

Mr Mike Cushman

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By Email Only: [REDACTED]

06 March 2024

Membership: A044272

Case Reference: CAS-01489-Q9G4R

Dear Mr Cushman,

Notice of NEC Panel Decision: Termination of Membership of the Labour Party

We are writing to inform you that the Labour Party (**the Party**) has concluded its investigation into the allegation that you had committed a Prohibited Act pursuant to Chapter 2, Clause I.5.B.v of the Labour Party Rule Book (**the Rule Book**).¹

A panel of the National Executive Committee (**the NEC Panel**) met on 04 March 2024 and considered all of the evidence that the Party put to you and any evidence submitted by you in response.

The NEC Panel then made findings of fact and then applied the Rule Book to those findings. We have set out the findings of the NEC Panel below.

Summary of the Findings of the NEC Panel

Support for Labour Against the Witchhunt, 2018 to 2021

The NEC Panel had regard to the written representations of Mr Cushman submitted and received on 03 August 2023 and 05 February 2024.

The NEC Panel found that Mr Cushman had been an initial signatory to a Labour Against the Witchhunt petition on 30 March 2018; that he had spoken at an event organised by Labour Against the Witchhunt and others on 15 May 2018; that he had spoken at a fringe meeting of Labour Against the Witchhunt on 24 September 2019; that he had signed a petition co-sponsored by Labour Against the Witchhunt on 14 January 2020; that he had spoken at a lobby of Labour HQ organised by Labour Against the Witchhunt and others on 20 July 2021; and that he had spoken at the "RESIST!" event organised by Labour Against the Witchhunt and others on 28 September 2021.

The NEC Panel considered that Mr Cushman's conduct demonstrated, in its opinion, the type of support for Labour Against the Witchhunt prohibited by Chapter 2, Clause I.5.B.v of the Rules.

¹ <https://labour.org.uk/rulebook>

Consequently, your membership of the Party stands terminated. You are no longer entitled to attend any Party meetings or to exercise any other rights associated with membership of the Party.

You have the right to appeal this decision on the grounds set out at Chapter 2, Clause I.6 of the Rule Book. Please read this section of the Rule Book carefully before submitting any appeal.

For avoidance of doubt, the two grounds of appeal are: (i) the General Secretary or the NEC has contravened a provision of Chapter 2, Clause I.5 of the Rule Book; (ii) the findings of the NEC are flawed or tainted by bias or unsupported by the evidence.

Should you wish to do so, please submit any appeal within 14 days of the date of this letter, in writing to Appeals Team, Labour Party, 20 Rushworth Street, London, SE1 0SS or by email to appeals@labour.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Disputes Team

Governance and Legal Unit

The Labour Party

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