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8th May 2019

Dear Colleagues,

**PAT CUFFE REPORT & INVITE TO CONFERENCE**

In November 2018, the Conference and Events Committee agreed to invite Mr Cuffe to Annual Conference in anticipation of his report. This decision was actioned by the administration in January 2019.

Following receipt of the report the Executive followed his instructions and circulated this to appropriate members.

At a subsequent NEC meeting the Executive determined there was no valid reason to invite Mr Cuffe to Conference and they reversed the decision of the Conference and Events Committee. This was done in good faith.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 following concerns from branches the Executive revisited their decision having fully considered the provisions of Conference Paper 1/2018.

The Executive having reflected on the wording of Conference Paper 1 and accept that Mr Cuffe will be required at Conference to report back to delegates.

The Rules and Constitution are clear, specifically Rule 12.9 (f)

**“The Chairman of Conference may allow invited guests to address Annual Conference”.**

It is anticipated that the Chairman will invite Mr Cuffe to address Conference on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May during the afternoon session, subject to any changes proposed by the Standing Orders Committee who manage time at Conference.

Please accept our apologies for any confusion this may have caused and draw the contents of this Circular to all members.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support and co-operation.

Yours Sincerely



**STEVE GILLAN**  
General Secretary

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