Minutes of the Cardiff West Constituency Labour Party meeting held on Friday 7th February 2020

The first hour of this meeting was an all member meeting to nominate a candidate for the leadership and deputy leadership of the party. Keir Starmer was nominated for leader and Rosena Allin-Khan for deputy leader, with 112 members present to vote.

Approximately 40 members remained for the GC meeting.

**Kevin Brennan MP:** Kevin praised the democratic process of the nomination meeting and reaffirmed his support for Lisa Nandy MP and Rosena Allin-Khan MP. He discussed the implications of the UK’s exit from the European Union and his decision to join the Culture, Media and Sport select committee, particularly in light of the challenges facing the BBC. He answered questions on the future of the BBC giving the current consultation on the future of the licence fee and coverage of the rugby.

**Mark Drakeford AM:** Mark discussed the Assembly’s refusal to give consent to the UK Government’s EU Withdrawal Bill and the immediate economic impact of Brexit on Wales. He discussed forthcoming educational reforms (including the equal treatment of those in full or part-time study) and the potential impact of coronavirus and Public Health Wales’ efforts to police the situation. Mark also discussed the legislative programme for the final year of this Assembly term, particularly in relation to renters’ rights, and answered questions on the Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant and the progress of a social partnership bill.

Both celebrated the achievement of Fitzalan High Schools’ maths results, where all GCSE students had received an A\* in Maths.

There was no councillor’s report as Cllr Simmons was unable to attend.

**Welsh Labour Conference delegates:** Darren Williams (Canton), Sophie Williams (Canton) and Peter Jenkins (Llandaff) were confirmed as the CLP delegates and Claudia Boes (Fairwater) was confirmed as the Women’s Forum delegate.

**Welsh Labour Conference motion:** A motion (proposed by Cardiff North West branch) on reform of Local Campaign Fora was agreed following detailed discussion.

**Welsh Labour BAME Committee:** Cllr Ramesh Patel was nominated as the CLP’s representative on this committee.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes were agreed without amendment.

**AOB:** Cllr Peter Bradbury asked for members to assist with the delivery of newsletters in Caerau ward.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.