

## Emergency motion for Hastings & Rye GC, 28 Feb 2019

This CLP offers our full support for Chris Williamson MP and calls for his immediate, unconditional re-instatement to the Party.

We note that:

- \* Labour instigated the Royall and Chakrabarti inquiries, and
- \* appointed a new legal officer and extra staff dealing with complaints.
- \* On 10 February Jennie Formby released detailed findings as of then. Offenders against the tough new regime were a tiny fraction of Labour's membership. After removing hundreds of non-members and dropping 220 complaints found to be "vexatious" and "exaggerated" that left 96 (0.01% of 1% of members) who were suspended; and just 12 were expelled (one 500<sup>th</sup> of 1% of the membership).

Instead of welcoming these figures, some who "love the party" but protested against its alleged "institutional antisemitism" walked out, and their co-thinkers who stayed have launched outrageous slanders but have faced no charges for bringing the party into disrepute.

Chris Williamson rightly said Labour had "done more to address the scourge of antisemitism than any political party" and had nothing to apologise about. For that, he is suspended and will forthwith be marked out for slander.

This "crying wolf" could cause valid warnings of antisemitism to go un-heard and does no service to Jews. Such cheap exploitation as a political football is also deeply shameful.

We believe that this orchestrated campaign now rising to a crescendo with staged resignations alongside Brexit and a possible general election, suggests that accusations of antisemitism are being criminally mis-used in an unscrupulous bid to destroy the Corbyn-led Labour Party.