

## **COLLINS REVIEW: RESPONSE OF UNITE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

1. Unite welcomes any measures which increase the involvement of individual trade unionists in the Labour Party.
2. However, it cannot support any proposal that would lead to the collective voice of Unite being expressed solely through individual Unite members scattered across the constituency parties, nor can it accept any diminution of the trade union vote at either Regional or National Conferences (ie 50% at the latter), nor of our delegation to Conference, on the NEC, NPC, CAC and NCC
3. We therefore propose the following:
  - Affiliated organisations continue to affiliate to the Party on a collective basis. Trade Union and other branches continue to affiliate and send delegates to their local CLP; which delegates must be full members of the Labour Party.
  - Individual political levy paying members of trade unions be encouraged to 'opt in' to associate membership of the Labour Party as part of the drive to build a Party of mass membership
  - Those associate members receive limited rights, including the right to vote in leadership elections and in the selection of Parliamentary candidates
  - Full fee-paying members of the Labour Party will secure all additional rights now enjoyed such as the ability to stand for office at local and national level, to be delegates to their CLP and to vote at GC/all-member meetings
4. In line with Unite's Political Strategy, we would then encourage all associate members to become full individual members of the Labour Party.

5. Constituency Development Plans: Trade unions and affiliated organisations must remain free to provide relevant support to candidates who reflect and promote their values.

6. Primaries: Unite is opposed to the principle of open primaries to select candidates for Mayors or for any other elected representative. Voting in selections must remain the prerogative of members and associate members.

7. Conduct of Selections: Unite supports the establishment of a meaningful code of conduct to apply to all groups, factions and individuals during selections. Such a code must include a fast-track complaints procedure to the central Compliance Unit with a right of appeal against any decision.