives that are developed in the future), have refresher training at regular intervals throughout their tenure as a representative. This can be done on the courses that are already planned each year. The length of time between initial training and refresher training to be set out by the Executive Council.

Rights at Work

Motion 28

No1 Regional Council

That this conference agrees to support our motion, and on return of a Labour Government, they repeal all anti-trade union legislation within 100 days of taking office.

Motion 29

No4 Regional Council

That this conference agrees that Zero Hour Contracts should be scrapped.

Motion 30

No6 Regional Council

That this conference agrees, that this Tory government wake up and get real and realise that Zero hour contracts are not the way of the future.

Motion 31

Branch 558

That this conference agrees that when a company tries to incorporate a cost cutting, demanning exercise, that it shames the GMs ineptness, then escalates his ineptness to his superiors at the same time protecting jobs.

Motion 32

Branch 277

That this conference agrees to make all companies pay any outstanding monies owed to employees after they have left there employment. This should include back dated pay rises, pay outs, bonuses and dividends, paid from the anniversary of these payments to the day the employee leaves, based on a pro rata scale, if needed.

Motion 33

No7 Regional Council

That this conference agrees Employment Law and Legislation needs to be amended to include independent involvement especially were there is a financial cost to the company if it upholds any parts of the grievance. Employers are effectively investigating themselves with obvious grievance outcomes and this is demoralising for the individuals involved and more often will put workers off raising a grievance as they feel that the process is a waste of time. We feel that having an independent third party involved in the grievance process will make for a fairer procedure and one that workers may feel they have more confidence in. We ask conference to support.

Motion 34

No1 Regional Council

That this conference agrees to support our motion, and asks that a future return of a Labour Government, outlaw the use of "CCTV" within the workplace. We believe that the employers use it at times for the wrong reasons.

Health, Safety & Welfare at Work

Motion 35

Branch 390

That this conference agrees that Health and Safety in the work place is one of the corner stones of what this Union fights for. Over the last 10 years (2009/10 – 2019/20) the budget for the HSE has been reduced by £100 million. This decrease in funding has made it less likely that a business will be inspected by the HSE, and therefore allows standards in Health and Safety to drop. We ask our parliamentary group to lobby the government to review this cut to funding for the HSE.

Motion 36

Branch 558

That this conference agrees that when establishments such as the HSE visit site, that branches get them on board as quickly as possible to protect our members trade union benefits.

Motion 37

Branch 558

That this conference agrees to advertise the brown books importance within companies health and safety committees...pro actively promoting it and the fact that everyone in that room is equal...we need to stop employers "theft" of the health and safety committee ...to suit our members needs ..which ultimately means when companies are challenged this benefits everyone collectively.

Motion 38

Branch 558

That this conference agrees that this trade union campaigns for a maximum temperature limit for heat in the workplace, then recognised by British constitutional law.

Motion 39

Branch 390

This conference agrees that sexual harassment at work is a thing that must not be allowed. We recognize that it can have a profound personal impact and do not think the Equality Act of 2010 goes far enough to deter offenders. We want sexual harassment to become a criminal offence, rather than a civil one, with the associated punishment. To this end, we instruct our representatives to both the TUC and Labour party conference to lobby for a change in the law.

Motion 40

Branch 558

That this conference agrees to put mental health on the health and safety agenda it's an issue that is real and in the workplace.

Motion 41

Branch 558

That this conference agrees to promote mental health awareness first aiders through local agreement. Demonstrating to employers, that the trade union movement can offer support for individuals, whilst showing great care and confidence, assistance and fantastic skill and integrity, clearly showing that the trade union movement can assist anyone touched by this.

Motion 42

Branch 558

That this conference agrees that mental health first aiders can openly contact the BFAWU drug councillors (as voted in last year) as there sometimes is a connection between the two, also enabling a process of whistleblowing which can then be escalated by a recognised professional body to the employer and other.

Health

Motion 43

Branch 390

That this conference agrees that the NHS is a national treasure and should be treated as such. We ask that our parliamentary group lobby the government to bring the NHS back into full public ownership.

Motion 44

Branch 215

That this conference agrees to lobby the government. NHS to include dental, eye & elderly care service; an end to NHS privatisation. A National Care Service, free at the point of use, non-means tested and funded through taxation to be established. The NPC's Dignity Code sets out the way in which elderly people in care should be treated. It should be part of statutory guidance & regulations for all health & care providers.

Motion 45

Branch 277

That this conference asks why is it that private hospitals are allowed charitable status and NHS hospitals are not. This has to stop. Why do companies, like BUPA, who are in no way a charity, be exempt from paying taxes that others have to pay? We need to lobby this government to bring these private hospital into line with the rest of the UK, or make NHS hospitals tax exempt also.

Motion 46

Branch 432

That this conference agrees that the government should make more funds available and better mental ill health support for those suffering with mental ill health.

Motion 47

Branch 558

That this conference agrees that this trade union lobby's the Labour party to pressure parliament to make hospital parking free in England as it is in Scotland and Wales, people's poor health should not be exploited and profited by the NHS...its not what its there for.

Motion 48

Branch 582

This conference agrees parking on National Health premises should be free for ALL NHS staff.

Motion 49

Branch 582

This conference agrees TV viewing for inpatients should be free of charge.

Motion 50

No5 Regional Council

That this conference agrees that all learning establishments, e.g. Schools and colleges, have a defibrillator on site. It isn't just old people who have heart attacks. Some young people are at risk

Transport

Motion 51

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to lobby the government to re nationalise all utilities and our railway networks, and puts an end to private companies creaming off millions in profit at the expense of the general public.

Motion 52

Branch 582

This conference agrees to remove the franchise from Northern Rail and take back public ownership.

Motion 53

Branch 568

This conference agrees that poverty stricken families should be entitled to a reduced rate family bus pass. Poorer families who cannot afford or drive a car, and rely on buses, are struggling with the high cost of public transport which in most cases are a necessity for school runs and shopping.

Motion 54

Branch 202

That this Conference agrees that the Government to create a law for road side safety for recovery vehicle when recovering vehicles when on our motorways.

Motion 55

Branch 568

This conference agrees that all cars should have a limited top speed, as speed has a massive effect on your chance of survival in an accident and a big impact on the emergency services due to high speed incidents.

Motion 56

Branch 568

This conference agrees that speed cameras should be used as a safety tool and not a cash cow. For instance, outside all schools and areas with a high volume of pedestrians not around blind corners and on steep hills, always on the down slope.

Motion 57

Branch 568

This conference agrees that cameras should be situated outside all schools, to protect children from inconsiderate illegal and dangerous parking. There are clearly marked keep clear and zig zag lines which are repeatedly ignored endangering children. There are numerous injuries every month, and national statistics state one child is killed each year. A hefty fine would soon stop this practice .

Government and Political

Motion 58

Branch 558

That this conference agrees that with the fiasco of Brexit, that all elected MPs from across all of the political spectrum, are put on strict performance programmes, monitored by an independent commons connected committee (people from the general public) their finances publicly displayed, if criminal activity is found, they are prosecuted and roundly jailed, thus showing greater transparency and respect for the voting public.

Motion 59

No2 Regional Council

That this Conference agrees the European Constitutional treaty is an agreement between the European Unions 28 member countries. It was negotiated by National Governments by a convention of representatives from National Governments. It had to be approved by all 25 national parliaments before it came into force. That's Democracy and for those who call it non- democratic it's absurd.

Motion 60

No5 Regional Council

Congress notes that since the EU referendum, the European Union has not received an official position from the UK government about the rights and principles which determine whether migrants can stay in Great Britain. This situation of uncertainty causes huge social and economic impact for EU citizens. The submission of the so-called White Paper is an example of extreme irresponsibility and a direct attack on equality and diversity.

At one point the White Paper stipulates that to stay in the UK, a foreigner must earn a minimum of £30,000 a year. This surreal number does not reflect reality in any way and proves that no authoritative report or review was ever placed before parliament in order to influence the shape of the law being formed.

Congress calls on the General Council and all its affiliates to press the Government to regulate these laws and principles so that the rights of all EU citizens and other migrants remain unconditional and are based on clear and coherent principles.

Amendment- Insert after Migrants on third paragraph, "are unconditional and based on clear and coherent principles. Additionally, the BFAWU reaffirms its commitment to fighting the Hostile Environment through lobbying against those of indefinite detention and enforced deportation (before appeals have been heard) and for the regularisation of the existing half-a-million undocumented migrants currently at risk of extreme exploitation, and to propose the TUC adopt the same resolution.

Motion 61

Branch 568

That this conference agrees that expenses for MP's should be capped at maybe 10% of their annual salary and proven that what they are claiming for is to the absolute benefit of their constituency.

Motion 62

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to campaign with the Labour party and other bodies to ensure that repeated lies, untruths, and misleading statements by politicians in parliament are dealt with swiftly. Given the scale of the political lying we, the public, have been seeing and been the victims of in recent years. This may require the setting of a body within parliament. But action must be taken there and then. The politician must be made to come back and publicly correct there 'errors' straight after making them!

Motion 63

Branch 432

That this conference agrees that any politician or political party who fail to keep there election promises should be held accountable.

Motion 64

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to lobby the government to force national news outlets to publish a full front page apology when they have been caught pedalling lies. Burying an apology in a one inch box on page 17 is totally unacceptable.

Motion 65

Branch 277

That this conference agrees that it is now time to call last orders on newspapers who peddle false and misleading 'news'. Again and again public and political figures have been ridiculed and misrepresented by our press. We now need real laws, not lip service from the press complaints commission, enabling us to fight back and get real results and closure.

Motion 66

Branch 405

That this conference agrees that this union works with the Labour party and future Labour government and all relevant and interested parties and groups, to force speedy corrections to false and lying stories involving the politics of this country. The press has been untruthful for too long. This is having a negative effect on politics and a self-defeating effect on our trust in the press and media. To overcome this we must work with others to force the media to correct these untruths straight away. And that they must be in the same place and of equal prominence to the original untrue article!

Motion 67

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to lobby the government to fight the rise of the far right and especially the normalisation of right wing ideologies pedalled by so much of the mainstream media.

Motion 68

Branch 405

That this Conference agrees for the union to call on and work with all interested parties, groups etc. To return the BBC news output to what it was in the past. The best and most truthful, impartial and respected news organisation in this country. A return to the principles on which it was founded, but seems to have abandoned in recent years.

Motion 69

Branch 432

That this conference agrees that the government should do more to stop the thousands who are sleeping on our streets.

Motion 70**Branch 405**

That this conference agrees to lobby the government to put in place proper funding and strategies to eradicate homelessness. And especially the appalling rise of homeless ex service men and women on our streets.

Motion 71**Branch 202**

That this Conference agrees that the Government stop developers using our countryside for building house etc, and they use old Military sites and derelict sites that are just left for many years and just left to rot away and unused.

Motion 72**Branch 568**

This conference agrees that disused government buildings which are sitting empty, should be utilised for the homeless. Society now follows the digital age and councils no longer require the man power it once needed so some buildings are no longer being used and left as a new home for the pigeons.

Motion 73**Branch 432**

That this conference agrees that the government should return the retirement age to 65.

Motion 74**Branch 277**

That this conference agrees that as with a previous motion placed by this branch calling for a reduction in beer and liquor duties to help the beleaguered Pub industry, we also lobby to reduce business and ground taxes of these establishments and stem the continual closures.

Motion 75**Branch 277**

That this conference agrees that small businesses need all the help they can get. This branch has already put forward the 'pay within 30 days' motion, but this needs to go further. We need a future Labour government to help these businesses, reducing rates and giving tax exemptions where possible, especially for those businesses that pay a living wage to its employees.

Motion 76**Branch 568**

This conference agrees that the dog licence should be returned as a legal requirement and a special licence for certain dogs regarded as a possible danger to the public.

Motion 77**Branch 405**

That this conference agrees to lobby the government for the immediate end to the cruel and ineffective badger cull.

Motion 78**Branch 277**

That this conference agrees that it is quite obvious that the ban on fox hunting isn't working. We as a supposed civilised society can not let this go on and action needs to be taken.

Energy

Motion 79

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to lobby the government to ban Fracking and instead invest in green energy.

Motion 80

No2 Regional Council

That this conference agrees Tech industry harms the planet. The global IT industry is incredibly energy greedy, but people are urged to cut down on everything, why do we hear nothing about IT.

Motion 81

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to lobby the government, for all new houses built they have a stipulation attached that, they have to be built with solar panels and batteries to help with the carbon footprint.

Education

Motion 82

Branch 390

That this conference agrees that adult learning opportunities are vital, as they give the chance for people to continue to develop academically after the normal early part of their lives. With that said, we ask that our parliamentary group lobby the government to increase the funding for both Adult education and Union based learning opportunities.

Motion 83

No2 Regional Council

That this Conference agrees that Comprehensive Education and life long learning are "Our children best hope" and also adults.

Motion 84

Branch 405

That this conference agrees that we will lobby the government through our Parliamentary group, to install into the national Curriculum, "British Sign Language", as this is a way to communicate with each other and not to discriminate against anyone with a hearing disability or stop anyone from joining in a conversation.

Motion 85

Branch 568

That this conference agrees that schools should make physical education compulsory. It is a medical fact that our children are less fit and prone to obesity.

Motion 86

Branch 568

That this conference agrees that proper school lunches are returned, and the cafeteria type canteens serving chips and pizzas are scrapped.

Motion 87

Branch 404

That this union agrees to try and get in to high schools to educate the young people as to what a union is. With the history of the union and what the union stands for. These young people are the members of tomorrow to keep the union alive.

Motion 88

Branch 277

That this conference agrees to lobby government to ensure that music is taught in all schools and that real instruments are supplied for those students that want to learn.

Welfare and Benefits

Motion 89

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to lobby the government for the immediate end to the bedroom tax, and compensates everyone driven into rent arrears by this cruel and counter productive policy.

Motion 90

Branch 277

That this conference agrees to lobby government to change or even scrap the Universal Credit scheme. Promoted as a good idea, it's been anything but!

Motion 91

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to lobby the government to abolish Universal Credit, and replace it with a more streamlined version of the original legacy benefits. It is literally starving the poor and disabled to death and has to be scrapped.

Motion 92

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to lobby the government to raise both the minimum wage and benefit payments, so that food bank use can be eradicated.

Motion 93

Branch 215

That this conference agrees to lobby the government. The British state pension is currently bottom of the OECD league table. We believe the state pension should be £200 per week (around 70% of the current Living Wage), uprated annually by the best of earnings, CPI, RPI or 2.5%. The existing pensioner benefits shall be maintained and not means-tested. Carers in receipt of state pension should receive Carer's allowance if they meet the appropriate criteria.

Motion 94

Branch 432

That this conference agrees the government should scrap its new rule on pension credit rules which could cost some pensioners with younger partners £7,000 a year.

Motion 95

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to lobby the government to roll back the state pension age, and reinstates the pensions of all WASPI women. We need to retire earlier not later.

Motion 96

Branch 277

That this conference agrees that we as a union lobby to ask that the TV license FINALLY be abolished.

Motion 97

Branch 568

This conference agrees that the television licence is unfair old fashioned and a con, basically taking away a person's freedom of choice. The BBC is a business not a cooperative they sell programming worldwide and own a number of commercial stations so they do make revenue from advertising, they pay excessive salaries and unfortunately do not have exclusivity that once was. Most major sporting events are now on commercial stations or on line and the only new type of programming is a copy or another costume drama. It should now be, if you want it, payed by a monthly subscription the same as net flicks, sky, Amazon prime etc.

Local Government/Social Services

Motion 98

Branch 432

That this conference agrees that the government should stop its savage cuts and fund our councils properly, underfunding these councils means they have to raise the council tax to stay afloat or drastically cut services.

Crime & Justice

Motion 99

Branch 432

That this conference agrees that the governments drastic cuts in funding and cuts in police numbers must stop these cuts are having a drastic effect on us all with a rise in all crimes.

Motion 100

Branch 558

That this conference agrees to lobby government to give greater funding to the authorities in dealing with county lines drug gangs. This is criminality of the highest order, preying on the homeless and weak and at the same time creating a underclass of desperation and violence and bigger poverty in rural areas and seaside towns that appear far worse than in the inner cities, without the structure to cope.

Motion 101

Branch 405

That this conference agrees to lobby the government to end the criminalisation of people who use cannabis, both recreationally, and medicinally, thus freeing up hours of police time that can then be used for decent community policing.

Motion 102

Branch 568

This conference agrees that more police powers are put in place for stop and search to reduce the problem of driving under the influence of drugs. All police cars should have drug testing kits as well as breathalysers.

Motion 103

Branch 432

That this conference agrees the government should impose stiffer penalties for knife crime, whether it's carrying one or using one and better education in schools and colleges regarding the dangers of knife crime.

Amendment- Insert after the word should on the first line "commit to drastically increasing funding for youth centres and education initiatives in schools to combat the knife crime crisis in UK cities.

Miscellaneous

Motion 104

Branch 277

That this conference agrees that we as a union need to approach the TUC and demand a General Strike. Nothing is going to change until we, the working classes, stand up to the wrongs and injustices of this corrupt, Tory Government.

Motion 105

Branch 558

That this conference agrees to recognise flag wavers in this trade union and puts that skill to good use in theatres such as social media and magazines. Promoting wins and the like....

Motion 106

Branch 432

That this conference agrees that we put pressure on the Premier League and the football league and the TV company's, that when arranging live matches on TV they take in to consideration the fans.

Motion 107

Branch 558

That this conference agrees to the lobby government to introduce safe standing in our football stadia. 30 years on from Hillsborough and the Taylor report, followed by the success for justice for the 96 campaign, that the BFAWU is seen as a front runner in giving the beautiful game back to the working class and taking it away from global conglomerates. The football terrace creates a wealth of working class subculture of music and fashion and attitude which is sadly lacking in today's society as millions switch on to the X factor in the autumn months.

Motion 108

Branch 277

That this conference agrees when was it that working Christmas suddenly became normal practice. We propose that unless it is essential that you need to work over the festive period, we should lobby this government for a return to making this a family time and not for greedy companies to abuse and make even more profit.

Motion 109

No1 Regional Council

That this conference support our motion, and a future Labour Government make it unlawful to work on Christmas Day, as this should be a family day. The only exception to this should be Emergency Services, and Essential Workers.

Amendment- Insert after the word “to” on line 2, “be required to work on Christmas Day, with the exception of Emergency Services and essential workers”.

Motion110

No2 Regional Council

That this Conference agrees the BFAWU supports freedom of speech, press and media it is fundamental to the public it serves and must be impartial at all time.

Motion 111

Branch 568

That this conference agrees that a cap should be put on all gambling sites, they do not seem to be governed in the same way as casinos and bookies who seem to have to follow certain rules and regulations.

Motion 112

Branch 277

That this conference agrees to make Punk Rock music essential listen for all Reps. The socially aware lyrics and socialist views of bands and musicians might make for better Reps.