



West Midlands Liberal Democrats

Regional Conference and Annual General Meeting

Chamber of Commerce
Birmingham

9 30am Saturday, November 5

Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, 75 Harborne Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3DH



Guest speaker
LORD McNALLY
**Leader of the Liberal
Democrats in the
House of Lords
and Justice Minister**



Election of Executive
Officers for 2012

Rules, timetable, offices



Election of Officers and ordinary members of the executive of West Midlands Liberal Democrats for 2012

The Executive meets at least four times a year, usually on a Saturday morning. All executive members are also involved in sub-committees

Nominations must be received by noon on Saturday, October 22, 2011

They must be made on the nomination form enclosed.

The fourteen executive posts are:

1. President;
2. Chair;
3. Vice Chair Rural;
4. Vice Chair Urban;
5. Treasurer;
6. Secretary;
7. Chair Regional Campaigns Committee;
8. Chair Regional Candidates Committee;
9. Chair Regional Conference Committee;
10. Chair Regional Policy Committee and 11-14 Four ordinary members

Conference also elects

Six representatives to the English Council*
and

2 members of Policy Committee*

2 members of the Candidates Committee*

2 members of Conference Committee*

2 members of Diversity Group*

**These are not executive posts)*



Completed form should be posted to The Returning Officer,
6 Roxall Close, Blakedown, Kidderminster DY10 3JX. Tel no:
01562 700375

Artwork (see back page for details) may be submitted electronically (PDF only) to roger.shade@virginmedia.com or as a printed item ready to be copied.

Papers must be signed by the nominee, one proposer and one second-er (each of whom must be members of WMLD) The Returning Officer will advise candidates of the validity of their nomination as soon after receipt as possible.

The new Executive Committee will take office from 1st January 2012 and serve for one year.



Nomination Form 2012

NAME Member's no

Address Local Party

Email Telephone/s

Post (*for which nominated*)

NB A separate paper must be submitted for each nomination

I consent to this nomination (signature) *Nominated by*

Members no *Local Party*
signature

Seconded by *Local Party*
Members no *signature*

Timetable

Deadline for receipt of nominations	Noon, Saturday October 22
Deadline for receipt of artwork	Noon Wednesday, October 26
Despatch of manifestos and ballot papers	Thursday October 28
Deadline for postal receipt of ballot papers	Noon, Friday, November 4
Deadline for hand delivery of ballot papers	Noon, Saturday November 5
Declaration of results	2pm, Saturday, November 5

* This timetable may be subject to change in the event of postal disputes, parliamentary by-elections etc. In case of doubt, please contact the Returning Officer



Code of conduct for regional elections

The elections will be conducted by Single Transferable Vote: (STV)

The elections will be called by postal notice to all voting representatives of the Regional Conference and the notice will include a list and description of all posts to be filled. It will also include the closing date for nominations and supporting literature; the closing date for receipt of the postal and hand-delivery of ballot papers; details of the time and place for the counting of ballot papers; copies of these rules will be distributed with nomination forms; *A list of names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers of conference representatives entitled to vote will be provided on request by the Returning Officer.*

Campaigning

2.1 No canvassing or other campaigning is permitted after the declaration of the elections and before nominees are formally advised by the RO that their nomination is valid.

2.2 Canvassing is encouraged by telephone, post or email but letters or emails must not be of the multiple-distribution type.

2.2 Canvassing is not permitted via newsgroups, conferences or websites nor is advertising (in any form or in any medium) nor letters or reports in any medium

2.3 Each candidate will be invited to produce one double-sided black and white A5 leaflet (at the candidate's expense). Subject to the RO's approval of the content and the appropriate provision of final camera-ready artwork, this will be distributed at the expense of the region.

2.4 Candidates for more than one post will be allowed only one leaflet.

2.5 No candidate can be elected to more than one post and the count order will be as per the list in Article 3.1 of the constitution (*and as printed on the attached calling notice*)

2.6 Candidates for contested posts will also be invited to make a two-minute (maximum) presentation at the conference hustings.

2.7 No candidate will malign any other candidate.

Returning Officer

3.1 The Returning Officer's ruling will be final on all matters pertaining to the validity of nominations, the contents of literature and the general conduct of candidates or their supporters during the election.

The deadline for receipt of ballots is 12 noon Saturday 5 November in the ballot box at the Conference Reception Desk.

Voting will be by Single Transferable Vote. Counting of the votes will begin immediately after the close of voting and the results will be declared at the beginning of the afternoon session.