

Circular 10/2010

To: All Labour Group Secretaries
Regional directors *for information*

May 2010

Dear colleague

Association of Labour Councillors (ALC) elections 2010

This circular invites groups to submit nominations for positions filled by members of the ALC.

The deadline is Friday 30 July 2010 at 5pm.

Introduction

All Labour groups are invited to nominate Labour councillors to represent you directly on:

- the party's National Executive Committee (NEC) – two places,
- the Joint Local Government Committee – two places, and
- the National Policy Forum – four places.

The posts are for a two-year term, and at least half of the places in each category must be filled by women.

Your current representatives are:

On the NEC: Cllr Sir Jeremy Beecham (City of Newcastle upon Tyne)

Cllr Ann Lucas (Coventry City Council)

On the NEC Joint Local Government Committee: Cllr Mehboob Khan (Kirklees Borough Council)
Cllr Caitlin Bisknell (High Peak District Council)

On the National Policy Forum : Cllr Nilgun Canver (London Borough of Haringey)
Cllr Roger Lawrence (Wolverhampton City Council)
Cllr Sandy Martin (Suffolk CC & Ipswich Borough)
Cllr Pauleen Lane (Trafford MBC)

Local government has additional representation on the NEC Joint Local Government Committee through the Local Government Association (three places), the Welsh Local Government Association (one place) and CoSLA, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (one place), London Councils (one place) and on the National Policy Forum (four members from the LGA and one from CoSLA).

Election of ALC representatives

The following arrangements will be made for this year's ALC ballot:

- You should use the Labour group nomination form and a consent to nomination form for interested nominees, both of which are attached to this advice note.

- Nominating Labour Groups must be fully paid up members of the ALC and comply with Party rules regarding payment of ALC subs. Groups must have paid in full their ALC subscription for 2009/10.
- Groups should ensure that if they have had recent elections, their group records have been updated in order to ensure all members receive the correct ballot papers – the easiest way is online through membersnet .
- Failure to update your group records correctly by the 25th of June may result in members of your group being unable to vote in the ALC ballot.
- Nominees must be fully paid-up members of the ALC and the Labour Party, and comply with the standing orders relating to membership.
- Nominations from at least three Labour groups are required for nominees to enter the ballot.
- Nominees only have to complete one consent to nomination form.
- Labour groups must nominate at least one woman in each category up for election.
- The closing date for return of nomination and consent to nomination forms is Friday 30th July at 5pm. *This deadline will be strictly adhered to.*
- Completed forms must be returned to the Local Government Unit (ALC elections), The Labour Party, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0HA
- The ALC ballot will be conducted by an independent organisation, which also is responsible for the other elections for the NEC in 2010. Ballot papers will be sent out in a mailing in the summer, and a range of options will be available for ALC members who are up to date with payments, to cast their ballot.
- The results will be formally announced at party conference in September.

If you have any queries about ALC representation or the ALC ballot please contact the Local Government Unit on 020 7783 1356 or email councillors@new.labour.org.uk

Yours sincerely



Patrick Heneghan
Head of Local Government.

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LABOUR GROUP NOMINATION FORM

Each Labour Group may make one nomination per place available in each category, at least half of which must be women. Group secretaries should complete the form after the Group has made a formal decision.

NOMINATION	NAME (at least one female per section) and GROUP OF WHICH S/HE IS A MEMBER
For the National Executive Committee (two places) Female / Male Female	
For the NEC Joint Local Government Committee (two places) Female / Male Female	
For the National Policy Forum (four places) Female / Male Female / Male Female Female	

Name of Labour group _____

Name of group secretary _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Contact address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Daytime tel. _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Please return the completed form to Local Government Unit (ALC elections), The Labour Party, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0HA by no later than 5pm of the 30 July.

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CONSENT TO NOMINATION FORM

Eligibility to be a candidate in the ALC elections to the National Executive Committee, the NEC Joint Local Government Committee and the National Policy Forum requires:

- a completed consent to nomination form
- at least three nominations by Labour groups
- full payment of all ALC subscriptions.

Forms should be sent to the Local Government Unit (ALC Elections), The Labour Party, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0HA no later than 5pm on the 30th July

Candidates should check that their nomination forms have been sent and received. If they have *not* been received by this date, the nomination will be invalid. To confirm receipt, 'phone the Local Government Unit on 020 7783 1356 or email councillors@new.labour.org.uk

Name: _____

Labour group _____

Party membership number _____

I declare that I have agreed to be nominated as an ALC representative to the:

- National Executive Committee
- NEC Joint Local Government Committee
- National Policy Forum

(delete as applicable).

I confirm that I am a paid-up member of the ALC, and maintain my memberships of the party and the ALC in accordance with the rules.

I attach a 200-word supporting statement and a passport photograph.

Signed _____ Date _____

NOTE - A strict word count will apply to each nominee's supporting statement. In the event of a nominee submitting more than 200 words, the text will end at the 200th word.

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