

Motion for consideration at LCER's Annual General Meeting 4 February 2020

This AGM notes that:

- LCER was founded on the principle of opposing First Past the Post and supporting PR, but did not endorse any specific electoral system;
- By signing the Good Systems Agreement in 2018, LCER has effectively ruled out endorsing any non-proportional system, including the Second Ballot (SB), Supplementary Vote (SV) or Alternative Vote (AV) systems for parliamentary elections;
- However, several more proportional electoral systems exist, on which LCER has not yet formally taken a position.

We note also the following recent developments:

- a) A majority of Labour Party members now support the introduction of a PR system;
- b) Electoral reform is likely to feature in political discourse within the Party over the course of the current Parliament;

We believe, in view of these developments, that LCER should clarify its position on the system or systems it endorses for elections at various levels of government.

This AGM therefore calls upon the LCER Executive:

- When making public statements or contributing to consultations on behalf of LCER, to reject all non-proportional systems including the Second Ballot (SB), Supplementary Vote (SV) or Alternative Vote (AV), for all elections in which more than one individual is to be elected.
- To undertake a review of LCER's position on electoral systems. This review should include consultations with LCER members and supporters; and should be based on the best available evidence on the features of the various electoral systems.
- To draft proposals on the system or systems which LCER supports, to be presented to the next Annual General Meeting of LCER.

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