

## **Outline of the Labour party policy making process**

### **Agenda 2015**

This manifesto development process is well underway as part of Agenda 2015. Over a four year period, the party have consulted on key issues, the [final year document](#) was published on 9 September 2014 – this document once agreed will become Labour's official policy programme. The hub for Agenda 2015 and a forum for debate is the website: [www.YourBritain.org.uk](http://www.YourBritain.org.uk) .

### **Key policy making institutions:**

Joint Policy Committee (JPC) – strategic oversight, steering and setting priorities for the policy making process. Made up of members of shadow cabinet, the National Executive Committee (NEC) and the National Policy Forum.

Policy commissions – there are eight commissions including the Education and Children's Policy Commission, which do the more detailed work in forming policy as prioritised through the policy ballot at annual conference and the JPC.

The National Policy Forum (NPF) – a representative body comprised of 199 members. It meets in full each summer to discuss the drafts prepared by the policy commissions, sending comments and an annual report to annual conference.

Annual Conference – Labour's official policy making body, debates and agrees the policy papers presented by the NPF, and holds a ballot to determine priorities for the year ahead.

### **Formal manifesto process**

Consultation period October 2014 - January 2015, first drafts February 2015. Final sign off under the Clause V procedure March 2015.

Clause V meetings are attended by the NEC, the 7 backbench members of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) Committee and the Chair and Vice Chairs of the National Policy Forum (NPF).

The final manifesto is due to be published in April 2015.

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