

# Labour Party Conference

## 10 things we learnt

- 1** The conference was busier than last year's, and the corporate world appears to be taking Labour more seriously – party figures reveal that close to 3,000 business representatives attended, more than double the number that attended last year
- 2** Rent controls, an end to PFI and a cap on credit card interest rates are just some of the new policies that were announced by the frontbench in Brighton
- 3** Labour is preparing for Government – we understand that they are seeking the advice of former civil servants on Whitehall matters, and they have hired Richard Barbrook to teach shadow ministers how to respond to major events and draw up scenario plans for various possible crises triggered by a Labour win
- 4** Party delegates and trade union representatives opted not to debate Brexit on the conference floor, but it was one of the main issues discussed at fringe events
- 5** Emily Thornberry was one of the most popular speakers at the conference – and she emerges as the bookies' favourite to lead the party next
- 6** “Now is the time that corporate boardrooms were held accountable for their actions,” announced Jeremy Corbyn during his speech – though with little detail about how he intends to achieve this
- 7** Shadow City Minister Jonathan Reynolds revealed that Labour are planning to host a financial services conference in December
- 8** Speaking at the Lansons reception, Treasury Select Committee Member John Mann revealed that the Committee will be looking at Brexit and the next technology revolution, while his Sub-Committee will meet more frequently and will look at issues ranging from household debt, including car financing, to tax avoidance
- 9** The party appears to be the most united it has been over the last couple of years, and internal opposition to Jeremy Corbyn has almost collapsed...
- 10** ... As Jeremy Corbyn has positioned Labour as being on the threshold of power and a true government in waiting

