

Left Unity National Council

Draft motion on LU UK policy on democratic control, socialism and constitutional change

National Council recommends to the EC that a working group is established to start a wider discussion about our party policies in relation to democratic control, socialism and constitutional change.

A draft policy paper should be produced for discussion by LU branches and members and the responses collated into a draft policy proposal to the following meeting of National Council.

National Council recommends that the draft should include previous conference and National Council decisions together with demands and arguments including members suggestions and the following areas.

1. A principled statement about the indivisibility of democracy, equality, human rights, preservation of the planet, full citizenship to all who reside in our countries and worker control to our view of what eco-socialism would mean.
2. A written constitution developed with the full participation of citizens, communities and worker organisations.
3. The complete independence and self-determination of the three countries composed of the UK and re-unification for the North of Ireland.
4. A social republic from below as outlined in the other parts of this motion involving a complete end to the role of monarchy and any hereditary element in the constitution.
5. The independence of the judiciary. The executive to be fully accountable, elected by and subject to recall to the principal national body of elected representatives.
6. The maximum of three years between each general and other council elections.
7. All elections to be based on full PR.
8. Complete open governance with all state papers and records being immediately available to all citizens.
9. State power to be devolved as far as possible to local councils.
10. All national elected representatives to be paid and employed on the same contractual basis as public servants; be subject to recall; local and council representatives to receive justifiable expenses.
11. All local councils to end cabinet and mayor control, to be run democratically through open committees meeting regularly with councillors, employee and community representation.
12. The constitutional right of all workers to have trade union membership, union recognition and all contracts to be agreed through collective bargaining.
13. All workplaces involve the principle of workers and cooperative control through the election and recall of management and executive boards with complete open books and no commercial confidentiality.
14. Left Unity as a party continues to operate now by applying these principles as a working example of how ecosocialism can work.