

## SEWELL BLP Motion: Funding of delegates to National Conference

This branch notes that at the Norwich Labour Party AMM on 14th June, members were permitted to choose one candidate each from Norwich North and Norwich South to attend the Annual Labour Party Conference in September 2019.

This contradicted the information provided in the newsletter circulated on 20th May in which it was stated that Norwich North was entitled to send up to 4 delegates and Norwich South up to 8, under the condition that Norwich Labour Party would fund the first ordinary delegate for each of Norwich North or Norwich South. The newsletter stated that 'funding for additional delegates will depend on whether we can raise further money for this'.

As the Annual Labour Party Conference is where party policy is decided, it is imperative for CLPs to enable the full delegation to attend and consolidate a democratic socialist vision, empowered by the dedicated activists who fight for the liberation of our class. Conference is an opportunity to arm the party with a program to lead our party to victory in future general elections, and it is the duty as the CLP of a democratic socialist party to ensure that this occasion is accessible to other members.

In order to overcome financial hindrances to the ability of Labour Party members to attend the Conference, this branch proposes that Norwich Labour Party commit to fundraise for the full delegation for the 2020 Annual Conference and all future Annual Conferences by arranging sufficient fundraising events throughout the year to raise the full amount in time. The expenses concerned are to include conference fees, travel levy and expenses, and accommodation.