

North Wales Regional Committee NWR 01-99(p.1)

Date: Friday 2 July

Time: 10.30am to 1pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Conwy County Council, Bodlondeb, Conwy

Title: ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1. Standing order 10 provides for regional committees to elect their chairs. The election of the Committee Chair will therefore be the first item of business for each committee. The procedure for the election of the chair will be similar to that for the election of the First Secretary (standing order 2). The procedure for the election of the chair will be as follows:

- (i) the Committee Clerk will take the chair until the Chair has been elected;
- (ii) the Clerk will invite nominations. If only one Member is nominated that Member will be declared elected as Committee Chair;
- (iii) if more than one Member is nominated the Clerk shall by roll call in alphabetical order of the committee membership invite each committee member present to vote for a candidate;
- (iv) if more than two Members have been nominated and no Member receives more than half the votes cast, the candidate who has received the smallest number of votes shall be excluded and further votes by roll call taken until one candidate obtains more than half of the votes cast;
- (v) the Clerk shall declare that Member elected.

2. On a point of information, the roll call procedure is adopted so that there is no question of the Committee Clerk's involvement in the election having any influence on its outcome. Such concerns could arise if the procedure required the Clerk to invite the committee to vote, by show of hands, for/against each candidate in turn. This is because the order in which each candidature was voted on could potentially affect voting patterns (eg with candidates X, Y and Z, all members prefer Z but are anxious to avoid any chance of Y being elected and therefore vote for X instead). This does not arise with the roll call procedure.

3. This paper is provided as an information paper prior to the election of the Committee Chair.

4. A list of the members of the North Wales Regional Committee is attached.

Committee Secretariat June 1999

NORTH WALES REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas	Plaid Cymru	Meirionydd Nant Conwy
Alison Halford	Lab	Delyn
Christine Humpherys	Lib Dem	North Wales
Ann Jones	Lab	Vale of Clwyd
Gareth Jones	Plaid Cymru	Conwy
Ieuan Wyn Jones	Plaid Cymru	Ynys Mon
Dr John Marek	Lab	Wrexham
Tom Middlehurst	Lab	Alyn and Deeside
Alun Pugh	Lab	Clwyd West
Rod Richards	Con	North Wales
Peter Rogers	Con	North Wales
Janet Ryder	Plaid Cymru	North Wales
Karen Sinclair	Lab	Clwyd South
Dafydd Wigley	Plaid Cymru	Caernarfon