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Joint Negotiating Team : Minutes and Papers

- 29.9.87 Paper from the two leaders for the first meeting on 29 September
- October 1987 Negotiations with the Liberals. Consultation meetings: brief for Chairman and members of the Negotiating Tea
- The key issues
- 12.10.87 Joint Negotiating Team : sub-Group membership and terms of reference (NEGCOM/03/1087)
- 13.10.87 Agenda
- Note of meeting, 29.9.87
- Minutes, 13.10.87
- 20.10.87 Agenda
- Proposed timetable for work of JNT on constitution (including statement on principles)
- Mss. Notes (IW) on meeting
- 27.10.87 Agenda
- Minutes, 20.10.87
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- Minutes, 27.10.87
- 10.11.87 Agenda
- Minutes, 3.11.87
- Structure for campaigning, administration and accountability (Paper J12)

- Composition of draft Federal Conference : draft proposals (PaperJ13)
- 17.11.87 Agenda
- Minutes, 10.11.87
- Policy declaration machinery (Paper J1 1B)
- Composition of the Federal Conference (Paper J13A)
- 18.11.87 Agenda
- Structure for campaigning, administration and accountability (Paper J12A)
- Report of the sub-Group on the Role of Women
- Officers of the Federal Party : Liberals proposals (Paper J1 OA)
- 24.11.87 Agenda
- Minutes, 17.11.87 and 18.11.87
- Structure for policy making : joint proposals (Paper J8B)
- Composition of the Federal Conference: joint proposals (J1 3B)
- Ballots for purposes other than elections : joint proposals (PaperJ17)
- Structure for campaigning, administration and accountability (Paper J12B)
- Associated organisations and recognised bodies : proposals from the Joint sub-Group
(Paper 66A/R8/J14A)
- Report of the sub-Group on the Role of Women (Paper J9B)
- The Role of Women (Report by the Joint sub-Group)
- 29.11.87 Agendas
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- Structure for policy making : joint proposals (Paper J8C)
- Structure for campaigning, administration and accountability (Paper J12C)

Officers of the Federal Party (Paper J1OB)

Joint Model Rules Group : First report (Paper J20)

Report on the Joint Employer/Staff Meeting to the Joint Negotiating Team (Paper J22)

Role and powers of regions in England : proposals (Paper J25)

Small constituencies (Paper J6)

Brief for JNT meeting on 30.11.87 (contentious issues)

Composition of the Federal Conference: Liberal proposals (Paper J32)

Candidate approval and selection : report of Joint sub-Group (Paper J19)

Joint Membership sub-Group : agreed position at 25.11.87 (Paper J21)

Chief Executives (Additional provisions) (Paper J33)

Associated organisations (Paper J23)

Appeals bodies (Paper J27)

Federal Committees and sub-Committees : joint proposals (Paper J28)

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Composition of the Federal Conference : joint proposals (Paper 13C)

Ballots for purposes other than elections (Paper J17C)

Structure for campaigning, administration and accountability (Paper J 12D)

Powers of the Council of the Regions of England (Paper J34A)

Role and powers of regions in England : proposals (Paper J25A)

15.12.87 Minutes, 15.12.87

5.1.88 Agenda

- Minutes, 5.11.88
- 12.1.88 Agenda
- Joint Negotiating Team : additional papers (1)
- [n.d.] Draft constitution : Preamble (Comments - six items - attached)
- [n.d.] Preamble (on the merger) (Paper 106D/J38A)
- [n.d.] Substantive issues not already covered in negotiations (Paper J39)
- [n.d.] Proposals on amendments to draft articles of the Party in England, consequential on alterations to federal constitution (Paper J40)
- [n.d.] Proposed amendments to transitional arrangements (PaperJ41)
- [n.d.] SDP proposal for composition of federal structure
- [n.d.] Policy making at federal level
- [n.d.] Structure for campaigning, administration and accountability (Paper J12B)
- [n.d.] Composition of Federal Conference : additional SDP proposals (Paper J1 3A)
- [n.d.] Amendments to the Federal Constitution (132/J45)
- [n.d.] Union of the SDP and the Liberal Party : transfer of assets
- [n.d.] Policy declaration (R. Maclennan and D. Steel)
- [n.d.] Mss. Notes on a ballot of members
- [n.d.] The role of constituencies and/or Area Parties
- October Negotiations with the Liberals : the key issues
1987
- October Joint Negotiation Committee : sub-Groups and Advisory Groups (Paper J5/34A)
1987
- 19.10.87 Joint Negotiation Committee : sub-Groups and Advisory Groups (Paper 34)
- 3.11.87 Liberal response to SDP policy prospectus proposals (Paper 5 1 B/Jl 1)

- 3.11.87 Structure for policy making (Paper J8)
- 4.11.87 The case for a democratic constitutional philosophy
- 4.11.87 The case for a multi-constituency organisation
- 5.11.87 A federal structure for the New Party : final agreed drafting brief
- 5.11.87 Officers of the Federal Party. Federal Finance
- 10.11.87 Liberal Special Assembly : transitional arrangements report (Papers 68/J15 ad J14)
- 20.11.87 Policy declaration machinery : final agreed proposals
- Policy prospectus machinery
- Policy prospectus machinery : proposed SDP amendments
- 23.11.87 Motions and amendments at York Party (Liberal) Council Paper 85/J1 8)
- 27.11.87 Transitional arrangements : federal arrangements and arrangements for England : joint proposals (Paper J29)
- 27.11.87 Composition of the Federal Conference : Liberal proposals (Paper 88 A/J32)
- 1.12.87 Powers of the Council of the Regions of England (Paper 97A/J34A)
- 1.12.87 Officers of the Federal Party
- 10.12.87 Redraft of preamble (on the merger)

- December 1987 Constitution of the new Liberal and Social Democratic Party (draft)
- Key points in the draft constitution
- Draft constitution of the new Liberal and Social Democratic Party (which maybe known as The Alliance)
- Constitution of the ----- Party
- The ----- Party in England
- Draft constitution of the new Liberal and Social Democratic Party (published version)
- Draft constitution of the new Scottish Liberal and Social Democratic Party (published version)
- Draft constitution of the new Welsh Liberal and Social Democratic Party (published version)
- 12.1.88 Outstanding substantive issues
- 17.1.88 Joint Statement of Policy : draft paper
- Joint Negotiating Team: additional papers (2)
- See Box 321²
- SDP Negotiating Committee : Minutes and Papers
- 24.9.87 Minutes, 24.9.87
- Membership of SDP Negotiating Team
- 6.10.87 Agenda
- Minutes, 29.9.87 (NEGCOM/M2/1 087)
- Notes on a constitution for the New Party (NEGCOM/02/1087)

- 9.10.87 Paper from R. Newby, re: (i) SDP membership and finance, (ii) Membership, affiliation and finances in the Liberal Party, (iii) Policy-making in the SDP, (iv) Policy-making in the Liberal Party, (v) Procedures for candidate selection in the SDP, (vi) Approval and selection of Liberal candidates
- 13.10.87 Agenda
Minutes, 6.10.87 (NEGCOM/M3/1087)
Making a federal structure work (NEGCOM/03/1087)
- 20.10.87 Agenda
Minutes, 13.10.87 (NEGCOM/M4/1087)
- 31.10.87 SDP Parliamentary Candidates Association. Consultations on SDP/Liberal negotiations to form a New Party (Agenda)
- 3.11.87 Agenda
Minutes, 27.10.87 (NEGCOM/M6/1087)
- 10.11.87 Agenda
Minutes, 3.11.87 (NEGCOM/M7/1 187)
Papers currently in circulation (NEGCOM/10/1 187)
Timetable following publication of draft constitution (NEGCOM/1 1/1 187)
- 17.11.87 Agenda
Minutes, 10.11.87 (NEGCOM/M8/1 187)
- 24.11.87 Agenda
Minutes, 17 and 18.11.87 (NEGCOM/M9/1 187)
- 28.11.87 Agenda
Minutes, 24.11.87 (NEGCOM/M10/1 187 and NEGCOM/M1 1/187)

Additional papers

A federal structure for the New Party (NEGCOM/07/1087)

Report on consultations within the SDP (NEGCOM/08/1 187)

Officers of the Federal Party (NEGCOM/09/1 187)

Joint Membership sub-Group

23.10.87 Proposed membership provisions for the New Party

18.11.87 Agreed position at 18.11.87

Liberal Negotiating Team

13.10.87 Liberal proposals

Federal structure

Option 3: Party in England

Powers of regions under Option 3

Sub-group issues : federal or state?

20.10.87 Structure for policy making : Liberal proposals

Policy process : federal level

Merger talks ‘ 87

11.1.88 Notes on the constitution

12.1.88 Provisional membership rules (127/J44)

[n.d.] Notes on the constitution

Consultative ballot on Merger

[not listed]

Correspondence and circulars included with merger papers

- [n.d.] Circular from C. Linley on suggested name for a new party
- [n.d.] R. Liddle to I.. Wrigglesworth
- 19.6.87 Shirley Williams to Area Party secretaries re: future relations with the Liberals
- 24.6.87 SW to R. MacLennan (two letters); reply from RM, 24.6.87
- 27.6.87 T. Clement-Jones and D. Wilson (Liberal Party) to SW
- 28.6.87 T. Burke (and others) to SW
- 7.7.87 Letters of resignation from A. McGivan
- 24.8.87 IW to R. MacLennan
- 28.8.87 D. Owen to IW
- 3.9.87 Negotiations with Liberal Party : the next stage. Circular from R. Newby
- Future relations between the SDP and the Liberal Party. Decision of the CSD
Portsmouth, 31.8.87
- 25.9.87 Circular on negotiations, from R. MacLennan
- 7.10.87 Memorandum from P. Rossi, and others, to SDP negotiators
- 16.10.87 Letter from R. MacLennan to S. Landau
- 23.10.87 Negotiations with the Liberals. Press release from I. Wrigglesworth
- 2.11.87 Merger negotiations : results of consultations. Circular from R. Newby
- 5.11.87 The negotiations : the next steps. Circular from R. Newby
- 21.12.87 R. MacLennan to IW (circular letter)

Various correspondence from SDP members (not listed)

Social & Liberal Democrats

Merger and launch, circulars and statements, February-March 1988 [not listed]

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- [n.d.] Assembly resolution on the fusion with the SDP
- [n.d.] Draft constitution : preamble
- [n.d.] Preamble comments (on the draft constitution)
- [n.d.] Constitution of the Welsh Party
- 3.11.87 Structure for policy making
- 8.11.87 (Very) skeletal modular constitution of the ----- Party (Draft 2) (ref: PG/9932A/rp)
- 10.12.87 The New Alliance . . .
- 14.12.87 The New Liberal and Social Democratic Party . . .
- 7.12.87 Final drafting briefs . . .
- J9E Role of women
- J1 OD Officers of the Federal Party
- J12E Structure for campaigning, administration and accountability
- J13D Composition of the Federal Conference
- J19C Candidate approval and selection
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67	Constitutional amendments : federal party and the party in England
85	Motions and amendments at York Party Council, 21.11.87
96B	Liberal/SDP negotiations 1987: preamble/statement of principles