

## **BRISTOL EAST CLP MOTION IN SUPPORT OF CHRIS WILLIAMSON**

This Constituency notes with extreme concern the decision to suspend Chris Williamson from the Party, and remove the whip.

We note also the statement in support of Chris from JVL, an organisation to which this constituency is affiliated, in which they, as Jewish members, make clear their belief that Chris has a long history of combatting anti-racism and anti-semitism and should not be regarded as an anti-semite. We share their support for him

This Constituency accepts that there is a level of genuine anti-semitism within the Labour Party, which must be rooted out, and the offenders dealt with appropriately. However, the figures recently released by Jenny Formby on the number of anti-semitism complaints received and the number proved to be well founded appear to support Chris Williamson's position. They indicate that there are indeed people with anti-semitic views in the Labour party, but they are statistically few and do not represent an all encompassing problem.

Accordingly, this Constituency wishes to express its pride in the way that Jeremy Corbyn, Jennie Formby and other members of the NEC have acted in setting up a process able to deal fairly with anti-semitism complaints, and to resolve them within a reasonable time scale. We offer our whole hearted support for their efforts.

This Constituency now calls on all members of the PLP to give recognition and praise to Jenny and members of the NEC for their work, acknowledge the level of Labour Party anti-semitism discovered in objective reports, and refrain from anecdotal hyperbole in their public pronouncements.