

North West Lib Dem MP Flyers

Guidance notes to branches

As you know, at regional level UNISON's response to the ConDem cuts has been to argue that there is an alternative and that we are determined to defend public services and the employment prospects of our members. UNISON North West has also decided to attack the coalition government by targeting the six North West Lib Dem MPs and as part of this strategy, individual members who live in the relevant constituencies will need to contact their Lib Dem MP.

The six Lib Dem MPs are as follows;

Andrew Stunell – Hazel Grove

Mark Hunter – Cheadle

John Leech – Manchester Withington

Tim Farron – Westmorland and Lonsdale

John Pugh – Southport

Gordon Birtwistle - Burnley

A flyer has been produced targeting each Lib Dem MP in the North West and branches will receive flyers relevant to constituencies based on their geographical location to the branch. However it may be the case that branches may have members in any or all of the above constituencies.

What to do;

- Branches will need to firstly identify which members live in the constituency of a Lib Dem MP. There already exists a table query on RMS which will produce lists of members for a particular constituency. Full details of the table query are found overleaf along with details of who to contact if you require any assistance.
- Flyers will then need to be distributed to members who live in the constituencies as **MPs do not have to respond to non-constituents**. There are electronic copies which can be emailed to members and also Region have had a number of hard copies printed which are being posted out to branches.
- Please be aware that local circumstances will dictate whether or not it is appropriate to email these flyers using employers email and network systems. There may also be members who work in politically neutral posts. So please do take necessary precautions to protect both members and the branch.
- The flyers contain full contact details of the MPs and they should be used in conjunction with UNISON's Alternative Budget which can be found on the UNISON national website here www.unison.org.uk/acrobat/18887.pdf and a copy is also attached for info.
- It would be useful if members could report back to branches the response they receive from their MP and branches could feed this back to region using the contact details below.

For the campaign to be a success it is vital that branches encourage as many members to contact their Lib Dem MP. Members will therefore need to email, write letters and attend the MPs weekly surgeries in order to bring as much pressure onto the Lib Dems as possible.

For any general queries and to update us with
MPs responses please contact Vicky Walton ;

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Searching for members by constituency – Table Query

There is already a table query set up to search for members by constituency. The field on RMS it will search is CLP.

The table query code is 204233 and you will be prompted to enter a constituency (CLP) code. This will return a list of members within the branch who live in that particular constituency.

The codes for the constituencies are as follows;

Constituency	Code
Burnley – Gordon Birtwistle	4413
Cheadle – Mark Hunter	4416
Hazel Grove – Andrew Stunell	4427*
Manchester Withington – John Leech	4441
Southport – John Pugh	4453
Westmorland & Lonsdale – Tim Farron	4465*

If you have any queries regarding this then please contact Bob Brown 0161 661 6780 or Christine Chaplin 0161 661 6769 at the regional office.

*Please note that due to recent changes with RMS the starred codes may not return any members. This is an issue that we have flagged with RMS operations and has been caused by a change of the CLP codes. Hopefully this will be resolved as soon as possible. It will however be possible to search for members by their post code. For any queries about RMS please contact Bob or Christine (details above).