

**IT'S TIME FOR
REAL CHANGE**
THE LABOUR PARTY MANIFESTO 2019

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FOREWORD

This is a summarised version of the Labour Party manifesto for the General Election 2019.

A message from Labour Leader, Jeremy Corbyn

This election will shape our country for a generation. It is your opportunity to transform our country, so that it works not just for a few, but for all of us. It is a chance to deliver the real change Britain needs. This manifesto sets out how a Labour government will do that.

Some people say this is the Brexit election. But it's also the climate election, the investment election, the NHS election, the living standards election, the education election, the poverty election, the fair taxes election. Above all, it's the change election. It's time to take on the vested interests holding people back. The last decade has seen a wealth grab by a privileged few, supported by the Conservatives, at the expense of the majority.

The big polluters, financial speculators and corporate tax-dodgers have had a free ride for too long.

Labour will build a fairer Britain that cares for all, where wealth and power are shared.

We are not prepared to continue to see more families without a proper home and more people queuing at food banks or sleeping rough on the streets.

We are not prepared to put up with communities blighted by lack of investment, endless cuts to vital services and millions struggling to make ends meet, while tax cuts are handed to the richest.

We can do better than this. How can it be right that in the fifth richest country in the world, people's living standards are going backwards and life expectancy is stalling?

The Conservative Government is failing. It has failed on the economy, on the climate crisis, on investment for the future, on public services and on Brexit. It is simply not working for most people.

A Labour government will unlock the potential of all those held back for too long. Labour will be on your side.

Labour will rewrite the rules of the economy, so that it works for everyone. We will rebuild our public services, by taxing those at the top to properly fund the services we all rely on.

We will launch the largest-scale investment programme in modern times to fund the jobs and industries of the future, so that no one is held back and no community left behind. This is a fully costed programme to upgrade our economy and transform our country.

We will kick-start a Green Industrial Revolution to tackle the climate emergency by shifting to renewable energy, investing in rail and electric cars, and making housing energy efficient to reduce fuel poverty and excess winter deaths.

We will create a million climate jobs in every region and nation of the UK – good, skilled jobs that will bring prosperity back to parts of our country neglected for too long.

We will bring rail, mail, water and energy into public ownership to end the great privatisation rip-off and save you money on your fares and bills.

We will deliver full-fibre broadband free to everybody in every home in our country by creating a new public service, boosting the economy, connecting communities and putting money back in your pocket.

We will end food bank Britain, and lift children and pensioners out of poverty.

We will bring in a Real Living Wage of at least £10 per hour for all workers – with equal rights at work from day one on the job. We will end insecurity and exploitation by ending zero-hours contracts and strengthening trade union rights.

Labour will create a National Education Service to provide support and opportunity throughout your life: from Sure Start centres to top-quality early years education; well-funded schools with lower class sizes to free university tuition with no fees; and free lifelong learning, giving you the chance to reskill throughout your life.

Labour will give the NHS the funding it needs, end privatisation, and never let our health service be up for grabs in any trade negotiation. We'll expand our NHS to offer free prescriptions for all and free basic dentistry, building on its founding principles. We will end the social care crisis that has left 1.5 million elderly people without the care they need. Labour will fund free personal care for older people and extra care packages.

Labour is really worried by the rise in crime – and the fact that the most serious violent crime has risen even further. We will reverse a decade of cuts to police and vital public services that have shown you simply can't keep people safe on the cheap.

Labour will protect our security at home and abroad. After years of failed foreign interventions and wars, we will end the 'bomb

first, talk later' approach and instead have a foreign policy based on peace, justice and human rights.

And we will get Brexit sorted in six months by giving people the final say – with a choice between a sensible leave deal or remain. We will implement whatever the British people decide.

The choice could not be clearer at this election. Labour will put wealth and power in the hands of the many. Boris Johnson's Conservatives will look after the privileged few.

This manifesto offers the chance of real change for every generation and every community. When Labour wins, the nurse wins, the pensioner wins, the student wins, the office worker wins, the engineer wins. We all win.

We can and we must do better as a country.

This is our last chance to tackle the climate emergency.

The future is ours to make. It's time for real change – for the many, not the few. Together, we can deliver it.

A GREEN INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Labour will kick-start a Green Industrial Revolution to achieve the substantial majority of our emissions reductions by 2030.

Investment

Labour will create a Sustainable Investment Board and ask the Office for Budget Responsibility to incorporate climate and environmental impacts into its forecasts.

The cost of not acting is far greater than the cost of acting. We will launch a National Transformation Fund of £400 billion. Of this, £250 billion will directly fund the transition through a Green Transformation Fund dedicated to renewable and low-carbon energy and transport, biodiversity and environmental restoration.

We will create a National Investment Bank, backed up by a network of Regional Development Banks, to provide £250 billion of lending for enterprise, infrastructure and innovation over 10 years.

We will make sure that the UK's financial sector is helping to tackle the emergency rather than fuelling it.

We will change the criteria a company must meet to be listed on the London Stock Exchange so that any company that fails to contribute to tackling the climate and environmental emergency is delisted.

Levelling Up Across the Country

A Local Transformation Fund in each English region will be used exclusively to fund infrastructure projects decided at a local level.

We will shift the political centre of gravity by placing the National Transformation Fund Unit, a key part of the Treasury, in the North of England and build up the regional offices of government in each of the nine English regions.

Energy

We will put the UK on track for a net-zero-carbon energy system within the 2030s – and go faster if credible pathways can be found. We will deliver nearly 90% of electricity and 50% of heat from renewable and low-carbon sources by 2030.

We will upgrade almost all of the UK's 27 million homes to the highest energy-efficiency standards. We will introduce a zero-carbon homes standard for all new homes.

We will permanently ban fracking.

We will support energy workers through transition and guarantee them retraining and a new, unionised job on equivalent terms and conditions.

We will introduce a windfall tax on oil companies, so that the companies that knowingly damaged our climate will help cover the costs.

Ownership

We will put people and planet before profit by bringing our energy and water systems into democratic public ownership.

A new UK National Energy Agency will own and maintain the national grid and the supply arms of the Big Six energy companies will be brought into public ownership.

Industry and Innovation

Labour will make UK industry the greenest in the world.

Labour will create an innovation nation, setting a target for 3% of GDP to be spent on research and development (R&D) by 2030.

We will establish a Foundation Industries Sector Council

A thriving steel industry will be vital to the Green Industrial Revolution. Labour will support our steel through public procurement, taking action on industrial energy prices, exempting new capital from business rates, investing in R&D, building three new steel recycling plants and upgrading existing production sites.

As we transition, we will ensure the UK's automotive sector isn't left behind by the electric revolution by investing in three new gigafactories and four metal reprocessing plants.

Skills

Our Green Industrial Revolution will create at least one million well-paid, unionised jobs in the UK.

Labour will make it easier for employers to spend the apprenticeship levy by allowing it to be used for a wider range of accredited training.

We will launch a Climate Apprenticeship programme to enable employers to develop the skills needed.

Under this programme, employers will be expected to allocate 25% of the funds in their Apprenticeship Levy accounts to training Climate Apprentices.

Targeted bursaries will be available to women, BAME people, care leavers, ex-armed forces personnel, and people with disabilities.

Cutting emissions will drive our transport policies. We will review public expenditure on transport to ensure that it promotes environmental sustainability and contributes to decarbonisation.

Labour will ensure that councils can improve bus services by regulating and taking public ownership of bus networks. Where councils take control of their buses, Labour will introduce free bus travel for under-25s. We will increase and expand local services, reinstating the 3,000 routes that have been cut.

Labour will deliver improvements for rail passengers by bringing our railways back into public ownership.

We will deliver Crossrail for the North as part of improved connectivity across the northern regions. We will consult with local communities to reopen branch lines. We will also unlock capacity and extend high-speed rail networks nationwide by completing the full HS2 route to Scotland, taking full account of the environmental impacts of different route options. We will deliver rail electrification and expansion across the whole country.

We will promote the use of rail freight in order to reduce carbon emissions, air pollutants and congestion on the roads and expand the provision of publicly owned rail freight services.

We will increase the funding available for cycling and walking.

The Conservatives have committed to ending new sales of combustion engine vehicles by 2040.

Labour will aim for 2030.

We will position the UK at the forefront of the development and manufacture of ultra-low emission vehicles and will support their sale.

We will adopt an ambitious Vision Zero approach to UK road safety, striving for zero deaths and serious injuries.

Labour will review and improve protected area designations, from National Parks to local nature reserves and urban green spaces.

We will introduce a Climate and Environment Emergency Bill setting out in law robust, binding new standards for decarbonisation, nature recovery, environmental quality and habitats and species protection.

ENVIRONMENT

A Healthy Environment

Our polluted air contributes to over 40,000 premature deaths a year and poisons our environment.

Labour will introduce a new Clean Air Act, with a vehicle scrappage scheme and clean air zones.

We will provide an extra £5.6 billion in funding to improve the standard of flood defences and respond to the increased risk of flooding, prioritising areas at risk in North West England, Yorkshire and the East Midlands.

Nature Restoration

Our Plan for Nature will set legally binding targets to drive the restoration of species and habitats.

We will embark on an ambitious programme of tree planting, with both forestry and native woodland species.

We will create new National Parks alongside a revised system of other protected area designations.

Land

A Labour government will maintain agricultural and rural structural funds but repurpose them to support environmental land management and sustainable methods of food production.

We will invest in more county farms and will work with agricultural organisations to increase access into farming for new entrants.

Food

Labour will introduce A Right to Food. We will end ‘food bank Britain’.

We will halve food bank usage within a year and remove the need for them altogether in three years.

We will support local food networks, expand access to farm holdings and ensure rights of union representation for all food and agricultural workers. We will re-establish an Agricultural Wages Board in England so every part of the UK is covered. We will set maximum sustainable yields for all shared fish stocks, redistribute fish quotas along social and environmental criteria.

We aim to achieve net-zero-carbon food production in Britain by 2040.

Waste and Recycling

A UK Labour government will back bottle return schemes.

We will invest in three new recyclable steel plants in areas with a proud history of steel manufacturing.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Labour has published an ambitious animal welfare manifesto which reiterates our commitments to prohibit foxhunting and end the cull of badgers.

In England, we will introduce an animal welfare commissioner, prohibit the sale of snares and glue traps, end the badger cull and ban the keeping of primates as pets and boost police resources to tackle rural and wildlife crime.

REBUILDING OUR PUBLIC SERVICES

FUNDING

Labour offers real change – we will make Britain’s public services the best and most extensive in the world.

We will pay for this by creating a fairer taxation system, asking for a little more from those with the broadest shoulders, and making sure that everyone pays what they owe.

We’ll ask those who earn more than £80,000 a year to pay a little more income tax

We will end the unfairness that sees income from wealth taxed at lower rates than income from work. VAT is a regressive tax that hits the poorest hardest and we guarantee no increases in VAT.

We will launch the biggest ever crackdown on tax avoidance and evasion and reform the inefficient system of tax reliefs.

Public services must also be accountable. Labour will end the current presumption in favour of outsourcing public services and introduce a presumption in favour of insourcing. And we will stop the public getting ripped off by taking back all PFI contracts over time.

In the public sector, we will enforce maximum pay ratios of 20:1.

We will repair the damage the Tories have done to our social fabric, with a £150 billion Social Transformation Fund to replace, upgrade and expand our schools, hospitals, care homes and council houses.

Labour will restore public sector pay to at least pre-financial crisis levels (in real terms), by delivering year-on-year above-inflation pay rises, starting with a 5% increase, to reward and retain the people who do so much for us all.

Our immediate task is to repair our health services. Our urgent priority is to end NHS privatisation.

NHS AND SOCIAL CARE

Quality Care for All

A Labour government will invest in the NHS to give patients the modern, well-resourced services they need. We will increase expenditure across the health sector by an average 4.3% a year.

We will stabilise our overstretched A&E departments. We will improve stroke, heart disease and cancer survival rates by providing earlier diagnosis and improved screening rates. We will call a moratorium on bed cuts.

Labour will end and reverse privatisation in the NHS in the next Parliament. We will repeal the Health and Social Care Act and reinstate the responsibilities of the Secretary of State to provide a comprehensive and universal healthcare system. We will end the requirement on health authorities to put services out to competitive tender.

We will complete the confirmed hospital rebuilds and invest more in primary care settings, modern AI, cyber technology and state-of-the-art medical equipment, including more MRI and CT scanners.

We will ensure data protection for NHS and patient information, a highly valuable publicly funded resource that can be used for better diagnosis of conditions and for ground-breaking research. We will ensure NHS data is not exploited by

international technology and pharmaceutical corporations.

We will uphold the principle of comprehensive healthcare by providing free annual NHS dental check-ups.

We will guarantee universal healthcare by ensuring women's and children's health services are comprehensive, by protecting the rights of EU workers, other migrants and refugees and by ensuring all our services are made accessible to BAME, LGBT+ and disabled patients. We will end mixed-sex wards.

We will ensure our NHS becomes a net-zero-carbon service with an NHS Forest of one million trees.

We will introduce mandatory standards for NHS inpatient food and will provide free hospital parking.

We will expand GP training places to provide resources for 27 million more appointments each year and ensure community pharmacy is supported.

Mental Health

A Labour government will provide an additional £1.6 billion a year to ensure new standards for mental health are enshrined in the NHS constitution ensuring access to treatments is on a par with that for physical health conditions.

We will invest £2 billion to modernise hospital facilities and end the use of inappropriate, out-of-area placements.

The legislation for detaining people with learning disabilities and mental illnesses is outdated. We will implement in full the recommendations set out in the independent review of the Mental Health Act, so that people are given choice, autonomy and the treatment they need.

We will invest more in eating disorders services and ensure NICE guidelines on eating disorders are implemented.

We will improve access to psychological therapies to ensure they deliver the quality care patients deserve. We will ensure provision of 24/7 crisis services.

Only one in four children and young people are able to receive help from a mental health professional. Our £845 million plan for Healthy Young Minds will more than double the annual spending on children and adolescent mental health services.

We will establish a network of open- access mental health hubs to enable more children to access mental health and recruit almost 3,500 qualified counsellors to guarantee every child access to school counsellors.

Inequalities

A Labour government will target a reduction in health inequalities with a comprehensive children's health strategy.

We will introduce a Future Generations Well-being Act, enshrining health aims in all policies and a new duty for NHS agencies to collaborate with directors of public health.

We will invest more than £1 billion in public health and recruit 4,500 more health visitors and school nurses. We will increase mandated health visits, ensure new mothers can have access to breastfeeding support and introduce mental health assessments in a maternal health check six weeks after birth.

We will invest in children's oral health, tackle childhood obesity and extend the sugar tax to milk drinks. We will ban fast-food restaurants near schools and enforce stricter rules around the advertising of junk food and levels of salt in food. We will take actions to significantly reduce infant deaths and ensure families

who lose a baby receive appropriate bereavement support as well as protections at work.

The re-emergence of measles is an indictment. We will urgently put in place a vaccination action plan to regain our measles-free status in WHO listings.

We will fully fund sexual health services and roll out PrEP medication.

We will address drug-related deaths, alcohol-related health problems and the adverse impacts of gambling as matters of public health, treated accordingly in expanded addiction- support services. Alcoholic drinks will be labelled with clear health warnings. We will review the evidence on minimum pricing.

We will implement a Tobacco Control Plan and fund smoking cessation services.

Workforce

We will introduce a training bursary for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals. We will remove the obstacles to ethical international recruitment.

We will provide mental health support for staff and create a working environment within the NHS that is safe, flexible and free from harassment, bullying or violence.

Medicine

Under a Labour government the NHS will be at the forefront of the development of genomics and cell therapies so that patients can benefit from new treatments for cancer and dementia, whilst ensuring the UK continues to lead in medical developments.

We will establish a generic drug company. If fair prices are rejected for patented drugs we will use the Patents Act provisions, compulsory licences and research exemptions to secure access to generic versions, and we will aim to increase the number of pharmaceutical jobs in the UK.

We will ensure that all parts of the NHS, the treatment of patients, the employment of staff and medicine pricing are all fully excluded and protected from any international trade deals.

We will progress clinically appropriate prescription of medical cannabis.

We will abolish prescription charges in England.

Social Care

Social care funding cuts have left 1.5 million older people without the care they need.

A Labour government will build a comprehensive National Care Service for England. We will provide community-based, person-centred support, underpinned by the principles of ethical care and independent living. We will provide free personal care, beginning with investments to ensure that older people have their personal care needs met, with the ambition to extend this provision to all working-age adults.

Our investments in social care services will enable us to more than double the number of people receiving publicly funded care packages, improve the standard of care provided to them and remove the distinction between health and care needs. The provision of additional care packages also means we can support autistic people and people with learning disabilities to move out from inappropriate inpatient hospital settings and provide support in their own homes.

Our National Care Service will work in partnership with the NHS, ensuring care is delivered for people, not for profit.

We will increase the Carer's Allowance for unpaid full-time carers.

NATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE

Our National Education Service will be at the heart of Labour's plan for real change. It will provide free education for everyone throughout their lives and will nurture every child and adult to find a path that's right for them, by promoting all types of learning, skill and knowledge – technical, vocational, academic and creative.

Early Years

Early years education is vital to children's development. Children from disadvantaged backgrounds start falling behind their peers before they even start school.

We will reverse cuts to Sure Start and create a new service, Sure Start Plus, with enough centres to provide a genuinely universal service, available in all communities, focused on the under-2s.

We will also extend paid maternity leave to 12 months.

Within five years, all 2, 3 and 4-year-olds will be entitled to 30 hours of free preschool education per week and access to additional hours at affordable, subsidised rates staggered with incomes. Labour will also work to extend childcare provision for 1-year-olds.

We will recruit nearly 150,000 additional early years staff, including Special Educational Needs Coordinators, and introduce a national pay scale, driving up pay for the overwhelmingly female workforce.

Schools

Labour will make sure schools are properly resourced with increased long-term funding, while introducing a fairer funding formula that leaves no child worse off.

Labour's funding settlement will ensure pupils are taught by a qualified teacher, that every school is open for a full five days a week, and maximum class sizes of 30 for all primary school children.

Schools are being subjected to intensified testing, inspection, league tables and competition. These aren't improving pupil achievement or narrowing the attainment gap, but are contributing to a growing teacher recruitment and retention crisis.

Labour will scrap Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs and baseline assessments.

We will introduce an Arts Pupil Premium to fund arts education for every primary school child. We will review the curriculum to ensure that it enriches students and covers subjects such as black history and continues to teach issues like the Holocaust. Pupils will learn both the science of climate and environmental emergency, and the skills necessary to deal with them.

We will end the fragmentation and marketisation of our school system by bringing free schools and academies back under control of the people who know them best – parents, teachers and local communities.

We will replace Ofsted and transfer responsibility for inspections to a new body, designed to drive school improvement.

A new teacher supply service will tackle the waste of funds going to private supply teacher agencies.

We will take action to end ‘off-rolling’, removing the perverse incentives for schools to let pupils fall out of the system.

We will ‘poverty-proof’ schools, introducing free school meals for all primary school children, encouraging breakfast clubs, and tackling the cost of school uniforms.

We will close the tax loopholes enjoyed by elite private schools and use that money to improve the lives of all children, and we will ask the Social Justice Commission to advise on integrating private schools and creating a comprehensive education system.

Further Education and Lifelong Learning

Labour will provide dedicated capital funding to expand provision and bring back the Education Maintenance Allowance.

Labour will make lifelong learning a reality, giving everyone a free lifelong entitlement to:

- Training up to Level 3.
- Six years training at Levels 4-6, with maintenance grants for disadvantaged learners.

We will introduce additional entitlements for workers in industries that are significantly affected by industrial transition.

We will restore funding for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses and restore and expand the Union Learning Fund, giving workers the right to accrue paid time off for education and training.

We will reverse the fragmentation and privatisation of further and adult education, incorporating it into a single national system.

Higher Education

Labour will end the failed free-market experiment in higher education, abolish tuition fees and bring back maintenance grants. We will fundamentally rethink the assessment of research and teaching quality, and develop a new funding formula for higher education.

POLICE AND SECURITY

The primary duty of government is to keep people safe. Our communities were endangered when the Conservatives took 21,000 police officers off our streets.

Recorded crime has risen, including violent crimes like knife crime, which has risen to record high levels, up 80% in the last five years.

We will rebuild our youth services and guarantee young people's access to youth workers. We will invest in a youth justice system in which schools, local authorities, health authorities and youth services work together to divert young people away from the pathways towards crime.

Police

We will rebuild the whole police workforce, recruiting more police officers, police community support officers and police staff. We will re-establish neighbourhood policing and recruit 2,000 more frontline officers than have been planned for by the Conservatives.

Effective police work requires the police to serve their communities and work collaboratively with youth workers,

mental health services, schools, drug rehabilitation programmes and other public agencies.

We will work to eliminate institutional biases against BAME communities.

Proportionate stop-and-search based on intelligence is a needed tool of effective policing, but the use of expanded powers means black and Asian men are still more likely to be stopped and searched, poisoning relations between the police and the local communities they serve.

We will ensure better police training on domestic abuse and offences arising from coercive control, as well as historical abuses and other crimes neglected by the reduced forces operating under Tory austerity.

A Labour government will establish a Royal Commission to develop a public health approach to substance misuse, focusing on harm reduction rather than criminalisation.

Security

We will address the failure of the Conservatives to take effective measures against a growing problem of extreme or violent radicalisation.

We will ensure closer counter terrorism co-ordination between the police and the security services, combining neighbourhood expertise with international intelligence.

We will ensure the powers exercised by the security services are proportionate and used in accordance with human rights.

We will constrain the right of the Prime Minister to suppress publication of committee reports.

A Labour government will review our security strategies including Prevent and Protect. We will use our diplomatic services, our aid budgets and our international standing to promote peaceful solutions to conflicts and tackle the risks arising from poverty, natural catastrophes and population displacements. Our national security is linked to global threats.

Cybersecurity

A Labour government, ever more dependent on digital technology, will overhaul our cybersecurity by creating a co-ordinating minister and regular reviews of cyber-readiness.

Border Security

Our border security prevents serious crimes including child abduction, people trafficking, smuggling of drugs and guns, terrorism and modern day slavery.

A Labour government will review our border controls to make them more effective.

JUSTICE

A Labour government will restore total prison officer numbers to 2010 levels, and phase out dangerous lone working. We will bring PFI prisons back in-house and there will be no new private prisons.

We will set new standards for community sentences and introduce a presumption against prison sentences of six months or less for non-violent and non-sexual offences.

We will invest in proven alternatives to custody, including women's centres, expand problem-solving courts and plug the funding gap in the female offender strategy. We will further consider the evidence for effective alternatives and

rehabilitation of prolific offenders.

A Labour government will reunify probation and guarantee a publicly run, locally accountable probation service.

We will restore all early legal aid advice, including for housing, social security, family and immigration cases.

We will recruit hundreds of new community lawyers, promote public legal education and build an expanded network of law centres.

We will defend workers' ability to recover legal representation costs from negligent employers.

A Labour government will halt court closures and cuts to staff, and undertake a review of the courts reform programme.

We will tackle the disproportionate levels of BAME children in custody, review the youth custody estate, strengthen youth courts and build on the Lammy Review.

We will set new standards for tackling domestic and sexual abuse and violence, and appoint a Commissioner for Violence against Women and Girls. We will establish an independent review into shamefully low rape prosecution rates. We will establish a National Refuge Fund, ensure financial stability for rape crisis centres and reintroduce a Domestic Abuse Bill.

We will improve the safety of the family court system for domestic violence victims and prohibit their cross-examination by their abuser.

We will introduce protections for victims of so-called revenge porn. Labour will introduce a no-fault divorce procedure. We will uphold women's reproductive rights and decriminalise abortions.

We will establish public inquiries into historical injustices including blacklisting and Orgreave, and ensure the second phase of the Grenfell Inquiry has the confidence of all those affected, especially the bereaved families and survivors.

We will ensure fair compensation for the victims of contaminated blood products across the UK.

COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Labour will reverse the Tory decade of austerity for local government and aim to restore council spending powers to 2010 levels over the lifetime of the Parliament.

We will act to bring services – from bin collections to management of local leisure centres – back in-house.

We will introduce a ‘rural-proofing’ process so that all our laws, policies and programmes consider their impact on rural communities.

We will revive high streets by stopping bank branch closures, banning ATM charges and giving local government new powers to put empty shops to good use.

A Labour government will review the option of a land value tax on commercial landlords as an alternative and develop a retail sector industrial strategy.

We will stop Crown Post Office closures and bring Royal Mail back into public ownership at the earliest opportunity, reuniting it with the Post Office and creating a publicly owned Post Bank. A Business Development Agency will be based in the Post Bank, providing free support and advice on how to launch, manage and grow a business.

Labour will list pubs as Assets of Community Value so community groups have the first chance to buy local pubs when they are under threat.

We will ensure libraries are preserved for future generations and updated with Wi-Fi and computers.

As well as the presumption to insource public services, we will build community wealth by giving communities the powers and resources they need to keep public spending circulating in the local economy, rather than being sucked offshore to corporate tax havens. We will give a new Co-operative Development Agency a mission to double the size of the co-operative sector.

Labour will build a properly funded, professionally staffed National Youth Service, and will guarantee every young person has access to local, high-quality youth work.

Labour will launch a wholesale review of the care system.

FIRE AND RESCUE

A Labour government will halt the cuts and further invest in our Fire and Rescue Service, recruiting at least 5,000 new firefighters. We will establish in law a standards body for fire prevention, protection and intervention, with trade union representation at all levels.

DIGITAL, CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT

Digital

Labour will deliver free full-fibre broadband to all by 2030.

Taxation of multinationals, including tech giants, will pay for the operating costs of the public full-fibre network.

The plan will boost jobs, tackle regional inequality and improve quality of life as part of a mission to connect the country.

We will enforce a legal duty of care to protect our children online, impose fines on companies that fail on online abuse and empower the public with a Charter of Digital Rights.

Culture

Britain's thriving arts, culture and creative industries drive investments and encourage tourism.

We will introduce an Arts Pupil Premium to every primary school in England – a £160 million annual boost for schools to ensure creative and arts education is embedded in secondary education, and providing a pathway to grow our thriving creative sector.

We will invest in the towns and communities neglected for too long, with a £1 billion Cultural Capital Fund to transform libraries, museums and galleries across the country.

Building on the success of the UK City of Culture, we will launch a Town of Culture competition.

We will work with trade unions and employers to make creative jobs accessible for all.

Media

A Labour government will ensure a healthy future for all our public service broadcasters, including BBC Alba and S4C. We will protect free TV licences for over-75s.

We will consult media-sector workers and trade unions to establish an inquiry into the 'fake news' undermining trust in media, democracy and public debate, and on a legal right of public interest defence for journalists.

Sport

A Labour government will legislate for accredited football supporters' trusts to be able to appoint and remove at least two club directors and purchase shares when clubs change hands. We will regulate safe standing in stadiums and ensure that a proportion of the Premier League's television rights income is spent on grassroots football facilities.

We will add the ICC Cricket World Cup to the list of crown jewel sporting events that are broadcast free-to-air.

We will commission an independent review into discrimination in sport.

Gambling

A Labour government will curb gambling advertising in sports and introduce a new Gambling Act fit for the digital age, establishing gambling limits, a levy for problem gambling funding and mechanisms for consumer compensations.

TACKLE POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

Work

Labour will eradicate in-work poverty in our first term by tackling the structural causes of poverty and inequality, such as low pay and high living costs, while raising the floor provided by our social safety net.

Labour will cap the total amount that can be paid in overdraft fees or interest on a loan.

We will rapidly introduce a Real Living Wage of at least £10 per hour for all workers aged 16 and over, and use savings to public finances to help small businesses manage the extra cost.

We will give workers a stake in the companies they work for – and a share of the profits they help create – by requiring large companies to set up Inclusive Ownership Funds (IOFs). Up to 10% of a company will be owned collectively by employees, with dividend payments distributed equally among all, capped at £500 a year, and the rest being used to top up the Climate Apprenticeship Fund. The cap will rise to ensure that no more than 25% of dividends raised by IOFs are redistributed in this way.

And we will explore other innovative ways of responding to low pay, including a pilot of Universal Basic Income.

We will tackle late payments that leave small businesses and the self-employed waiting months to be paid, including banning late payers from public procurement.

Ministry for Employment Rights

The next Labour government will transform people's lives for the better through the biggest extension of workers' rights in history.

We will give working people a voice at the Cabinet table by establishing a Ministry for Employment Rights.

We will start to roll out sectoral collective bargaining across the economy, bringing workers and employers together to agree legal minimum standards on a wide range of issues, such as pay and working hours, that every employer in the sector must follow. Sectoral collective bargaining will increase wages and reduce inequality. This will also stop good employers being undercut by bad employers.

We will tackle insecurity by:

- Giving everyone full rights from day one on the job.
- Strengthening protections for whistleblowers and rights against unfair dismissal for all workers, with extra protections for pregnant women, those going through the menopause and terminally ill workers.
- Ending bogus self-employment; and banning overseas-only recruitment practices.
- Introducing a legal right to collective consultation on new technology in workplaces.
- Banning zero-hour contracts.

We will help people balance work and family life by:

- Increasing wages through sectoral collective bargaining.
- Requiring breaks during shifts to be paid.
- Requiring cancelled shifts to be paid.
- Giving all workers the right to flexible working.
- Extending statutory maternity pay to 12 months.
- Doubling paternity leave to four weeks and increasing statutory paternity pay.
- Introducing statutory bereavement leave.
- Introducing four new bank holidays.
- Reviewing family-friendly employment rights.

We will make sure people are treated equally at work by:

- Requiring employers to devise and implement plans to eradicate the gender pay gap – and pay inequalities underpinned by race and/or disability – or face fines.
- Requiring employers to maintain workplaces free of harassment.
- Increasing protection against redundancy.
- Giving statutory rights to equalities representatives.
- Setting up a Royal Commission to bring health (including mental health) and safety legislation up to date.
- Ensuring that public-facing workers are protected by toughening the law against abuse and violence.
- Banning unpaid internships.

We will remove unfair and unnecessary restrictions on trade unions:

- Allow trade unions to use secure electronic and workplace ballots.
- Remove unnecessary restrictions on industrial action.
- Strengthen and enforce trade unions' right of entry to workplaces.
- Ban union-busting.
- Repeal anti-trade union legislation including the Trade Union Act 2016 for trade unions to help them win a better deal for working people.
- Simplify the law around union recognition.
- Give union reps adequate facility time.

We will develop collective income protection insurance schemes for the self-employed. We will introduce a maximum workplace temperature to protect workers.

Working Time

Within a decade we will reduce average full-time weekly working hours to 32 across the economy, with no loss of pay.

We will keep restrictions on Sunday trading in place and review unpaid overtime.

Enforcement

Labour will also introduce a new, unified Workers' Protection Agency to enforce workplace rights.

We will keep employment tribunals free, extend their powers, and introduce new Labour Courts.

Rewriting the Rules

We will amend the Companies Act, requiring companies to prioritise long-term growth.

We will tackle late payments that leave small businesses waiting months to be paid, including banning late payers from public procurement.

For small businesses, we will ensure no quarterly reporting for businesses below the VAT threshold.

We will require one-third of boards to be reserved for elected worker-directors and give them more control over executive pay.

We will introduce a broader 'public interest test' to prevent hostile takeovers and asset-stripping.

We will let struggling companies go into protective administration.

Social Justice Commission

Social justice demands that we end poverty, reduce inequality and create a society in which the conditions for a fulfilling life are available to everyone.

Labour will replace the Social Mobility Commission with a Social Justice Commission, based in the Treasury, with wide-ranging powers to hold us, and future governments, to account.

WOMEN AND EQUALITIES

Labour will create a new Department for Women and Equalities, with a full-time Secretary of State.

We will establish a modernised National Women's Commission as an independent advisory body to contribute to a Labour government.

We will ratify both the Istanbul Convention on preventing domestic abuse and the ILO Convention on Violence and Harassment at work.

We will put class at the heart of Britain's equality agenda and create a new ground for discrimination on the basis of socio-economic disadvantage.

Women

Labour will take action to close the gender pay gap by 2030.

We will also:

- Deliver gender pay equality by making the state responsible for enforcing equal pay legislation for the first time.
- Require all employers with over 250 employees to obtain government certification on gender equality or face further auditing and fines.
- Transform the workplace and require all large employers to have flexible working, including a menopause policy.
- Create a safer society for women and prioritise domestic abuse as a health issue, introduce 10 days of paid leave for survivors of domestic abuse, and ensure women's refuges

receive the long-term sustainable funding they need.

- Misogyny and violence against women and girls will become hate crimes.
- Increase women's representation across parliament by building on the Equality Act, passed by the last Labour government, and enact Section 106 so that all political parties publish diversity data about electoral candidates.

Race Equality

We will:

- Seek to end the politics of hate and commission an independent review into the threat of far-right extremism and how to tackle it.
- Put wealth and power in the hands of the many, extend pay-gap reporting to BAME groups and tackle pay discrimination on the basis of race.
- Commit our National Investment Bank to addressing discrimination in access to finance, which many BAME business owners face; and take action to ensure that BAME and women business owners have access to government contracts and spending.
- Implement recommendations of the Lammy Review to address the disparity of treatment and outcomes for BAME people within the criminal justice system.
- Create an Emancipation Educational Trust to educate around migration and colonialism.

On religious discrimination, we will:

- Strengthen protection for religious communities and amend the law to include attacks on places of worship (including synagogues, temples, mosques and churches) as a specific aggravated offence.
- Review current levels of funding for, and access to, the Places of Worship Protective Security Funding Scheme, maintain funding in real terms for the Community Security Trust, and consult on giving it statutory protection to

ensure that religious communities have the support they need.

Disability with Dignity

Not one, but two UN reports describe the government having committed ‘systematic violations’ of the rights of disabled people – while their families have been ‘driven to breaking point’ by cuts to social care.

Labour supports the principle of ‘nothing about us without us’.

We will:

- Champion the social model of disability throughout government. Through our new Department for Women and Equalities, we will ensure that disabled people can be independent and equal in society, with choice and control over their own lives.
- Transform the workplace for disabled people by requiring that all employers be trained to better support them, while introducing mandatory disability pay-gap reporting for companies with over 250 employees.
- End disability discrimination and update the Equality Act to introduce new specific duties including disability leave, paid and recorded separately from sick leave.
- Reinstate the Access to Elected Office Fund to enable disabled people to run for elected office.
- Adopt a British Sign Language Act, giving BSL full legal recognition in law.

LGBT+ Equality

Labour is committed to reforming the Gender Recognition Act 2004 to introduce self-declaration for transgender people. Labour will eliminate remaining areas of discrimination in law, ensuring that LGBT+ people can live in safety and dignity.

Provide sufficient funding for schools to deliver mandatory LGBT+ inclusive relationships and sex education.

Fully fund sexual health services and roll out PrEP medication.

MIGRATION

A Labour government will establish a humane immigration system and end the 'hostile environment' that caused the Windrush scandal of British citizens being deported.

We will take decisive action to regulate the labour market to stop the undercutting of wages and conditions, and the exploitation of all workers including migrant workers. It is the actions of bad bosses and successive Conservative governments that have driven down wages and working terms and conditions.

We will scrap the 2014 Immigration Act introduced by the Tories with their Liberal Democrat coalition partners.

We are for a levelling up of rights, not a race to the bottom. We will not tolerate a two-tier system for those entitled to be here.

The Windrush scandal continues to create new victims. We will end its injustices and provide fair compensation to those who have unfairly suffered.

We will end indefinite detention, and close Yarl's Wood and Brook House, from which immediate savings would contribute

towards a fund of £20 million to support the survivors of modern slavery, people trafficking and domestic violence. We will ensure justice for migrant domestic workers and restore the overseas domestic workers' visa.

If we remain in the EU, freedom of movement would continue. If we leave, it will be subject to negotiations, but we recognise the social and economic benefits that free movement has brought both in terms of EU citizens here and UK citizens abroad – and we will seek to protect those rights.

In accordance with our values and domestic laws, we will uphold the right to a family life for British, EU and non-EU residents alike. We will end the deportation of family members of people entitled to be here and end the minimum income requirements which separate families.

Refugees

We will work with others to resume rescue missions in the Mediterranean, co-operate with the French authorities to put an end to the horrific camps, and establish safe and legal routes for asylum seekers.

Once here, refugees will have the right to work, access to public services and will be treated humanely by government at all levels.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Labour holds social security in the same esteem as our health and education systems. It is there to help each of us in times of need.

Labour will completely change this culture, replacing the DWP on day one with a Department for Social Security, which will be there to help and support people, not punish and police them.

We will put children at the heart of everything we do, developing a cross-governmental National Strategy for Childhood focusing on health, security, well-being and poverty.

Universal Credit

Labour will scrap Universal Credit. We will immediately stop moving people onto it and design an alternative system that treats people with dignity and respect. Our ambition in designing this system will be to end poverty by guaranteeing a minimum standard of living.

We will end the five-week wait by introducing an interim payment based on half an estimated monthly entitlement. We will immediately suspend the Tories' vicious sanction regime and ensure that employment support is positive not punitive.

We will stop 300,000 children from being in poverty by scrapping the benefit cap and the two child limit, so ending the immoral and outrageous 'rape clause'. We will pay childcare costs up front so that parents aren't forced to turn down work or get into debt to pay for childcare.

Labour will protect women in abusive relationships by splitting payments and paying the child element to the primary carer. We will make it easier for people to manage their living costs by introducing fortnightly payments and paying the housing element directly to landlords.

Labour will end the digital barrier and offer telephone, face-to-face and outreach support. We will recruit 5,000 additional advisors to deliver this.

Tory cuts are pushing people into rent arrears and leaving them at risk of homelessness. We will stop housing costs running away from benefits by scrapping the bedroom tax and increasing the Local Housing Allowance.

Disabled People

Labour will never demonise disabled people or the unemployed.

We will give effect to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and amend the Equality Act to reflect the social model of disability.

We will stop the dehumanising Work Capability and PIP Assessments

We will:

- Increase Employment and Support Allowance by £30 per week for those in the work-related activity group.
- Raise the basic rate of support for children with disabilities to the level of Child Tax Credits.
- Ensure that severely disabled people without a formal carer receive extra support to enable them to meet the extra costs they inevitably face.
- We will support those who look after others, increasing the Carer's Allowance to the level of the Jobseeker's Allowance.
- We will help disabled people who want to work by bringing back specialist employment advisors, introducing a government-backed Reasonable Adjustments Passport scheme to help people move between jobs more easily, and reviewing support for disabled people at work, including the Access to Work scheme.

Pensions

People work hard for most of their lives and deserve a decent retirement free of financial stress and insecurity.

Under the Tories, 400,000 pensioners have been pushed into poverty and a generation of women born in the 1950s have had their pension age changed without fair notification.

This betrayal left millions of women with no time to make

alternative plans – with sometimes devastating personal consequences.

Labour recognises this injustice, and will work with these women to design a system of recompense for the losses and insecurity they have suffered.

We will review retirement ages for physically arduous and stressful occupations, including shift workers, in the public and private sectors.

We will maintain the ‘triple lock’ and guarantee the Winter Fuel Payment, free TV licences and free bus passes as universal benefits.

Thanks to automatic enrolment, which was introduced by the last Labour government, record numbers of employees are now in workplace pension schemes. But too many people are still not saving enough for a comfortable retirement.

We will stop people being auto-enrolled into rip-off schemes and seek to widen and expand access for more low-income and self-employed workers. We will establish an independent Pensions’ Commission, modelled on the Low Pay Commission, to recommend target levels for workplace pensions.

We will create a single, comprehensive and publicly run pensions dashboard that is fully transparent, including information about costs and charges.

We will legislate to allow the CWU-Royal Mail agreement for a collective pension scheme to proceed and allow similar schemes.

Labour has listened to the NUM and in government will end the injustice of the state taking 50% of the surplus in the

Mineworkers' Pension Scheme and introduce new sharing arrangements so that 10% goes to government and 90% stays with scheme members. This new sharing arrangement will also apply to the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme.

We will ensure that the pensions of UK citizens living overseas rise in line with pensions in Britain.

HOUSING

A Labour government will bring system-wide change, so that a tragedy like Grenfell never happens again. We will introduce a £1 billion Fire Safety Fund to fit sprinklers and other fire safety measures in all high- council and housing association tower blocks, enforce the replacement of dangerous Grenfell- style cladding on all high-rise homes and buildings, while introducing mandatory building standards and guidance, inspected and enforced by fully trained Fire and Rescue Service fire safety officers.

Labour will create a new Department for Housing, make Homes England a more accountable national housing agency and put councils in the driving seat. We will set out a strategy for a flourishing construction sector with a skilled workforce and full rights at work.

Labour will set up a new English Sovereign Land Trust, with powers to buy land more cheaply for low-cost housing. We will use public land to build this housing, not sell it off to the highest bidder. Developers will face new 'use it or lose it' taxes on stalled housing developments. We will keep the Land Registry in public hands, and make ownership of land more transparent. We will make brownfield sites the priority for development and protect the green belt.

Labour will tackle the climate crisis and cut energy bills by introducing a tough, new zero-carbon homes standard for all new homes, and upgrading millions of existing homes to make them more energy efficient. We will review the planning guidance for developments in flood risk areas.

Council and Social Homes

The only way to deliver on everyone's right to a good home is to build publicly funded social housing.

Labour will deliver a new social housebuilding programme of more than a million homes over a decade, with council housing at its heart. By the end of the Parliament we will be building at an annual rate of at least 150,000 council and social homes, with 100,000 of these built by councils for social rent in the biggest council housebuilding programme in more than a generation. We will establish a new duty on councils to plan and build these homes in their area, and fund them to do so, with backing from national government.

We will scrap the Conservatives' bogus definition of 'affordable', set as high as 80% of market rents, and replace it with a definition linked to local incomes. These council and housing association homes will be more affordable than market housing and built to higher standards. We will end the conversion of office blocks to homes that sidestep planning permission through 'permitted development'.

We will end the right to buy and give councils the powers and funding to buy back homes from private landlords.

We will give tenants a stronger say in the management of their homes and stop social cleansing by making sure regeneration only goes ahead when it has the consent of residents, and that all residents are offered a new property on the same site and terms. We will fund a new Decent Homes programme to

bring all council and housing association homes up to a good standard.

Home Ownership

We will build more low-cost homes reserved for first-time buyers in every area, including Labour's new discount homes with prices linked to local incomes.

We will reform Help to Buy to focus it on first-time buyers on ordinary incomes. We will introduce a levy on overseas companies buying housing, while giving local people 'first dibs' on new homes built in their area.

We will bring empty homes back into use by giving councils new powers to tax properties empty for over a year.

Labour will end the scandal of leasehold for the millions who have bought their home but don't feel like they own it.

We will end the sale of new leasehold properties, abolish unfair fees and conditions, and give leaseholders the right to buy their freehold at a price they can afford. We will introduce equivalent rights for freeholders on privately owned estates.

Private Renters

More than 11 million people rent from a private landlord and many of them are at the sharp end of the housing crisis. We will take urgent action to protect private renters through rent controls, open-ended tenancies, and new, binding minimum standards.

Labour will stop runaway rents by capping them with inflation, and give cities powers to cap rents further.

We will give renters the security they need to make their rented housing a home, with new open-ended tenancies to stop

unfair, ‘no fault’ evictions. We will make sure every property is up to scratch with new minimum standards, enforced through nationwide licensing and tougher sanctions for landlords who flout the rules. We will fund new renters’ unions in every part of the country – to allow renters to organise and defend their rights.

We will get rid of the discriminatory rules that require landlords to check people’s immigration status or that allow them to exclude people on housing benefit. We will give councils new powers to regulate short-term lets through companies such as Airbnb.

Homelessness

No one should sleep without a roof over their head in one of the richest countries in the world. But under the Tories, the number of people sleeping rough has more than doubled.

Over 125,000 children are now living in temporary accommodation, without a home to call their own – or the space they need to thrive. Labour will tackle the root causes of rising homelessness with more affordable homes and stronger rights for renters.

Labour will end rough sleeping within five years, with a national plan driven by a prime minister-led taskforce. We will expand and upgrade hostels, turning them into places where people can turn their lives around. We will make available 8,000 additional homes for people with a history of rough sleeping. We will tackle the wider causes of homelessness, raising the Local Housing Allowance in line with the 30th percentile of local rents, and earmarking an additional £1 billion a year for councils’ homelessness services.

We will bring in a new national levy on second homes used as holiday homes to help deal with the homelessness crisis, so

that those who have done well from the housing market pay a bit more to help those with no home.

We will save lives this winter by ensuring extra shelters and support are in place in all areas. And we'll repeal the Vagrancy Act and amend antisocial behaviour legislation to stop the law being used against people because they are homeless.

CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

We will act immediately to end the hereditary principle in the House of Lords, and work to abolish the House of Lords in favour of Labour's preferred option of an elected Senate of the Nations and Regions.

The renewal of our Parliament will be subject to recommendations made by a UK-wide Constitutional Convention, led by a citizens' assembly. We reiterate our commitment to One Yorkshire, and will make directly elected mayors more accountable to local councillors and elected representatives.

We will re-establish regional Government Offices to make central government more attuned to our English regions.

A Labour government will repeal the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011, which has stifled democracy and propped up weak governments. We will maintain 650 constituencies and respond objectively to future, independent boundary reviews. We will oversee the largest extension of the franchise in generations, reducing the voting age to 16, giving full voting rights to all UK residents, making sure everyone who is entitled to vote can do so by introducing a system of automatic voter registration, and abandoning plans to introduce voter ID which has been shown to harm democratic rights.

Tackling Vested Interests

We will free the voices of civil society by repealing the Lobbying Act 2014 and overhauling the rules that govern corporate lobbying. We will introduce a lobbying register covering both in-house lobbyists and think tanks and extending to contacts made with all senior government employees, not just ministers.

We will stop MPs from taking paid second jobs. We will also overhaul the system of ministerial appointments to public office.

We will bring greater transparency by extending Freedom of Information rules to cover private providers of public services, setting new standards of consistent disclosure practice and ending the six-month time limit in which the Information Commissioner can prosecute the deliberate destruction of public records.

Northern Ireland

The Good Friday Agreement and long-term peace in Northern Ireland is one of the great achievements of Labour in government. Therefore, as a priority, Labour will work quickly and tirelessly to secure the return of a genuine power-sharing government in Northern Ireland.

Labour will invest an extra £1.9 billion to end austerity and rebuild public services in Northern Ireland.

Women in Northern Ireland should have access to abortions in Northern Ireland. A Labour government will fully implement new laws on equal marriage in Northern Ireland so that same-sex couples are no longer treated as second-class citizens. We will work with all major parties in Northern Ireland to provide a good platform for the restoration of devolution alongside bringing

forward and implementing a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland as outlined in the Good Friday Agreement.

A Labour government will also protect Northern Ireland and its people in any future Brexit outcome by ensuring that there is no return to a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland or the creation of a regulatory border down the Irish Sea.

Wales

Labour's constitutional convention will include the Welsh Government's 20-point plan for the future of the UK to better recognise the realities of a devolved UK.

We will create jobs in Wales through environmental energy schemes such as the Swansea Bay tidal lagoon project.

The Tories have let down the people of Ynys Môn (Anglesey) by failing to deliver the Wylfa project.

Three years on from the 2016 EU referendum we understand much more about how Wales will be uniquely exposed to a hard Brexit. Only Labour will put this decision back in the hands of the people, and in Wales the Welsh Labour government will campaign to remain.

Scotland

Labour in government will give around 700,000 Scottish workers a pay rise when we introduce a Real Living Wage of £10 an hour.

We will also provide Scotland with at least around £100 billion of additional resources over two terms. This is the difference a UK Labour government would make to Scotland.

Labour believes that Scottish independence would be economically devastating and it would be the many not the few who would pay the price.

That's why in the early years of a UK Labour government we will not agree to a Section 30 order request if it comes from the Scottish Government.

THE FINAL SAY ON BREXIT

Labour rules out a no-deal Brexit, and we will end the scandal of billions of pounds of taxpayers' money being wasted on no-deal preparations.

Labour will secure a new Brexit deal – one that protects jobs, rights and the environment, avoids a hard border in Northern Ireland and protects the Good Friday Agreement and the peace process.

It will include:

- A permanent and comprehensive UK-wide customs union.
- Close alignment with the Single Market.
- Dynamic alignment on workers' rights, consumer rights and environmental protections so that UK standards keep pace across Europe as a minimum, allowing the UK to lead the way, not fall behind.
- Once we have secured this new deal we will put it to a legally binding referendum alongside the option of remaining in the EU.
- This will take place within the first six months of a Labour government.

We will end the uncertainty created by the EU Settlement Scheme by granting EU nationals the automatic right to continue living and working in the UK. This new declaratory system will allow EU nationals the chance to register for proof of status if they wish, but will mean they no longer have to apply to continue living and working in this country. This will help ensure reciprocal treatment for UK citizens living in the EU.

It will also prevent a repeat of the shameful Windrush scandal and avoid unnecessarily criminalising hundreds of thousands of EU nationals.

A NEW INTERNATIONALISM

Within the first year of government Labour will:

- Introduce a War Powers Act to ensure that no prime minister can bypass Parliament to commit to conventional military action.
- Conduct an audit of the impact of Britain's colonial legacy to understand our contribution to the dynamics of violence and insecurity across regions previously under British colonial rule.
- Invest an additional £400 million in our diplomatic capacity.

EFFECTIVE DIPLOMACY

We will:

- Establish a judge-led inquiry into our country's alleged complicity in rendition and torture, and the operation of secret courts.
- Issue a formal apology for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, and hold a public review into Britain's role in the Amritsar massacre.
- Allow the people of the Chagos Islands and their descendants the right to return to the lands from which they should never have been removed.
- Uphold the human rights of the people of West Papua and recognise the rights of the people of Western Sahara.

We have a duty to stand up for the security and sovereignty of our overseas territories, including the Falklands, and for the rights of our citizens and dual-nationals abroad, and will continue fighting for justice on behalf of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and other British nationals wrongly imprisoned or suffering mistreatment in captivity abroad.

Human Rights

We will:

- Immediately suspend the sale of arms to Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen and to Israel for arms used in violation of the human rights of Palestinian civilians, and conduct a root-and-branch reform of our arms exports regime so ministers can never again turn a blind eye to British-made weapons being used to target innocent civilians.
- Reform the international rules-based order to secure justice and accountability for breaches of human rights and international law, such as the bombing of hospitals in Syria, the illegal blockade of the Gaza Strip, the use of rape as a weapon of war against the Rohingya community in Myanmar and the indiscriminate bombardment of civilians in Yemen.
- We will work through the UN and the Commonwealth to insist on the protection of human rights for Sri Lanka's minority Tamil and Muslim populations.
- Appoint human-rights advisers to work across the Foreign Office and government to prioritise a co-ordinated approach to human rights.

Climate Diplomacy

We will:

- Rebuild our climate expertise within the Foreign Office, putting climate diplomacy at the heart of our foreign policy.
- Use our influence at the UN, EU, G7, G20, World Bank, the Commonwealth and other global institutions to promote policies to tackle the climate emergency.
- Use our diplomatic expertise to negotiate and deliver more ambitious global targets to deal with the climate emergency, starting with COP 26 in Glasgow next year.

Prioritising Conflict Prevention and Building Peace

Labour is committed to a comprehensive peace in the Middle East based on a two- state solution – a secure Israel alongside a secure and viable state of Palestine.

Labour will take all lawful action necessary to counter and confront all forms of terrorism, and we will advocate a long-term multinational political strategy, led by regional actors, to tackle the spread of extremism.

We will:

- Build support for UN reform, including assessing and developing democratisation initiatives, and improving the engagement of the General Assembly in decision-making to ensure its institutions are more effective at achieving peace.
- Prioritise our responsibility to prevent conflict by investing in local capacities for peacebuilding in areas of conflict – advocating for political, multilateral strategies for peace.

DEFENCE AND SECURITY

An incoming Labour government will undertake a Strategic Defence and Security Review. Labour will increase funding for UN peacekeeping operations to £100 million.

Labour supports the renewal of the Trident nuclear deterrent. Labour will also actively lead multilateral efforts under our obligations to the Non-Proliferation Treaty to create a nuclear-free world.

Labour's commitment to spend at least 2% of GDP on defence will guarantee that our armed forces are versatile and capable of fulfilling the full range of roles and obligations.

We will scrap the public sector pay cap, which resulted in a

real-terms pay cut for our armed forces, ensure decent housing for forces members and their families, and guarantee better access for all forces children to good quality local schools. We will consult on creating a representative body for the armed forces, akin to the Police Federation.

Labour will improve opportunities for veterans through access to lifelong learning and training, housing and mental and physical health services, and will seek greater consistency in the implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant by public authorities.

We will pay a lump sum of £50,000 to each surviving British nuclear-test veteran. We will also ensure that black and Asian soldiers who fought in Britain's colonial armies receive a full apology and explore ways to compensate them for the discriminatory demob payments they received compared to their white counterparts serving at the same rank in the same regiments.

Labour will publish a Defence Industrial Strategy White Paper, including a National Shipbuilding Strategy, that keeps all Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary shipbuilding contracts in the UK, to secure a long-term future for the industry and its workers. For the Conservatives, too often humanitarian aid is undermined by their disastrous foreign policy, as in Yemen. Under Labour, we will ensure policy coherence across our international-facing departments.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

We will:

- Uphold basic rights to education, health and clean water.
- Promote fairer international tax rules and help countries in the Global South.
- Support trade unions internationally.

- Support ongoing UN efforts to introduce a binding international treaty on business and human rights.
- Implement a gender transformative approach across all our international work.

We will:

- Stop all aid spending on fossil fuel production overseas, redirecting it towards clean, renewable energy for all.
- End all UK Export Finance support to fossil fuel projects, and reject any trade deals that conflict with our climate principles.

Labour respects the crucial role played by small-scale farmers the world over in guaranteeing people the right to food.

We will:

- Establish an aid-funded Food Sovereignty Fund to enable small-scale farmers in the Global South to gain access to land, seeds and finance, and uphold indigenous peoples' right to land.
- Support sustainable local food and agriculture markets in the fight against climate change.

Labour believes human rights should drive our trade policy.

We will:

- Implement UK arms export controls to the highest standard.
- Ensure government procurement contracts are not granted to companies that are complicit in serious human rights abuses.
- Introduce legislation to ensure transparency and parliamentary scrutiny of trade and investment agreements.
- Reject any trade agreements that undermine labour standards or environmental protections, and rule out UK

Export Finance support to companies engaged in bribery or corruption.

Labour recognises the right to essential medicines as an integral part of the right to health and will promote fairer international patent regimes.



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