

From: Paul O'Brien, Chair

To: Cities of London and Westminster CLP members

Comment on the unpublished report:

The work of the Labour Party's Governance and Legal Unit in relation to antisemitism, 2014-2019

The report claims "The party's resources – paid for by party members – were often utilised to further the interests of one faction and in some cases were used to undermine the party's objectives."

It could be that some staff and former staff have exposed themselves to legal action following the manipulation of processes at HQ which created a toxic atmosphere for both Jewish members of the Labour Party and the wider Jewish community. Based on information in the leaked report, David Graeber Tweets,

"if some in the Labour bureaucracy were intentionally not pursuing AS complaints by Jewish party members, i.e., not sanctioning or expelling antisemites, so as to hurt Corbyn, um. ISN'T THAT A FORM OF #ANTISEMITISM?"

These alleged actions bring the Labour Party into disrepute and are a disgrace of immense magnitude against the membership and the wider community. Those responsible should be held to account.

Members of the Labour Party, and anyone who read the daily press for the last four and a half years, have known of the orchestrated attempts to undermine the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn but could never have believed it ran so deep and to such high offices within the Labour Party itself.

Politeness and accommodation have been virtues of the 'Left' within the Labour Party. This is in spite of provocation and active organisation against the best interest of Labour by those defined as on the 'Right' in the Party.

City of London branch of the Labour Party reflects this spirit. There was a great attendance at the January meeting, new members and members many had not seen at meetings before were warmly welcomed. Those present listened politely to the all contributions even when it was clear many were jumping on what is now a very clearly manufactured bandwagon against Corbyn and crying crocodile tears for December's lost election – especially when the result in our constituency was not helped by some Labour Party members voting for, and encouraging others to vote, LibDem.

Evidence is now out and there appears to have been manipulation of the complaints process and manipulation of election organisation – potentially resulting in Labour's loss in 2017.

This presents an opportunity to put the record straight, for those a little too quick to criticise, to pause and consider the alternate perspective outlined in this report.

Labour Party members now need to reflect on what they were actually supporting – was it the tactics and methods of those who used member's money to orchestrate the anti-Corbyn campaign and who now appear to have been exposed, including the anti-semitism perpetuated by those trying to falsely pin blame on Corbyn? That requires those who supported, knowingly or unknowingly, the outrages against the constitution of the Labour Party to consider their position carefully.

And those Shadow Cabinet members who engaged in the 'chicken coup' of 2016, many of whom again sit in shadow cabinet, together with those Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) members who vociferously shouted against Corbyn over the last four and a half years have some searching questions to ask themselves.

But most importantly those PLP members have to answer to the members and answer directly to their Constituency Labour Parties (CLPs) and explain their behaviour clearly prior to possible trigger-ballots, which could result in their reselection.

Keir Starmer has been given a broom and he should use it to sweep away all remnants of anti-democratic organisers that remain within Party. We must never again allow our members and their efforts to be treated with such contempt.

- Publish the report.
- Submit the report to EHRC.
- NEC demand Labour Party inquiry now.

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- Chair's letter on leaked report vfin.pdf

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