



LET'S GET
BRITAIN'S
FUTURE
BACK

 Labour

A BRITAIN BUILT TO LAST

I grew up working class. I've been fighting all my life. I will fight for working people.

And I will fight to restore hope and pride in our great country.

Britain's got the talent, the entrepreneurs, the world-beating scientists and, the dedicated volunteers serving their communities. We've got millions of hard-working British citizens who fight against the odds each day.

But the one thing we don't have is a government that rolls up its sleeves and gets to work alongside people to solve the country's problems.

The Tories have knocked the confidence of the country, drained the well of optimism, tried to stop people believing change is possible.

But I know with every fibre of my being that Britain can be better than this. And from now until the election, whenever it comes, I will be working with people up and down the country to show how the plans in this document can be turned into a reality for our communities.

In place of division and decline, we need to give people the hope that comes from a long term plan, with Britain moving forward again and the country tilted back towards working people.

Enough is enough, it's time for change.

People are suffering - from the highest taxes in 70 years, mortgages costing them £240 extra a month, NHS waiting lists at nearly 8 million, crumbling school buildings, rivers running with raw sewage. Working people are thousands of pounds worse off

from tax rises and soaring energy bills despite Tory claims to be cutting them.

Nothing seems to work in Britain. And that's why it's time for a change.

One thing is certain, those who made the mess are never the right people to clear it up. So, the Tories cannot be the answer to Britain's problems when they are the cause of them.

The Tories have failed.

It's not just the chaos they have created, it's something bigger: it's their attitude. At a time of huge insecurity, they believe in a 'stand aside' state not one that backs working people. They don't get people's lives, what they are going through now, what their potential might be. They govern to serve their own interests, rather than to lift up the country.

With people losing faith in the Tories, the responsibility will fall to the Labour Party to show people how we have changed and what we now offer.

I've changed the Labour Party. We are back in service of working people.

Let me be frank. The Labour Party is unrecognisable from the one that lost the 2019 election. The shake-up we gave our party had one purpose: to ensure that we are once again rooted in the priorities, the concerns and the dreams of ordinary British people. To put country before party. And, let me be clear, there will be no going back.

It's why I am uncompromising on national security, standing up for our armed forces and controlling our borders.

Front and centre of everything we do will be economic stability so that families and businesses can plan ahead with certainty.

That's why every one of our commitments are fully costed and fully funded. We have no unfunded spending plans. A government I lead will always live within our means. Where we will as a government invest, we explain where every penny comes from.

It's on that platform that we will be able to seize the opportunities of advances in AI, digital, life sciences and technology as drivers of economic growth.

And because I have changed the Labour Party to be back in service of working people, I believe we can be trusted to change the country.

What it will take is a **decade of national renewal**. Each of those words is important:

Decade because this is a long term project. The problems Britain faces are deep and will need time to properly sort – but we will make a start immediately if elected.

National means it will require the contribution of everyone, in all parts of the country coming together in a common purpose.

Renewal means we have to break through the tired old ways of doing things and make the changes that have been put off for too long.

I'm a man on a mission. Five long term missions to end sticking plaster politics.

To achieve this, I have set out five long term missions to end sticking plaster politics – a long term plan to change this country.

We call it Mission Government because it's about setting ambitious goals and then building a strong strategic partnership to bring the country together to get them done.

It will require a different set of values, the cleaning up of politics and restoring an ethic of service, integrity and respect. The hope of change and renewal allied to the responsibility of service.

I warn people, some of the decisions we will have to take will not be easy. I have reformed a public service before – the Crown Prosecution Service. I know how hard it is. I made changes that meant more criminal gangs were put behind bars and that victims of crime were given a bigger say.

So, if we have to change the planning laws to get the economy moving and create more jobs, then we will. And if we need to create a publicly owned clean energy company, Great British Energy, in order to get bills down and give us independence from tyrants like Putin, then we must do the hard yards to make that happen.

That way we will turn an age of insecurity into an age of possibility and start to rebuild our pride and confidence as a nation.

How people voted in recent elections doesn't matter to me. What matters is that we heal the wounds of the last few years and come together for the sake of our country. That we all get behind change, real change, to get this proud nation off its knees and get Britain's future back.



STRONG, STABLE AND SECURE FOUNDATIONS

1. THE ROCK OF ECONOMIC STABILITY

For Labour, sound finances and economic stability are non-negotiable. We will never play fast and loose with the economy. All our plans are fully costed and fully funded. We will root out waste, corruption and those abusing taxpayers money. In contrast, the Tories crashed the economy. They represent a continued risk to families and businesses.

Labour will:

- Stick to tough fiscal rules with economic stability at their heart.
- Introduce a new fiscal lock to bring economic security back to family finances by empowering the Office of Budget Responsibility. Never again will we allow a repeat of the devastation of Liz Truss and the Conservatives' mini-budget that crashed the economy and left working people worse off.
- Set up a new Office for Value for Money to ensure all taxpayers' money is spent wisely.
- Halve government consultancy spending, by bringing in proper spending controls and having a long term staffing strategy.
- Appoint a Covid Corruption Commissioner, equipped with the powers they need to chase down those who have ripped off the taxpayer, take them to court, and claw back every penny of taxpayer's money that they can.
- End VIP 'fast lane' procurement processes that allow party political cronies to make money out of contracts from their political friends.

2. STRONG NATIONAL DEFENCE

Labour believes the first duty of any Government is to keep the nation safe and protect our citizens. In contrast, after 14 years of Conservative Government the UK's Armed Forces have been 'hollowed out'. The British Army is now its smallest size since it fought Napoleon, one in five of the Royal Navy's ships have been removed from service, and over 200 aircraft have been taken out of service in the last five years alone.

Labour is committed to strengthening our national defences and supporting our heroic armed forces.

Labour will:

- Maintain an unshakeable commitment to NATO and our nuclear deterrent.
- Conduct a Strategic Defence and Security Review in our first year in government to fully understand the state of our Armed Forces, the nature of threats we face and the capabilities needed.
- Labour will tackle the poor state of service accommodation to ensure homes are fit for heroes, having commissioned the independent Kerslake review of military housing to help draw up plans in Government.
- Legislate to establish an Armed Forces Commissioner as a strong independent voice to improve service life.



3. SECURE BORDERS

Under the Conservatives, we have a broken asylum system where criminal smuggler gangs profit from undermining our border security and putting lives at risk on small boats. At the same time, convictions for people smuggling have dropped by 30 per cent, Home Office decisions have collapsed, the asylum backlog has soared, and basic enforcement has crumbled, with returns of failed asylum seekers down 50 per cent compared to the last Labour Government. Twelve months ago, Rishi Sunak promised to end asylum hotel use but instead the number has hit a record high, costing the British taxpayer an eye-watering £8 million a day. Britain can't afford this chaos. Labour has set out a practical plan to strengthen border security, tackle small boat crossings and fix the Tories' asylum mess:

Labour will:

- Smash the criminal gangs by using counter-terror style tactics - strengthening powers and using the full force of Britain's intelligence and policing to destroy the evil business model of human trafficking.
- Deploy more police and investigators in a Cross-Border Police Unit to go after the smuggler and trafficking gangs who undermine our border security and put lives at risk.
- Set up a 1,000 strong Returns Unit to ensure failed asylum seekers and others with no right to be here are removed.
- End hotel use for asylum seekers by clearing the asylum backlog with more staff to process claims and return people to safe countries.

MISSION GOVERNMENT

Changing a country is not like ticking a box. It's not the click of a mouse. It takes time. And there are no easy answers.

But we believe that Mission Government is a way of breaking out of the current doom loop and restoring a sense of pride, purpose and hope.

Mission government means doing things differently. An end to short-term sticking plaster politics. We will set ambitious goals, and then tackle problems systematically and for the long term.

Take one example. Every year there is a winter crisis in the health service. Every year there is a bit more money put in and a quick fix to get through the crisis. Sticking plaster solutions. And then next year the same thing happens – on repeat. The problem is never properly solved, and the people who pay the price are patients waiting in pain for treatment, sometimes on trolleys in overflowing hospital corridors. This is not good enough. We need to fix these problems properly and for the long term – a Britain built to last.

Mission government represents a new way of governing.

- Technology used to make services more responsive in place of slow bureaucratic changes.
 - A reforming state that puts citizens first not a cheque book state that reaches for more money as the first answer.
 - A reforming state that shapes new opportunities and industries not a back stop state that only steps in when things go wrong.
- With an ethic of service replacing a culture of sleaze and corruption.
 - Ambitious goals that galvanise action and are regularly reported on.
 - Decisions pushed out to communities in place of power hoarded in Westminster so that the huge pride and ambitions people have for their communities is matched by the government.



FIVE NATIONAL MISSIONS

A long term plan to get Britain's future back: five fully funded national missions

Built on fulfilling our first duty: to protect our country – through economic stability, secure borders and strong defence.

Get Britain Building Again

By following strict rules that strengthen public finances and by reforming planning laws, so we build more houses, giga factories, windfarms, roads, labs and ports, developing the skills needed to do so.

Switch On Great British Energy

By switching on Great British Energy, a new publicly owned, clean energy company, that ensures jobs are created here in Britain and that we aren't dependent on tyrants like Putin.

Get The NHS Back On Its Feet

By paying doctors and nurses overtime to work evenings and weekends to cut the backlog – paid for by ending the non-dom tax break for the very wealthy.

Take Back Our Streets

By guaranteeing town centre police patrols in every community to tackle gangs, drug dealers and fly tippers – paid for by cutting outside contractors and waste.

Break Down Barriers To Opportunity

By introducing free school breakfast clubs and more high quality teaching with more specialist maths and science teachers – paid for by removing tax breaks for private schools and non-doms.



GET BRITAIN BUILDING AGAIN

TIME FOR A CHANGE.

The British economy has been growing at the slowest rate for two centuries under the Tories. And the small amounts of growth it has seen have not benefited the whole country. The result is the biggest fall in living standards in a generation.

It should be the case that if you work hard and play by the rules, you will get on. But for millions of people that is simply not the case. People are working harder than ever but too often for less reward.

For too long we have lacked economic stability, an industrial strategy, or enough public and private investment to kickstart growth. There has not been a willingness to reform outdated planning laws that restrict the building of vital new homes and infrastructure.

That is why it is time for a change.

THE TORIES HAVE FAILED.

All economies have faced the shocks of the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, but the truth is our economy has fared worse than our competitors. Inflation is higher, growth has been slower, our foundations are less secure.

For 14 years, growth has averaged 1.5%, when it was over 2% under the last Labour government. If we had continued to grow at a similar rate, we would have had tens of billions extra to put into our hospitals and schools.

The Tories have made mistakes, serious mistakes.

First austerity cut to the bone the vital investment needed for growth.

Second, the Tories negotiated a Brexit deal that has caused serious damage to our economy.

Third, when Rishi Sunak was Chancellor, he failed to grow the economy and instead raised taxes to their highest level.

Fourth, the wild Liz Truss experiment crashed the economy.

Fifth, the Sunak-Hunt high tax, low growth economy we are seeing today

The result is the highest taxes for 70 years, soaring mortgage and rent payments and flatlining growth.

LABOUR HAS CHANGED.

Labour is back serving working people and that means a recognition that when there is economic chaos, it is working people that pay the heaviest price. And that is unacceptable. So economic stability is our first duty.

That is why everything we put in our manifesto will be fully costed and fully funded. We have worked up our plans in partnership with business with the purpose of kick-starting growth everywhere and making working people in all parts of the country better off.

Labour will build a genuine partnership with business and civil society – sleeves rolled-up, working for the national interest. A strategic partnership that builds a bridge from the jobs we must protect today to the opportunities we have to win tomorrow.

LABOUR HAS A LONG TERM PLAN FOR GROWTH.

Our plan for growth is ambitious: to secure the highest sustained growth in the G7. It is based on a powerful

new approach called 'Securonomics'. Some call it 'modern supply side' economics.

It means becoming more resilient. We must rebuild our ability to make, do and sell more here in Britain so we are less exposed to global shocks, and less at the mercy of countries like Russia who can cut off our supply chains on a whim.

Crucially it's about the economic stability that gives businesses the confidence to invest. We have had many conversations with leading CEOs who tell us it's the chaos and instability – the five Prime Ministers in seven years – that are holding back vital investment in our country.

For families, 'Securonomics' means knowing you have enough to put aside for a rainy day. And the knowledge that, when you need them, strong public services will be there for you and your family.

It means guaranteeing security for today's pensioners and the opportunity to save for a decent retirement for tomorrow's. We will reform welfare to help people back to work and progress to better paid jobs in work. Labour will commit itself to rebuilding that security.

High streets are the beating heart of local economies, but under the Tories, too many have gone into decline, with shuttered shops and anti-social behaviour. Labour will strengthen the powers available to local communities to regenerate their high streets and town centres, through a strengthened Community Right to Buy and will give councils strong new powers to bring empty shops on their high streets back into use.

And on those foundations, we will be able to seize the opportunities of the future.

What Labour will do. Labour's Five Point Plan for Growth is about kickstarting growth in all parts of the country, making working people better off.

Putting economic stability first by introducing a new fiscal lock to bring economic security back to our national and family finances. *Because* we will never allow a repeat of the devastation of Liz Truss and the Conservatives' mini-budget that crashed the economy and left working people worse off.

Getting Britain building again by reforming planning laws to kickstart 1.5 million new homes, transport, clean energy, and new industries in all parts of the country. *Because* cheaper bills, the chance to own your own home and modern infrastructure are key to growth and the foundations of security.

Backing British business with a new industrial strategy created in partnership with business to

maximise Britain's strengths in life sciences, digital, creative, financial industries, clean power and automotive sectors. Creating a National Wealth Fund to unlock billions of pounds of private investment, crowding in 3 times the amount of public investment. *Because* growing businesses are the best route to high paid jobs everywhere.

Kickstarting a skills revolution. A new generation of Technical Excellence Colleges, offering more high quality apprenticeships and training opportunities tailored to local jobs in all parts of the country. *Because* higher skills are good for growth and rising living standards.

Making Work Pay by introducing a new deal for working people and delivering a genuine living wage, banning zero hours contracts and ending fire and rehire. *Because* creating well-paid jobs across all parts of our country will make working people better off and more secure.



What Labour's long term growth plan means for you

- ▶ Economic stability, certainty and tough fiscal rules creating the climate for low inflation.
- ▶ Well paid jobs with an industrial strategy to back key sectors like life science, tech, financial, clean power and creative industries.
- ▶ More homeowners – reforming planning laws to build 1.5 million more homes with first time buyers getting first dibs.
- ▶ Higher living standards in all parts of the country.
- ▶ A living wage and more security at work with the end to zero hours contracts and fire and rehire.

Let's turn the page on Tory failure

- ▶ People £1,200 worse off with the highest tax burden for 70 years.
- ▶ Low growth and stagnant wages.
- ▶ Soaring mortgages and rents costing families an extra £240 a month.
- ▶ Spiralling debt.
- ▶ A decline in homeownership.
- ▶ Bottom of the OECD league table on child poverty.
- ▶ The scrapping of industrial strategy so no long term plan for the economy.
- ▶ 2.98 million people now using food banks, up from 60,000 in 2010.



SAM'S STORY



Sam lives in rented accommodation but it doesn't feel like home. Despite saving, downsizing and working every hour she can, she can't get on the property ladder. Owning your own home shouldn't be out of reach for working people. Labour will kickstart growth and get Britain building again. More people will be able to fulfil their dream of owning their own home – with priority given to first time buyers.

SWITCH ON GREAT BRITISH ENERGY

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.

Millions of working people are still suffering from sky-rocketing energy bills - nearly doubling for the average family in recent years. And people have been hit harder in Britain than other countries, because, thanks to the Tories, Britain's energy supply is not in British hands and this country is exposed. We're dangerously dependent on importing oil and gas from unstable international markets. That means we don't control our own destiny. When there's instability abroad, prices shoot up here at home. Look at what's happened in the last year. As Putin's war in Ukraine ramped up, so did the price of gas. The results have been devastating for the finances of ordinary families, whilst oil and gas giants have made record profits.

We need to take control of our energy system. The solution is clean, homegrown power that we can produce and control at home in Britain - that is the only way to cut energy bills once and for all and make us energy independent.

THE TORIES HAVE FAILED.

The Tories have left Britain dangerously exposed and working people have paid the price in higher bills.

During the worst cost of living crisis in a generation, they have sided with the big oil and gas companies making record profits rather than hardworking families. Even now they still refuse to implement a proper windfall tax on the oil and gas giants.

Over 14 years, the Tories have squandered Britain's advantage in clean energy. They banned onshore wind and energy bills went up. They cut energy efficiency and bills went up again. They have failed to complete any nuclear power stations. Recently, they failed to get private investors to support offshore wind, the crown jewels of British energy and as a result bills

will stay up for years to come. They have failed to generate the high paid clean power jobs of the future.

And because they have held Britain back in the race for clean power, jobs, investment and supply chains have gone overseas. Because of their ideology, they refuse to invest in homegrown energy resources for our country, but instead let state-owned companies of other countries do so. Foreign governments own nearly half of our offshore wind, meaning the wealth and jobs created by Britain's energy resources go abroad rather than staying here at home.

The risk of five more years of the Conservatives is permanently high energy bills with jobs and wealth shipped overseas. We can't afford to go on like this.

LABOUR HAS CHANGED.

Labour's new approach to the economy is particularly important in the clean energy sector.

Gone are the days when we can afford to be complacent and fail to use the power of government to back British business with a proper strategy. It is government's job not just to regulate markets but to shape them and to de-risk them so that we crowd in the private investment that allows new industries to take off.

This new approach means we would undertake the biggest ever partnership between government and the private sector to create the clean energy jobs of the future and cut energy bills for good. And in making the transition to these new industries we will not only protect existing jobs, but with new skills and training, create the next generation of highly paid jobs in every region of the country.

What Labour will do: Labour has a long term plan for clean energy

Britain has the potential to be a clean energy superpower. We have huge advantages: our entrepreneurs, our coastline, our scientists and our workforce. But, to get cheaper bills, better jobs and energy independence requires leadership, investment, and a plan.

A proper windfall tax on oil and gas companies.

It starts by tackling the cost of living crisis. That's why we have fought for a proper windfall tax on the excess profits of oil and gas companies, so we can support families with the cost of living.

Great British Energy. We will create a new publicly owned champion – Great British Energy, to give us real energy independence from foreign dictators. It will be owned by the British people, built by the British people and benefit the British people. It will invest in clean energy across our country- for example by making the UK a world leader in floating offshore wind.

National Wealth Fund. Alongside GB Energy will be a new National Wealth Fund that will invest in the jobs that can rebuild Britain's industrial strength, and crowd in private investment in our ports, gigafactories, hydrogen, and protect our steel industry.

Key to the success of our plans is upgrading the national grid so that we have the infrastructure we need to move forward.

This is a once in a generation chance for Britain to lead again on the global stage, forging a Clean Power Alliance with like-minded countries – to seize the opportunities of clean energy, tackle climate change and provide lasting benefits to the country and the generations to come.

Warmer Homes.

Labour would upgrade Britain's cold, draughty homes, cutting bills and creating thousands of good jobs for electricians, engineers, and construction workers across the country.

Clean Power by 2030

A Labour government would:

- ▶ Pioneer floating offshore wind, by fast-tracking at least 5 GW of capacity.
- ▶ More than double our onshore wind capacity to 35 GW.
- ▶ More than triple solar power to 50 GW
- ▶ Quadruple offshore wind with an ambition of 55 GW by 2030.
- ▶ Get new nuclear projects at Hinkley and Sizewell over the line, extending the lifetime of existing plants, and backing new nuclear including Small Modular Reactors.
- ▶ Double the government's target on green hydrogen, with 10 GW of production for use particularly in flexible power generation, storage, and industries like green steel.

FULLY FUNDED

CHARLIE'S STORY



This is Charlie and this is the café that has survived three lockdowns. His boiler makes hundreds of cups of tea a day. Now, Charlie is threatened by soaring prices. With Labour, Charlie's café and his flat upstairs will run on cheaper, clean energy, created by switching on a new publicly-owned company – Great British Energy. Meaning energy security and lower bills. Making families and businesses better off.

What Labour's long term clean energy plan means for you

- Energy bills cut once and for all, taking hundreds of pounds off annual household energy bills for families and businesses.
- Rebuilding Britain's industrial strength, with good jobs in every part of the country - 500,000 new jobs in our industrial heartlands and coastal communities.
- Stronger national security and energy independence by using our abundant natural resources so that we can control our destiny.
- Cleaner rivers and seas. Automatic and severe fines for water companies that harm the environment and pollute our rivers and new powers to the regulator to block bonuses until water bosses have cleaned up the filth.

Let's turn the page on Tory failure

- Rising energy bills.
- An energy system dangerously exposed to Putin.
- Other countries owning our British energy resources.
- A government that refuses to seize the opportunities of clean power.
- Banning on shore wind.
- Families having to waste money on cold, drafty homes.
- Letting the EU, USA, and China get a 3 year head start in the race for the jobs and investment of the future - leaving Britain trailing behind with higher bills and undermining our energy security.
- Sewage in our rivers and coastline.



GET THE NHS BACK ON ITS FEET

IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE.

The NHS is on its knees. In fact, some would say it's face down and taking a good kicking from the Tories. We have to get it back on its feet.

The NHS waiting list is now at almost 8 million. Ambulances don't come when you need them. The 8am scramble for a GP appointment is the final straw for many patients. Dentistry is in crisis with tooth decay the number one cause of hospital admissions among children aged between six and ten years old.

Waiting times for cancer patients have got worse every year since the Conservatives came to power in 2010. Around, 500,000 suspected cancer patients waited longer than the recommended two weeks to see a specialist after being referred by their GP. Equally the waiting list for community mental health care in England hit 1.2 million last year.

THE TORIES HAVE FAILED.

The cause is sticking plaster politics – patchwork reforms and a failure to modernise a service that was created 75 years ago. The whole system is geared towards late-stage diagnosis and treatment, which delivers poorer outcomes at greater cost.

The Tories have not harnessed the latest technology to make it more responsive to the needs of patients. It's not good enough that patient records still go missing, that appointment letters come too late, that the benefits of online services and the NHS app are not being used to speed up treatment and put the patient more in control.

Change can't come soon enough. Let's Get Britain's Future Back

LABOUR HAS CHANGED.

Labour will always defend the founding principles of the NHS as a publicly funded public service, free at the point of use.

But we need to be frank. The NHS is no longer the envy of the world. We say that not to undermine it, but to reassure people that we've noticed. We can't just place the NHS on a pedestal, reminding people that Labour created the NHS and that we'll always defend it. That would keep the NHS on life support and do nothing to help patients.

If we are to truly get the NHS back on its feet, we need to reform it. Yes, investment is needed, but pouring ever-increasing amounts of money into a system that isn't working is wasteful in every sense. The message of modernise or die is not a threat but a choice

Labour will be the government that finally transforms our NHS to make it a service fit for today.

LABOUR HAS A LONG TERM PLAN TO GET THE NHS BACK ON ITS FEET.

As an immediate priority, Labour will grip the biggest crisis in the history of the NHS, tackling the massive waiting list backlog. We will do this by getting the basics right and then undertaking the long term reforms to make sure the NHS is fit for the future.

The last Labour government rebuilt the NHS and slashed waiting times, so we have a track record of success.

It's time to rebuild the NHS.

Labour's plan to get the NHS back on its feet

Ending unacceptable waits. Labour has a plan to drive down waiting times and get patients diagnosed earlier – with an extra 2 million operations, scans, and appointments in the first year. We will pay NHS staff properly for overtime to work evening and weekend shifts to bust the backlog – paid for by abolishing non-dom tax loophole for the very wealthy.

Dentistry Rescue Plan. Labour will deliver a Dentistry Rescue Plan to provide 700,000 extra appointments each year. We will introduce a targeted recruitment fund to get more dentists into the communities that need them most. And we will reform the NHS dentistry contract so that everyone who needs an NHS dentist can get one. All paid for by abolishing the non-dom loophole.

A Neighbourhood Health Service. At the heart of Labour's reforms will be a plan to move care closer to communities. The NHS must become a Neighbourhood Health Service as much as a National Health Service – supported by cutting edge treatment and technology, to prevent illness. We will trial Neighbourhood Health Centres bringing together family doctors, district nurses, care workers, physiotherapists, and mental health specialists under one roof.

Technology and early diagnosis. Labour's 'Fit For The Future Fund' will double the number of state-of-the-art CT and MRI scanners to ensure early diagnosis. We will put technology at a patients' fingertips so they can take control of their own medicine, appointments and health needs. At home tests for kidney disease that can send results to your smartphone; AI used to diagnose cancer from scans because we know it saves money and helps reduce missed cancer diagnoses

Better Public Health. We need proper public health measures to keep our children healthy, like banning the promotion of vaping and junk food to young people and supporting an incremental ban on smoking. Our children's health is too important not to take action.

Mental health. Labour will recruit 8,500 additional mental health staff to drive down waiting lists, funded through closing tax loopholes. Labour will make sure every young person will have access to a specialist mental health professional at school. With Labour's Young Futures plan, every community will have an open access mental health hub for young people (11-24), providing early intervention through drop-in services. The schools' element is paid for by ending tax breaks for private schools. The staffing is paid for by abolishing tax loopholes for private equity managers.



NAT'S STORY



Nat is a music teacher. He's also ill. His hospital appointments were cancelled. The extra waiting changed his cancer from survivable to incurable. With Labour, you'll get quicker cancer diagnosis and start treatment within 30 days. This will be funded by closing the non-doms tax loophole. Labour will get the NHS back on its feet so you get faster treatment.

What Labour's long term health plan means for you

- Faster NHS treatment delivering two million more appointments a year by paying NHS staff more to work evenings and weekends.
- Fewer cancer deaths by improving early diagnosis for cancer by doubling the number of NHS scanners.
- 700,00 more urgent dentist appointments.
- Fast access to mental health services by recruiting 8,500 new NHS mental health staff.
- Return of the family doctor by cutting red tape so that patients can see the same GP each appointment if they choose to.

All fully funded by scrapping the loophole which allows some mega rich people who live in the UK to avoid paying tax. The mental health professionals including in schools is paid for by ending the tax breaks for private schools.

Let's turn the page on Tory failure

- NHS waiting list now at almost 8 million.
- 500,000 cancer patients seen after the two week target.
- 43% of patients waited more than four hours in A and E compared with 5% of patients under the last Labour government.
- Tooth decay is the biggest cause of hospital visits for 6-10 year olds.
- Slowed increase in life expectancy after decades of steady improvement.
- 4,000 GPs cut and closing nearly 1,800 GP practices.
- Failure to end strikes by doctors.



TAKE BACK OUR STREETS

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.

Labour believes that security is the bedrock on which opportunities are built, communities can thrive, and local economies can prosper. Security means knowing someone will be there for you if things go wrong, and that laws will be respected and enforced. But that sense of security has slowly eroded over the past 14 years, with rising levels of violent crime, a knife crime epidemic devastating young lives, and shamefully and persistently high rates of violence against women and girls. Anti-social behaviour is a blight on society, with drug misuse, fly-tipping and off-road biking increasing in our communities, alongside an epidemic in shoplifting in our town centres. Too often this is dismissed as low-level crime, but it matters hugely to people and hits the very heart of our communities.

At the same time, confidence that there will be any consequences when a crime is committed has collapsed. Too often people fear that when things go wrong, no one will come and nothing will be done. That is the Tories' abysmal record on crime and justice – criminals laughing at the law and victims paying the price.

THE TORIES HAVE FAILED.

Instead of standing up for security, the Conservatives have done the opposite. They have hollowed out neighbourhood policing and taken a wrecking ball to the criminal justice system, so that over 90% of crimes now go unsolved. That means more criminals being let off and more victims being let down. Criminals today are less than half as likely to be caught as they were under the last Labour government. That is the scale of collapse in law and order under this Conservative Government.

This wasn't an accident – it was the result of deliberate Tory choices. A choice to cut police from our streets, a choice to undermine respect for the rule of law, a choice to chase headlines instead of solutions. And they have failed to modernise a criminal justice system that is simply incapable of meeting the task of tackling crime in today's world.

As a result, we have a broken criminal justice system. A pitifully low charge rate, soaring court backlogs, and prisons so full that violent criminals are being let out early.

Our communities cannot afford more of the same. Things have got to change.

LABOUR HAS CHANGED.

Labour will rebuild security on Britain's streets – with a mission to halve serious violence and rebuild confidence in policing and the criminal justice system. Our plans will involve major reforms on prevention, policing and across the criminal justice system.

To prevent crime we need to overhaul the way public services and community organisations work with young people, restoring hope, but also stronger early intervention. We need action across society to tackle violence against women and girls, and we need policing rooted in our communities again – with a return to neighbourhood policing and town centre patrols.

To protect the public we need serious reforms to policing and the criminal justice system so that standards rise, delays are tackled, new technology is brought in, trust is rebuilt, more crimes are solved, more criminals face justice and serious offenders are put behind bars.

Labour has a long term plan to take back our streets.

Labour will be tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime.

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

Labour will put police back in towns centres and neighbourhoods to make our streets safe again, with increased patrols and 13,000 more neighbourhood police and PCSOs.

There will be guaranteed police patrols in town centres, zero tolerance of anti-social behaviour and we'll give every community a named officer they can get in touch with, to ensure a swift response to crime.

We will also clamp down on shoplifting and violence against shopworkers, making it easier to take action against repeat offenders and creating a new specific offence of assault against retail workers.

Tackling violence against women and girls.

Labour will halve levels of violence against women and girls within a decade because everyone has the right to live free from fear.

We will introduce new specialist domestic abuse workers in 999 control rooms and put specialist rape investigation units in every force across England and Wales - so that early opportunities for prevention and protection are not missed.

We'll require police forces to target dangerous repeat offenders with the tactics and tools

normally reserved for counter-terror and serious organised crime investigations, to get serious perpetrators off our streets. And we'll put specialists in the court system to support rape and domestic abuse victims and ensure that justice is done.

Preventing youth crime.

Labour will introduce a new ten-year Young Futures programme, bringing together services and communities to support our young people, including a new national network of Young Futures hubs, with mental health workers and youth workers, to tackle the crisis in youth mental health, to give teenagers the best start in life, and to stop the knife crime that is killing our young people.

Police and criminal justice reform.

Labour will rebuild public confidence in policing and the criminal justice system. We'll turn around the collapse in the proportion of crimes solved by fast-tracking the recruitment of detectives who can solve more complex crimes like fraud, dramatically increasing the pool of prosecutors who can bring criminals to justice, and by building the prisons the Tories promised and failed to deliver.

We'll reform the police, overhauling vetting and training processes, and introducing new powers to compel failing forces to comply with recommendations from the police watchdog.



NOUR'S STORY



This is Raneem's phone. Her Aunt Nour holds onto it now. Raneem used it to call 999 thirteen times in five months. Not one call was taken seriously enough. Raneem's ex-husband killed her and her mum. Nour is fighting for other women in abusive relationships. With Labour, trained domestic abuse specialists will support 999 handlers. Funded by eliminating police waste cutting drastically the level of violence against women and girls.

What Labour's long term crime plan means for you

- ▶ Guarantee town centre patrols by putting 13,000 more neighbourhood police and PCSOs on the beat, funded by a new Police Efficiency programme on procurement and shared services based on the work of the Police Foundation.
- ▶ Crack down on anti-social behaviour through tough new Respect Orders with criminal sanctions for persistent anti-social behaviour.
- ▶ Fast-track rape cases through the courts and provide legal advocates for rape victims. Rape units in each police force, specialists in every 999 control room paid for by cutting police waste..
- ▶ Give teenagers the best start in life with new youth hubs, containing mental health staff and youth workers to tackle the crisis in mental health, give teenagers the support they need and prevent knife crime.
- ▶ Tackle shoplifting gangs by ending the £200 rule brought in by the Tories which stops shop thefts under £200 being investigated - even if the same gang comes back time and again.

Let's turn the page on Tory failure

- ▶ Knife crime up by 70% since 2015.
- ▶ 10,000 fewer police out on the beat compared to 2010.
- ▶ Over 90 per cent of crime is going unsolved.
- ▶ Total arrests have more than halved since 2010, including a 40% drop in arrests for theft.
- ▶ Serious violence is up by 70% since 2015.
- ▶ Over 2 million crimes are dropped each year without a suspect being found.
- ▶ There are one million incidents of anti-social behaviour every year, equating to over 2,500 incidents a day.
- ▶ The charge rate for rape is at a shocking low of 2.2%.
- ▶ There is now a record number of cases in the court backlog (66,500 cases).



BREAK DOWN BARRIERS TO OPPORTUNITY

IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE.

The promise we tell our children and grandchildren that if you work hard and play by the rules, you will get on in life is sadly no longer the case for too many people. Where you are born and how wealthy your parents are too often determines where you end up. We've got to break that link.

And that's not happening. Childcare and early learning is unavailable, inaccessible or unaffordable for too many families, meaning many children arrive at school not ready to learn and early learning goals are being missed. Young people are leaving school without developing core English and maths skills, while creative subjects and skills development are too often being squeezed out. Our schools are faced with teacher shortages, a staff retention crisis, crumbling classrooms and persistent school absences. And there simply aren't enough high-quality pathways onto apprenticeships, and technical education.

Young people are not being prepared for work or for life. They should be supported to develop the skills to shape and use new technologies, to generate ideas to respond to climate change and harness advances in science for all our benefit. Our education system should build confidence and resilience, knowledge and skills and a love of learning to carry throughout life. That way all young people will get the chance to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

THE TORIES HAVE FAILED.

With eight education secretaries in six years, the Tories have neither had leadership nor direction. They have failed to provide the bedrock of security on which opportunity can flourish.

Despite much talk, they have not developed the apprenticeships and skills pathways that will allow for adults to reskill and upskill throughout their life. The result is we have too few people, who have the skills we need for growth.

Our youngest children have seen their learning and development neglected, with two children for every childcare place leaving thousands without access to the early learning that sets them up for life.

Each year one in four children leave primary school behind in maths and in reading, while one in three young people do not pass their maths and English GCSE. At the same time, we've seen the gap in outcomes between children eligible for free school meals and their peers and across different regions widen leaving promises to level-up all talk and little action.

And at the same time the curriculum and assessment system are too narrow so too many young people neither retain a love of learning nor are set up for work and life.

LABOUR HAS CHANGED.

We should all have opportunities and be able to enjoy a good life, with a good job, a secure home and a good standard of living. We see the expansion of opportunity as key to growth – and high and rising standards in education as the best route to enabling everyone to achieve their aspirations.

But it will only happen if we take the tough decisions to overhaul our childcare and early years system, modernise the school curriculum and assessment and rethink vocational education so high-quality technical training is available in all parts of the country.

Labour has a long term plan to expand opportunities

Labour will spread opportunity to all parts of the country at every age and every stage.

Early Years: the best start in life

Childcare is important not just because it helps parents to work, but to give every child the best possible start in life. That is why Labour will improve the quality of provision, and work with local authorities to boost the availability of childcare in places where provision is inadequate. At the same time, we will develop vital communication and maths skills early so that every child can find their voice and build the foundations for a brilliant education.

School: Preparing young people for work and life

Evidence shows that improving teacher quality is the most significant factor to improving children's outcomes. To ensure rising standards in all our schools, we will tackle the chronic staffing crisis in schools by recruiting thousands more teachers particularly in shortage subjects like science and maths. We will reform Ofsted so it gives parents better information, with a scorecard that values breadth and not just a single headline grade.

At the same time, we will reform the curriculum and assessment system so that speaking skills are

taken as seriously as reading and writing, creativity and problem solving are woven throughout and young people have the digital skills needed to thrive.

We will tackle the attendance crisis, ensuring children enjoy and want to be in school again. We will provide the mental health support to back this up and to boost the wellbeing of young people, many of whom still suffering the effects of lockdown. We will ensure all primary children have free breakfast clubs that set them up for the day – so that no child starts the day hungry and there is a safe space to be supported with friends.

Further Education and Lifelong learning

Retraining and up-skilling will need to be locally based and tailored to the needs of each community – plumbers to fit new heat pumps, engineers to lead the application of AI, solar power fitters to harness renewables. That's why we are setting up new Technical Excellence Colleges in all parts of the country so people have the specialist skills local businesses need. And it's why we are transforming the Apprenticeship levy to give employers the flexibility they need to train their workforce in new and relevant skills.



TITO'S STORY



This is Tito. She fell in love with poetry because there was one teacher who truly inspired her. She is grateful to her teacher, Mrs K. Labour will break down the barriers to opportunity by putting a specialist teacher in every classroom funded by ending tax breaks for private schools. So, a one in a million teacher will be joined by thousands more.

What Labour's long term education plan means for you

- ▶ Higher standards in schools. Recruiting 6,500 more teachers to ensure every child is taught by a specialist, paid for by ending tax breaks for private schools.
- ▶ Better wellbeing for young people. Employing mental health support staff in every school, paid for by ending tax breaks for private schools.
- ▶ Giving every child the best start to the day. Introducing free breakfast clubs in every primary school in England, paid for by closing the loophole which allows some mega rich people who live in the UK to avoid paying tax.
- ▶ Preparing young people for work and life. Give children greater opportunity to study music, sport and the arts by changing the rules about how schools are held accountable.
- ▶ Higher paid jobs through better skills, apprenticeships and training.

Let's turn the page on Tory failure

- ▶ Childcare deserts where parents cannot find the childcare they need and children miss out on crucial early learning.
- ▶ One in three children not reaching a good level of early development.
- ▶ Failure to get the basics right: two in five children leaving primary school behind in maths, reading, or writing.
- ▶ Rising persistent school absence which now represents one of the gravest threats to children's life chances.
- ▶ Crumbling school buildings and vanishing facilities for sport and creative activities.
- ▶ Declining apprenticeship opportunities and falling participation in vocational and skills training.



BE PART OF IT

If we are to embark on a decade of national renewal to replace years of national decline, then we will need to roll up our sleeves and begin immediately.

We want to start working with you now so that our plans have the maximum impact in your community.

That way, if elected, we can get on with the job of fixing the country.

In the coming weeks Keir Starmer will be in communities across the country meeting people in person, answering questions, and finding out how we can harness the expertise and energy, the pride and the purpose in every village, town and city.


This document is a summary of our more detailed plans. You can find out more from the policy documents on our website. Please be part of it – let us know what matters most to you.



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Keir Starmer