Resolution: ***Creation of a Shadow Cabinet Minister for Science***.

[Insert CLP name] CLP Notes:

* The UK science base has many world-leading research institutes, with tech companies contributing greatly to the productivity of the nation;
* Brexit poses a great risk to UK science;
* Beyond Brexit, more must be done to champion the interests of science and engineering in Parliament;
* In order for the UK to remain a leader in world-class research, with a healthy and diverse economy, we must strive for a greater knowledge-driven economy.
* Early in October 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued dire warnings in their report about the immediate need to stem catastrophic climate change;
* This report strongly urges Governments around the world to take “rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society”;
* Many of the solutions to combating climate change will be scientific in nature there is vital need for UK science to be as versatile, well-funded and supported now more than ever.
* In both leadership contests, Jeremy Corbyn pledged that he would appoint a Minister for Science.
* The Government currently appoints a Minister for Universities and Science, who works across two departments, BEIS and Education.
* The role of Minister for Science should not to be confused with the existing Shadow Minister for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS);
* The role of a Shadow Minister for Science should be defined by engaging with relevant groups internal to the party (e.g. Scientists for Labour) and external (e.g. the scientific and engineering societies and academies).

[Insert CLP name] CLP resolves:

* To campaign for the creation of a Shadow Minister for Science, independent of the Shadow Minister for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), with relevant groups consulted regarding the remit of this position;
* To call on our Member of Parliament [Insert name of Labour MP, else delete this resolution] to bring a motion to the PLP to this effect;
* To write to the leader’s officer on this matter.