

## Executive Council statement on general secretary election and the Labour party

**9 March 2017**

All candidates for general secretary were asked at the outset of the election to remember that they were campaigning for office against fellow trade unionists and colleagues at work, who should be treated with respect. The Executive Council repeats that request today, and reminds all candidates that they should avoid all conduct which has the capacity to damage our union.

Executive Council deplores that some of its decisions have been misrepresented. Specifically, Unite has made no loan or gift to the incumbent general secretary, it agreed to convert loans to Jeremy Corbyn's leadership campaigns into donations long ago and it has not donated money to Momentum. It instructs the Executive Officers to take such steps, in consultation with the Returning Officer, to address such misrepresentations.

The Executive Council further endorses the actions and statement of the acting general secretary in relation to the West Midlands Labour party. The Executive Council further instructs the Executive Officers to ensure that the Labour party takes all necessary steps to prevent a repetition of this matter and that the party cooperates fully in such further inquiries as may be necessary.