

1 Conference notes the General Election Review 2024 and its measures to build on our
2 success.

3 The recommendation to resource a staff team to help committee members and provide
4 consistent resources is welcome.

5 However, we oppose calls to remove from State Parties their authority concerning
6 candidate approval and selection.

7 We commend the work of the English Candidates Committee in reviewing and
8 simplifying the selection rules and processes which they have undertaken following the
9 General Election.

10 We acknowledge the work of our Regional Candidates and Campaigns Committees. We
11 wish to express our firm belief that the ability of the party to field a full slate of
12 candidates in the North West would not have been possible without their dedication to
13 the task.

14 We are concerned that those involved with the General Election Review 2024 do not
15 understand the extent to which the ability to secure high-quality candidates is critically
16 dependent on those local candidates and campaigns committees.

17 We assert that the proposed centralisation of the process at Federal level could
18 demotivate all involved, undermine their work, and add another layer of control.

19 We call upon the English State Party to oppose any efforts to remove state powers and
20 hand them to the Federal Party.