

## **Using Digital Democracy to Decide Momentum's Submissions for the Labour Party Democracy Review**

### **Objective**

The objective of using the Digital Democracy Platform for the Democracy Review is to establish forums for Momentum members to generate, nominate, and vote on proposals for Momentum to submit into the Labour Party Democracy Review. Once finalised, Momentum would formally submit these submissions directly into the Review and would circulate them to activists to be passed through CLPS. This document outlines the stages of the process. While there is broad agreement over the fundamental principles, some details are still subject to further change.

### ***Stage 1: Awareness raising of the democracy review and MxV (Mid November)***

Before any digital platform is launched, there needs to be an effort to raise awareness of the democracy review amongst the Momentum membership, and to let them know that they will be able to use the MxV platform to develop submissions. Members should be informed of the remit of the review, and should be made aware that Momentum will be using its networks to distribute submissions to contacts in CLPs from January onwards. Local groups should be encouraged to organise meetings to debate possible submissions, which could then be input into the MxV platforms, and which could be attended by Momentum staff members directly or via skype to provide guidance on the process.

### ***Stage 2: Members Council Meeting to decide proposals (early December, potentially December 2nd)***

The Members Council, comprised of members elected randomly, will meet on December 2nd to develop proposals which would be submitted into MxV and guaranteed a place in the compositing panels.

### ***Stage 3: MxV opened for submissions and amendments (mid-late December)***

MxV should be opened to invite submissions on each of the areas covered by the remit of the report, excluding track 1, for which the deadline will be too early to develop submissions based on MxV. Members will be allowed to make

submissions, either as individuals, as verified Momentum groups, or as representatives of the Members' Council. Members can also suggest amendments, which can be accepted or rejected by the original submitters.

#### ***Stage 4: Nominations (late December-early January)***

Each Momentum member will have the right to nominate one submission under each theme. Any proposal that gains over 25% of nominations in any one theme, subject to a minimum number of 200 nominations (these numbers still to be decided), is automatically guaranteed to pass onto the compositing and amending stage, and one submitter of each of these proposals is included in the compositing and amending stage.

#### ***Stage 5: Compositing (early-mid January)***

Compositing will be done by a panel of members from the NCG, the members council (the party reform breakout group), original submitters<sup>1</sup> of every proposal which achieves the 25% threshold. The panel can take components from any of the submissions, but are required to retain core elements of the submissions which got over 25% of nominations. Subsequently, a report should be made available to members on MxV written by members of the panel explaining their reasons for some of the decisions made during compositing. The NCG may submit an alternative form of words to put to an OMOV ballot.

#### ***Stage 6: OMOV Ballots on different composited proposals addressing the same primary objective (mid-late January)***

All proposals will be put to a One Member One Vote (Omov) ballot of members before being adopted as official Momentum submissions. Where competing composites affecting the same primary objective emerge from the compositing process, members will have the option of voting between the different options, or alternatively for Momentum to circulate more than one, thus leaving the final decision in the hands of local CLP activists. Panellists can write a written statement of upto 400 words in support of any composited submission, which will be submitted by Momentum. The NCG

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<sup>1</sup> One person for each submitted proposal, with exception of possible alternative arrangement for members' council.

may also make a recommendation (e.g. this may be the case if more than one formulation for a process on deciding leadership thresholds emerges from compositing).

*Stage 7: Momentum circulates composited submissions to group organisers, CLP contacts, and members (late January)*

This will be done via one email to all members, and the submissions shall be placed on the website.

**Table 1: Proposed Timeline of MxV**

	<b>Democracy Review</b>	<b>MxV</b>
<b>November 1st</b>	Open for submissions	<b>1.</b> Momentum posts DR explainer on linked page on website, with complete deadline, indication of how people can get involved, what Momentum's role will be. <b>2.</b> Momentum national contacts members council, advising them of democracy review, plans to use MxV, advises them to consider drafting submissions as the Members' Council.
<b>Early November</b>		<b>1.</b> Momentum send out email to all members advising of plans for MxV, encouraging people to prepare submissions (they can discuss/debate in their groups, and to all supporters advising them they can participate in MxV if they join <b>2.</b> Momentum releases video advising of DR and MxV, <b>3.</b> Momentum press release and articles placed in the media;

<b>2nd December</b>		Possible day for Members' Council meeting to contribute to submissions.
<b>Early December</b>		MxV opens for submissions
<b>Late December (before Christmas)</b>		Deadline for Wave 2 Submissions in MxV, beginning of nominating for submissions
<b>Early January</b>		Deadline for nominations on wave 2 Submissions in MxV
<b>Jan 12th</b>	Deadline for Bame, Women's Conference, Young Labour Submissions (Track 1 Submissions)	
<b>Mid January</b>		Compositing meetings for Wave 2 submissions
<b>Mid/Late January</b>		Omov ballots on final composited submissions for each Wave 2 theme
<b>Late January</b>		Momentum circulates agreed Wave 2 submissions to all group organisers, CLP contacts, and members. Submissions placed on website.
<b>Early March</b>		Deadline for Wave 3 Submissions to MxV
<b>Early-mid March</b>		Nominations for Wave 3 Submissions
<b>Mid March</b>		Compositing of Wave 3 Submissions

<b>Late March</b>		Final Omov Ballot of Wave 3 Submissions
<b>March 23rd 2018</b>	Deadline for submissions on CLPs, building mass party, involvement and participation of members <sup>2</sup> , getting people to join, culture of the party, women candidates, Bame candidates, social media (Track 2 Submissions)	
<b>Early April 2018</b>		Momentum circulation of Wave 3 Submissions to group organisers, CLP contacts, all members, on website
<b>June 28th 2018</b>	Deadline for submissions on leadership election rules including nominations thresholds, NEC composition, policymaking structures and procedures, local government, regional structures (Track 3 Submissions)	
<b>Mid September</b>	NEC Meeting	
<b>Late September</b>	Party Conference	

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<sup>2</sup> If there are submissions about selections rules, they would fall under this remit.