

Prime Minister

CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE

1. I attach (Flag A) the Conference Agenda.
2. I attach (Flag B) an itinerary of the sessions of Conference, together with the invitations you have received.
3. Your Arrival at the Conference

I would suggest that you should arrive on the Tuesday - either in time to sit in on the Law & Order Debate, or the Energy Debate.

4. Which Debates to sit in on

I would recommend the following:

Law & Order (Leon Brittan) - PERHAPS
Energy (Peter Walker)
Rates (Patrick Jenkin)
Economy & Taxation (Nigel Lawson)
Food & Farming (Michael Jopling)
Employment (Tom King)
Overseas Affairs (Geoffrey Howe) - PERHAPS

(I have underlined these in pink on the list at Flag B)

5. Receptions

In the past you have normally refused invitations to all Area Receptions on the grounds that if you accept one you ought to accept them all. I would suggest sticking to this rule. However, you might like to consider accepting the invitation to the Greater London Area Reception as this is your own Area, and you did not attend last year.

You may also like to accept the invitation to the Party Treasurers' Reception which is to be held before the Agents' Dinner.

6. Your Constituency Lunch

This could be held either on the Tuesday or the Wednesday.

7. Other Lunches

Would you like to accept the invitation to the Conservative Friends of Israel Lunch (Tuesday) - or alternatively, would you like to look in for a drink beforehand?

Would you like to accept the Women's Lunch invitation on the Thursday?

8. Evenings

- (a) Wednesday and Thursday evenings are already committed:

Wednesday - Agents' Dinner and look in at YC Ball.

Thursday - keep free for speech but look in at Agents' Ball.

- (b) Tuesday is at present clear:

You may like to invite one or two friends to have dinner in your suite on the Tuesday evening. (Whitelaws, Howes, Keith Joseph, Lady Airey + Alisons).

Would you like us to arrange a dinner?

In the past you have invited a few people (ie. officers of the National Union) for a drink. We could arrange this for Tuesday evening.

Would you like us to invite people in for a drink - either before or after dinner?

9. Thank you Tea

Would you like us to arrange the thank you tea as in the past - at approximately 4.00 p.m. to follow your speech to the Conference?

Stephen Sherbourne
Political Secretary

23.8.84

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CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE

Prime Minister's Programme

INVITATIONS RECEIVED

<u>Day</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>P.M.</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Monday 8th October				West Midlands Area Reception 9.00 p.m.
Tuesday 9th October	OPENING SESSION SOCIAL SECURITY (Rhodes Boyson) ✓ LAW AND ORDER (Leon Brittan)	Conservative Friends of Israel (lunch or look in beforehand) ? Constituency lunch ?	ENERGY ✓ (Peter Walker) CONSERVING THE ENVIRONMENT (William Waldegrave) ✓ PUBLIC RELATIONS (Viscount Whitelaw)	* East of England Area Reception 5.45 p.m. ✓ South Eastern Area Reception 5.45 p.m. * Yorkshire TV Reception/Supper 10.00 p.m. * Western Area Reception 5.45 p.m.
Wednesday 10th October	✓ RATES (Patrick Jenkin) ✓ DEFENCE (Michael Heseltine) DRUG ABUSE (Kenneth Clarke)	✓ ? Constituency lunch?	ECONOMY & TAXATION (Nigel Lawson) HEALTH (Norman Fowler) LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Lord Bellwin)	* Small Business Bureau Meeting 5.45 p.m. * North West Area Reception 5.45 p.m. ✓ Party Treasurer's Reception 5.45 p.m. ✓ * AGENTS' DINNER ✓ * Y.C. BALL

<u>Day</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>P.M.</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Thursday 11th October	FOOD & FARMING (Michael Jopling) EMPLOYMENT (Tom King)	Women's Lunch	FREE ENTERPRISE & INDUSTRY (Norman Tebbit) OVERSEAS AFFAIRS (Geoffrey Howe)	* Greater London Area Reception 5.45 p.m. * Welsh Area Reception 5.45 p.m. Wessex Area Reception 6.00 p.m. Northern Area Reception 6.00 p.m. International Office Reception 9.30 p.m. AGENTS' BALL **

Friday 12th October	EDUCATION (Keith Joseph)	Working Lunch	PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TO CONFERENCE Address Overflow Thank you tea?
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* Those functions taking place at venues other than the Grand Hotel or the Conference Centre
 ** Conservative Anglo-Asian Society Reception, 6.00 p.m.

AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE 1984

Chairman: Dame Pamela Hunter, DBE

TUESDAY, 9th OCTOBERFirst session: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

1. Religious Service (See page 00)
2. Official welcome by the Worshipful the Mayor of Brighton, Cllr. John Blackman
3. Chairman's opening remarks
4. Adoption of the Annual Report (See page 000)
5. Debate on SOCIAL SECURITY

Motion No. 829

MR. M. JACK (on behalf of the Southport Conservative Association) to move:
 " This Conference, recognising the growing proportion of the population of pensionable age, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to *develop further* ~~its social policies to ensure~~ that those who have given a life time service to society can look forward to retirement free from economic and material worry."

Reply Speaker: DR. RHODES BOYSON, M.P., Minister for Social Security

6. Debate on LAW AND ORDER

Motion No. 493

MR. W. COATES (on behalf of the Meriden Conservative Association) to move:
 " That this Conference believes the Government must reconsider the whole problem of organised violence and intimidation and calls on Her Majesty's Government to implement in full their manifesto promises on violence, law and order".

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. LEON BRITTAN, MP, Secretary of State for the Home Department

7. The Chairman of the Party Organisation, MR. JOHN SELWYN GUMMER, MP

Second session: 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.

8. Debate on ENERGY

Motion No. 284

MR D.W. RIDGE (on behalf of Newark Conservative Association) to move:
 " This Conference calls upon Her Majesty's Government to embark upon a vigorous programme to restore the pride and confidence of all those working within the coal industry; and to ensure the mining community is given every assistance to change and adapt itself to modern needs, and thereby obtain the benefits of becoming strong and self-sufficient."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. PETER WALKER, MBE, M.P., Secretary of State for Energy

9. Debate on CONSERVING THE ENVIRONMENT

Motion No. 307

MR. MICHAEL WILLIS (on behalf of Brentwood and Ongar Conservative Association) to move:

"This Conference calls on the Government to conserve the environment by all practical means, including the reduction of known sources of pollution and vigorous defence of the Green Belt."

Reply Speaker: THE HON. WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE, M.P., Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of the Environment

10. Debate on PUBLIC RELATIONS

Motion No. 745

MR. R.D. APPLETON (on behalf of Stockton North Conservative Association) to move:

"This Conference urges the Government to smarten its public relations, to ascertain Conservative views and reactions on the ground and to explain its policies lucidly to the whole country."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. VISCOUNT WHITELAW OF PENRITH, ^{CH, M.C.,} Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords

WEDNESDAY, 10th OCTOBER

Third session: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

11. Debate on RATES

Motion No. 644

MR. N. CUTTS (on behalf of the Rushcliffe Conservative Association) to move:

"This Conference welcomes the rate capping legislation but urges Her Majesty's Government to make positive steps towards the abolition of the domestic rating system, replacing it eventually with a system of local taxation which bears more fairly on a wider spread of the population."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. PATRICK JENKIN, MP, Secretary of State for the Environment

12. Debate on DEFENCE

Motion No. 50

MRS. ANGELA BROWNING (on behalf of the Tiverton Conservative Association) to move:

"This Conference urges Her Majesty's Government to continue its realistic defence policy and strong support of NATO. The Conference is equally supportive of the Government's initiatives to encourage detente between East and West."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. MICHAEL HESELTINE, MP, Secretary of State for Defence

13. Debate on DRUG ABUSE

Motion No. 65

MR. J.D. ATKINSON (on behalf of Pudsey Conservative Association) to move:

"That this ^{Conference} ~~Constituency~~ requests Her Majesty's Government to take immediate steps to eliminate drug and solvent abuse - with particular emphasis on harsher sentences for 'pushers'"

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. KENNETH CLARKE, MP, Minister for Health, Department of Health and Social Security

Fourth session: 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.

14. Debate on ECONOMY AND TAXATION

Motion No. 81

MR. SIMON H. HOY (on behalf of the Guildford Conservative Association) to move:
" This Conference believes that low inflation and tight public expenditure provide far the best foundation for the expansion of jobs and prosperity and urges the Government both to adhere to these basic policies and to reinforce them with all possible measures in order to reform the labour market and ease the transition for those who have to move jobs."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. NIGEL LAWSON, MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer

15. Debate on HEALTH

Motion No. 437

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MR. IAIN McCRONE (on behalf of the North East Fife Conservative Association) to move:
" This Conference welcomes the increased expenditure by HM Government on health and urges that every effort is made to ensure that Health/Boards provide the most cost effective ancillary service consistent with the best interests of patient care."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. NORMAN FOWLER, MP, Secretary of State for Social Services

16. Debate on LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Motion No. 576

CLLR. BRIAN MOGFORD (on behalf of the Birmingham, Edgbaston Conservative Association) to move:

" This Conference congratulates Her Majesty's Government in their persistent action to abolish the Metropolitan County Councils and re-affirms its belief that their abolition will improve standards of accountability of elected representatives to their electorate; that it will reduce the duplication caused by two tier local government in urban regions; will provide a greater degree of choice to residents therein and thereby help to contain rate rises to both residents and job-providing business enterprises".

Reply Speaker: LORD BELLWIN, Minister for Local Government, Department of the Environment.

THURSDAY, 11th OCTOBER

Fifth session: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

17. Debate on FOOD AND FARMING

Motion No. 365

MR. PETER TALBOT (on behalf of North Norfolk Conservative Association) to move:
" While acknowledging the need for economies in the soaring cost of the Common Agricultural Policy, this Conference urges Her Majesty's Government to ensure that the British farmer is treated fairly in comparison with his European equivalent, and that United Kingdom policies directly supporting our agriculture are maintained."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. MICHAEL JOPLING, MP, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food

18. Debate on EMPLOYMENT

Motion No. 215

MRS. SALLY WILLIAMS (on behalf of the Ceredigion & Pembroke North Conservative Association) to move:

" This Conference believes that, whilst this Government has made a positive contribution to assist the unemployed to find work, there is still a gap between help available and the needs of those unemployed."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. TOM KING, MP, Secretary of State for Employment

19. Debate on HOMES AND LAND

Motion No. 459

MR. JOHN WYLIE (on behalf of the Fulham Conservative Association) to move:

" That this Conference congratulates HMG on the success of its measures to expand home ownership among Council and Housing Association tenants and now urges the Government to develop further policies to bring the benefits of home ownership to tenants of those Council-owned properties which are less suitable for outright sale (such as those on older, flatted estates or in high rise blocks), in partnership with independent Housing Associations and other organisations."

Reply Speaker: MR. IAN GOW, TD, MP, Minister for Housing and Construction, Department of the Environment

Sixth session: 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.

20. Debate on FREE ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY

Motion No. 398

MR. RAYMOND ROBERTSON (on behalf of the Scottish Conservative & Unionist Association) to move:

" This Conference, believing that industry in private ownership is a fundamental part of a free society, calls upon HM Government to make known its long term plans for the privatisation of the nationalised industries."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. NORMAN TEBBIT, MP, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

21. Debate on OVERSEAS AFFAIRS

Motion No. 705

SIR DONALD WALTERS (on behalf of the Cardiff North Conservative Association) to move
" That this Conference strongly supports Her Majesty's Government's initiative to reduce tension between the Communist Bloc and the Free World to secure balanced and verifiable disarmament and thereby to free resources for the promotion of wealth throughout the world."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, QC, MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

22. Debate on a BALLOTTED MOTION (see enclosed ballot paper)

FRIDAY, 12th OCTOBER

Seventh session: 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

23. Debate on a BALLOTTED MOTION (see enclosed ballot paper)

24. Debate on EDUCATION

Motion No. 136

CLLR. F. ALLGOOD (on behalf of the Fareham Conservative Association) to move:
"This Conference approves the Secretary of State's initiative to raise standards in education and asks that more should be done to ensure that young people are equipped with skills and knowledge that are of relevance to modern Britain."

Reply Speaker: RT. HON. SIR KEITH JOSEPH, BT., M.P., Secretary of State for Education & Science

Eighth Session: 2.15 - 3.20 p.m.

25. Financial appeal and collection in aid of Party funds

26. Address by RT. HON. MRS. MARGARET THATCHER, F.R.S., M.P.

The Prime Minister and Leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party
Chairman: COL. SIR ALASTAIR GRAESSER, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P., D.L.
President of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations

The National Anthem

CONFIDENTIAL

PARTY CONFERENCE 1984 - TIME SCHEDULE

SESSIONS	DEBATES	TIME ALLOCATED (Minutes)	ESTIMATED TIMES	REPLY SPEAKERS	TIME FOR REPLY (Minutes)
1 TUESDAY MORNING 9th Oct	Religious Service and Opening Ceremony	30	9.30-10.05		
	Social Security	60	10.05-11.05	Dr Rhodes Boyson	15
	Law and Order	60	11.05-12.05	Mr Leon Brittan	15
	Chairman of the Party Organisation	20	12.10-12.30	Mr John Selwyn Gummer	
2 TUESDAY AFTERNOON	Energy	60	2.30- 3.30	Mr Peter Walker	15
	Conserving the Environment	60	3.30- 4.30	Mr William Waldegrave	15
	Public Relations	60	4.30- 5.30	Lord Whitelaw	15
3 WEDNESDAY MORNING 10th Oct	Rates	60	9.30-10.30	Mr Patrick Jenkin	15
	Defence	60	10.30-11.30	Mr Michael Heseltine	15
	Drug Abuse	60	11.30-12.30	Mr Kenneth Clarke	15
4 WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON	Economy and Taxation	65	2.30- 3.35	Mr Nigel Lawson	20
	Health	60	3.35- 4.35	Mr Norman Fowler	15
	Local Government	55	4.35- 5.30	Lord Bellwin	15
5 THURSDAY MORNING 11th Oct	Food and Farming	60	9.30-10.30	Mr Michael Jopling	15
	Employment	60	10.30-11.30	Mr Tom King	15
	Homes and Land	60	11.30-12.30	Mr Ian Gow	15
6 THURSDAY AFTERNOON	Free Enterprise & Industry	60	2.30- 3.30	Mr Norman Tebbit	15
	Overseas Affairs	70	3.30- 4.40	Sir Geoffrey Howe	20
	Balloted Motion	50	4.40- 5.30		15
7 FRIDAY MORNING 12th Oct	Balloted Motion	60	9.30-10.30		15
	Education	70	10.30-11.40	Sir Keith Joseph	20
	Chairman's concluding remarks and presentation of bell	10	11.45-11.55		
8 FRIDAY AFTERNOON	Financial appeal and collection	12	2.15- 2.27		
	President's opening remarks	3	2.27- 2.30		
	Address by the Prime Minister	50	2.30- 3.20		