

Minutes of Special Meeting of Your Party Central Executive Committee

Sunday 12 July 2026 | Held online | Convened under CEC Standing Orders, Section 5.2

Background

1. Constitutional basis

Section 5.2 of the CEC Standing Orders, states that special meetings of the CEC may be convened *"at the request of 50% of all CEC or OG members as applicable"*. More than 50% of the 22 sitting CEC members supported the convening of this meeting at 6pm on 12 July 2026.

Under Section 6 of the Standing Orders, special meetings should be convened with as much notice as urgent business permits and a minimum of 24 hours in exceptional circumstances.

Notice of the meeting was circulated on 9 July, exceeding the minimum notice requirement. An email invitation was sent to a thread containing every CEC member for whom contact details were made available. Despite repeated requests by CEC members, we have not been provided with formal means of contacting one another and we have had to rely on contact details built up over the past 4/5 months. The Chair and Secretary were among those invited, with the expectation that they would communicate the Special Meeting formally to all members.

2. Rationale for the Special Meeting

Prior to this meeting, CEC members had raised a number of formal complaints and concerns, including in relation to the suspension of elected CEC members, the handling of those suspensions and other urgent governance matters that had recently come to light. These complaints remain unanswered.

A request for a vote of no confidence was submitted 7 days in advance, and seconded formally by 7 other members.

The Chair and Secretary were given the opportunity to convene a meeting at which these matters could be addressed. As this was not forthcoming in a timely manner, and given the urgency of the business, members proceeded to requisition a special meeting in accordance with Section 5.2.

Minutes agreed by the majority of those attending the special meeting

Attendees: Candi Williams, Megan Clarke, Mel Mullings, Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi, Sam Gorst, Solma Ahmed, Zarah Sultana, Sophie Wilson.

A further six CEC members, including three members of the officers' group, preferred that their names not be recorded. Those circulating these minutes felt it was important to inform members of CEC developments.

Total present = 14 CEC members, meeting the quorum requirement of Section 8 of the Standing Orders (50% of total CEC members; 11 of 22 required).

Apologies: Jenn Forbes, Dawn Aspinall, Jeremy Corbyn and Cassi Bellingham

1. Chairing of the meeting

In the absence of the Chair and resignation of the Vice Chair, a Chair and Co-Chair were nominated to chair the meeting in accordance with Section 9 of the Standing Orders. They shared the role during the course of the meeting.

2. Suspension of part of Clause 4

Members tabled a motion to suspend the requirement in Clause 4 of the Standing Orders which says votes of no confidence in officers may be taken at an AGM of the CEC, to allow such votes of no confidence to be heard outside an AGM.

The suspension of Clause 4 was in accordance with Section 17 of the Standing Orders which states *"Specific clauses of the CEC Standing Orders may be suspended for a specific meeting if supported by an absolute majority of all CEC members, defined as 50%+1."* That is 12 of 22.

All 14 members present voted in support of the motion which was therefore carried.

3. Votes of no confidence

Clause 4 of the Standing Orders states: *"A 2/3 majority of members present and voting will be required for the vote of no confidence to pass; if a vote of no confidence is passed, the member will be deemed to have resigned from this role. A replacement shall be elected at the following ordinary CEC meeting."*

Three separate motions were moved, seconded, and debated. Discussion focused on concerns about the exercise of roles and responsibilities including:

- The suspension of elected CEC members without consultation or a clear constitutional basis and the handling of those suspensions;
- The concentration of decision-making in the Officers' Group and obstruction of wider CEC members, including offers of input and support
- The failure to advise CEC members of their governance and regulatory responsibilities; continued obstruction of CEC members in carrying out their elected roles
- Conduct falling short of the requirement in the Code of Conduct that all individuals be treated with dignity and professionalism
- Concerns regarding branch formation, the withholding of information and data access from those with branch formation responsibilities, and unanswered correspondence.

[Note: One member left the meeting before the votes of no confidence were taken. Another left after the first vote.]

Votes of no confidence were recorded as follows:

- **Chair (Jenn Forbes):** Carried unanimously with 13 votes in favour from 13 members present and voting, exceeding the two-thirds threshold of 9.
- **Secretary (Dawn Aspinall):** Carried. 12 votes in favour, with 12 members present and voting. Two-thirds threshold: 8.
- **Membership Officer (Cassi Bellingham):** Carried with 11 votes in favour and 12 members present and voting. Two-thirds threshold: 8.

In accordance with Clause 4, these office holders are deemed to have resigned from these roles, with replacements to be elected at the following ordinary CEC meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, these votes concern the officer roles named above only and do not affect any member's elected seat on the CEC.

4. Communications and next steps

The meeting discussed communications arising from its decisions. It was agreed that a statement would be prepared and aligned between attendees for circulation, and that these minutes would be agreed collectively by attendees before being circulated.

Next steps, including business for the next meeting of the CEC scheduled for 20 July, were discussed. The complaints and governance concerns referred to in these minutes remain outstanding and will be pursued through the appropriate processes.