**Agenda item 12 – Election of Officers and Delegates – Candidate Statements**

**Chair**

Jane Darke / Rabyah Khan

Rabyah is working hard as Summertown candidate for Oxford City Council. She campaigned in Oxford West and Abingdon during the General Election and recently founded the Oxford Labour Muslim network and was its first Chair. By day she works in communications in a research centre at the University of Oxford. Jane is retired from teaching at Oxford Brookes and has been Chair or Co-chair for many years. She was organiser for Greater Marston for the County and General elections and has canvassed in most areas of the city. We hope to ensure that O&DLP remains inclusive and welcoming.

**Treasurer**

Alex Hollingsworth

I am standing for re-election to the position of Treasurer for Oxford and District Labour Party, having served in that position for the since 2013, and as Treasurer for Oxford West and Abingdon CLP from 2010.

During that time I have overseen the merger of the finances of the two CLPs, and have ensured that Oxford and District Labour Party has the ongoing financial stability needed to fulfil our campaigning and political objectives.

The role of Treasurer is to ensure that the funds are always available for both current and future campaigning; that is what I will do if re-elected.

**Secretary**

Ann Black

As secretary for many years I believe that I am reliable, conscientious, hardworking and fair. I try to make sure that papers for meetings are circulated in good time, rooms are booked, speakers are invited, and members’ phone calls and emails are answered promptly and courteously. This is an exciting time, with membership trebled and a new generation of activists and officers taking up responsibility. If you re-elect me, I pledge to continue working with the executive committee, branches, councillors, candidates, our organiser and our MP on behalf of all the members in the Oxford and District Party.

**Membership Secretary**

Jane Stockton / Dan Iley-Williamson

When we stood last year, we called our membership 'our greatest asset' not knowing how soon that would be tested. Our members' efforts during the General Election campaign - tirelessly campaigning for our inspiring manifesto - contributed hugely to our success in Oxford East and helped to establish Labour as a government-in-waiting. That enthusiasm and vibrancy has not gone away. We've organised events across the year - from film screenings and picnics, to training events and phonebanks, and we're proud to have been nominated by every Branch. With your support we will build on this success; encourage engagement, and actively recruit new members.

**Vice-Chairs (2)**

Nigel Chapman

I am running for re-election because I have a deep commitment to Oxford Labour.

As someone living in OxWAB but representing a City council ward in East Oxford, I bring perspectives from both parts of the city.

As a regular attender of the EC, I contribute to planning for All Member meetings, which I also attend very regularly. Being a Councillor on the EC helps the party foster strong links with the Oxford Labour Group, which is important. And I canvass a lot so meet many members on the doorstep and will encourage them to come out and meet more voters.

Stephen Marks

Party member since 1980, former County Councillor, member Momentum, SERA, Co-op Party, Unite Community, life member NUJ, active member of SWC and Hinksey Park team.

The first duty of vice-chairs is to take the chair in the Chair's absence. When there are two job-share Chairs, this is unlikely to arise. In effect the vice-chairs are EC members at large and available to help the officers as required.  In particular, I organised a seminar on industrial strategy in February 2017; plans to do another delayed by General Election, but working on ideas for this year.

**Women’s officer**

Shaista Aziz / Helen Evans

We - Shaista Aziz and Helen Evans - are standing as a job share for the role of Women's Office. Together we hope to offer the breadth of skills and experience needed to do this role well for the women of Oxford & District.

Shaista Aziz: Journalist, equalities campaigner, founder of the Everyday Bigotry Project, co-founder of the Women's Advancement Hub (WAH), sits on the Fabian Women's Executive Committee. City Council candidate 2018.

Helen Evans: Charity worker, alumna of the Jo Cox Women in Leadership Programme and former Chair of the Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre. County Councillor since 2017.

**Disability Officer**

Marie Tidball / Luke Barbanneau

Marie has been Disability Officer since 2016, and has worked with comrades to establish the Oxford Labour Disability Network, running accessible canvassing, selection and speechwriting workshops for members. Subsequently, we have three fantastic candidates standing for Labour in the 2018 Oxford City Council elections. Luke Barbanneau, is job sharing with her this year. He is extremely experienced in doing accessibility audits, having done this for music festivals. His insight will enable us to continue to improve inclusivity of Branch, All-Member Meetings and Canvassing, and we will work to recruit talent to stand in the 2019 and 2020 District Council elections.

**LGBT Officer**

Tom Hayes

I have enjoyed being your LGBT officer this last year and I want to thank you for your support as I seek to be your LGBT officer for 2018-2019. As a city councillor and council board member for community safety, I have worked to counter LGBT+ hate crime, challenged people in positions of power when they let down LGBT+ people, and organised a strong Labour presence at another Oxford Pride. I aim to build on 2017 by helping our party to develop an LGBT+ manifesto which enables Jeremy Corbyn to extend the rights of LGBT+ people here and nationally.

**Ethnic Minorities Officer**

Jamila Azad

I am Ethnic Minority Officer and Councillor for Oxford City and County Council. I have worked as a teacher, translator/ Interpreter, domestic violence project worker, social and health worker for children and elderly. I am a Member of various community organisations. I have connection with all sections of community and attend festivals and events. I have made so many Labour Party Members and promoted Labour Party and increased Labour Majority. I have been door knocking at local elections, Parliamentary, and Referendum.

I work very closely with BAME community and resolve their issues and concerns. I hope to continue this work.

Becky Boumelha / Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini

We're co-running for BAME Officer on a strong joint track record of campaigning for better opportunities for BAME members, democratic BAME structures within the Party, and progressive anti-racist politics on a local, regional and national level. We've already campaigned for an accessible and transparent BAME Labour, on Prevent and on wider issues including the NHS and the Oxford Living Wage Campaign. In the coming year, we hope to hold a variety of events and campaigns aimed at engagement and mobilisation of BAME members and voters. This will focus on work with BAME nurses**'**networks,  low-paid workers and trades unionists.

**Youth and Student Officer**

Michaela Collord

Young people have been hit hard by Tory austerity. Huge numbers have rallied to Labour in hopes of winning a transformative socialist government. Understanding how the Party works and how to play an active role isn't always easy, though. I was fortunate to get encouragement from local Labour members, but many young members are still finding their way. As an organiser in multiple student, community and trade union-backed campaigns, including on housing and the living wage, I'm committed to bringing the Party and politicized young people together. Our generation has a unique perspective on the kind of radical change we need. We can and should be a galvanizing force in Labour.

Drew Peak – *no statement received*

**Trade Union Officer**

Mark Ladbrooke

We need leaders from affiliated unions at every level of our party – it will help correct the impression that you need 10 GCSEs and a few postgrad degrees to be a Labour leader!

Let’s seize on basic issues. Housing and the living wage are key and poverty pay disproportionately impacts women, BAME and disabled workers.

Specifically let’s:

* organise our union members
* build the Oxford and District TUC May Day March
* campaign actively on NHS cuts and privatisation, for decent pensions and social care for children’s and youth services

Re-elect Mark Ladbrooke as Trade Union Liaison Officer

Peter Nowland – *no statement received*

**Assistant Secretary**

Felicity Irwin

I am proud to have been part of the Executive Committee this year which saw our local vote increase as part of a historic swing to Labour under Jeremy Corbyn.

I have represented Oxford Labour at National and Regional Party Conferences. I am a member of Unite and have previously been a Unison branch officer.

I manage the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford University, having previously worked in city government and for a major climate action network.

I would love the opportunity to continue in this role and to support the Secretary keeping our party strong, vibrant, welcoming and effective.

**Deputy Treasurer**. The regional director advised that this post should be deleted as the Chair is now automatically registered as deputy treasurer with the electoral commission. The executive committee is discussing what functions might be needed in a replacement fundraising / financial post. In the interim Cherry Mostesharwas nominated by two branches on the basis that she will take on Jennifer’s former responsibilities as treasurer of Oxford Labour Women and overseeing and banking collections from meetings and events as a member of the executive committee for 2018 / 2019.

**Conference Delegates – Oxford East** (attendance at last eight all-member meetings in brackets)

Becky Boumelha (3)

A young, Arab woman from Oxford, I was inspired to get involved by the principles and policies of Corbyn-led Labour. Our mass membership has set an agenda that resonates with a public sick of Tory cuts and delivered Labour's record-breaking surge in last year's General Election. Now we must fight for the Labour government that Britain desperately needs. I was proud of Oxford Labour's backing for my proposals to increase the voice of BAME members in our Party. Now I need your support to take that message to National Conference. I stand for an inclusive, united and campaigning Labour Party.

Dan Iley-Williamson (7)

Last June saw our largest increase in vote share since 1945. Labour is now a government-in-waiting. We've shown that to win we need bold, socialist policies. From leading the 2015 Oxford for Corbyn campaign, as an activist, councillor and officer of Oxford Labour, to working with our MP, I am well placed to offer a voice for members across the local party. Labour inspires hundreds of thousands of members who have put us in a place where we can win again and stop the Tories. As conference delegate, I will represent Oxford East, supporting a winning, campaigning and members-led party.

Andy Rimmer (4) – *no statement received*

Marie Tidball (1)

I was proud to stand as a 2017 Parliamentary Candidate on our exceptional manifesto. At conference, I would use this and experience as Portfolio Holder for Young People, Schools and Public Health and Disability Officer to contribute to policies which build for General Election success. With homelessness 169% higher than 2010, NHS funding on a knife edge and children facing a social mobility gap, we need the structural change only achieved by a Labour government. As a disabled women, I want to ensure a diverse range of voices are heard at Conference; a delegate for the many, not the few.

Emma Turnbull (1)

As a county councillor, I work tirelessly to promote Labour values across Oxfordshire.

I am an active campaigner on local issues: I have championed the creation of a County-wide emotional wellbeing service and helped persuade the Tories to keep £500,000 to support the street homeless in the 2019/20 budget.

I want to raise the profile of homelessness and young people's mental health in the Party, and ensure that the key issues affecting us in Oxford are represented at a national level.

As I haven't been a delegate before, I would relish the opportunity to inform Labour's vision for the future.

**Conference Delegates – Oxford West & Abingdon** (attendance at last eight all-member meetings in brackets)

Joe Conroy (2)

I will represent Oxford West and Abingdon in my best capacity by campaigning on and raising awareness of local issues. As a 26 year old young professional, I understand the issues and concerns of young people. I will provide equal representation of people of all ages, ethnicity and background in the area.

My day job is an F1 design engineer which can have demanding work hours; However if elected I will focus my energy on attending all Labour meetings. As the saying goes, if you want something done, ask a busy person!

"For the many not the few"

Erica Davis (4)

A mum of two teenage children with over twenty five years experience of working in Local Government. Witnessed first hand the erosion of Public Services in the name of austerity. Joined Labour Young Socialists at the age of 16. Branch Secretary and Co-Convenor of the newly formed Botley and District Branch. Sit on CLP Executive Committee. Excited about growing the party locally and am delighted that we are increasing membership through active canvassing, phone banking and coffee mornings with collections for Local Food Bank. Main interests in Health and Social Care and creating an innovative space for local democracy.

Felicity Irwin – *withdrawn*

Donal McCay (-) – *no statement received*

Jane Stockton (7)

Labour Party Conference is our ultimate policy making body. As we prepare for the next General Election, which is hopefully not far away, this year’s conference could play a decisive role in the preparation of the transformative programme which will be enacted by the next Labour Government ‘for the many, not the few’. As an active member of the Executive Committee, the co-membership officer, and the convenor of the OxWAb Action Group, I am in touch with the members of Oxford West and Abingdon CLP, and would be proud to represent you as a delegate at this vital conference.

Additional positions for ratification

**Observers to Oxfordshire county Labour group – Oxford East**

Faheen Ahmed

Steve Curran

**Observers to Oxfordshire county Labour group – Oxford West & Abingdon**

Chris Robins

**Additional Executive Committee Members**

Party branches not already represented on the EC by an officer

Abingdon Ray Hand / Joe Conroy

Botley & District Erica Davis / Dawn Oliver

[Leys & Lye Damian Haywood] *depends on election of trade union officer*

Kidlington & Yarnton John Stansby

Rose Hill / Cowley / Littlemore Ian Flintoff

Trade unions (4 plus one from USDAW):

GMB Unspecified Workplace Mo Fadlalla

Co-operative Party: David Blackman

Oxford University Labour Club: Anisha Faruk

Brookes University Labour Club:

Oxford City Labour Group Susan Brown

Linda Smith / Ed Turner

Vale of White Horse

Labour Group:

Cherwell Labour Group:

Oxford City Labour Group Susan Brown

Linda Smith / Ed Turner

Vale of White Horse

Labour Group:

Cherwell Labour Group:

**Entitled to attend without voting rights**

MP – Anneliese Dodds

Campaign co-ordinator – Andrew Smith

Organiser – Hannah Riley

Election agent(s) and parliamentary candidate(s) when appointed