

Chipping Barnet CLP Notes:

- In the current political and public health crisis we should have the Tories on the ropes over Cummings' departure, Patel's bullying and Johnson's Covid incompetence and contract cronyism.
- However, we are being distracted from our main task by the unnecessary prolongation of internal dissension promoted by the party's national leadership, with unprecedented diktats contrary to Labour Party rules and procedures for dealing with allegations of misconduct and in contravention of the findings and recommendations of the EHRC report. That Labour Party representatives have been making calls to make mass suspensions based on their personal choice.
- The EHRC report includes the statement:

"We found evidence of political interference in the handling of antisemitism complaints throughout the period of the investigation. We have concluded that this practice of political interference was unlawful. The evidence shows that staff from the Leader of the Opposition's Office (LOTO) were able to influence decisions on complaints, especially decisions on whether to suspend someone. Sometimes these decisions were made because of likely press interest rather than any clear formal criteria."

Chipping Barnet CLP believes

- That there have been instances since the EHRC report was released which suggest the Labour Party has not acted in accordance with its findings.
- The leadership of the Party needs to stop focusing on individuals and seek to build a political force, and policy, to challenge the Tories.
- Political representatives should not be able to manipulate a disciplinary process to suspend members en masse as they wish, it is concerning to hear front bench MPs declare this intent.

Chipping Barnet CLP Resolves

- If a disciplinary investigation is concluded, and the NEC findings are that an elected representative has retained their membership and this individual is subject to further political restrictions/reprimands by the leadership, then the Party Constituency and Branch groups should be enabled to discuss, condemn or express solidarity.
- That the findings of the EHRC report be implemented - including an Independent process of disciplinary action be implemented free of factional manipulation by any group or individual, and judgments on suspension be made on a case by case

basis.

- We demand an end to this heavy-handedness and the restoration of unity in the party.
- That a copy of this motion be sent to Keir Starmer, Leader of the Labour Party, and David Evans, General Secretary of the Labour Party.