

The Labour Party's General Election Manifesto 2017



"Labour will invest in the cutting-edge jobs and industries of the future that can improve everybody's lives."

"For the many..."

Britain at home

Economic principles

Fiscal Credibility Rule, overseen by independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR): national debt lower at end of next Parliament than today; no government borrowing for day-to-day spending

£250bn National Transformation Fund to invest in **infrastructure** over 10 years

Industrial Strategy to deliver highest OECD proportion of **high-skilled jobs** and **3% of GDP spent on R&D** by 2030

New Councils to oversee future security and growth of **strategic industries**

British procurement: double size of **cooperative sector** and new **right to own for employees**

Democratic reform and public services

A new **Constitutional Convention**, including options of a more federalised country

Minister for England; **£20bn Scottish Investment Bank**; **£10bn for Development Bank for Wales**

Extra funding for local government: council tax, land value tax, business rates reviews

Recruitment of 10,000 police officers; 3,000 prison guards; 3,000 firefighters; 500 border guards

Repeal Lobbying Act; new statutory lobbying register; FoIA extensions for private companies providing public services

House of Lords reform: size reduction, end of hereditary principle

Votes for 16-year olds

Taxation and welfare

No income tax increase for those on **below £80k salaries**; **no NIC or VAT increases**

50p income tax rate for those on **above £123k salaries**

Increase in corporation tax for large corporates but reintroduction of small profit rate, business rate exemptions for new plant and machinery

Guaranteed triple lock on pensions

New Ministry of Labour and new **Social Security Bill**

20-point plan for security and equality at work including: ban zero-hour contracts; increased minimum wage; double paternity leave; four new public holidays

Commission to modernise employment status law; **ban payroll / umbrella companies**

Corporate governance

New directors' duty to employees, customers, the environment and wider public

Best practice requirements for government suppliers on 20:1 pay gap and late payments (30 day payment terms)

Takeover regime amendments to ensure workers' and pensions' protections

Excessive Pay Levy for employers paying exceptionally high rates to individuals

"Let's build a fairer Britain where no one is held back."

"Britain needs to negotiate a Brexit deal that puts our economy and living standards first."

"Britain is the fifth richest country in the world. But that means little when many people don't share in that wealth."

"Just as many felt that power was too centralised and unaccountable in Brussels, so many feel that about Westminster."

Britain in the world

Brexit

'Jobs-first' Brexit with new negotiating priorities:

- guarantee EU nationals' rights;
- retain Single Market and Customs Union benefits;
- prioritise access to internal energy market and continued EU market access for British farmers;
- no hard Irish border;
- no change in Gibraltar's status;
- secure continued UK participation in Horizon 2020, Erasmus, European Medicines Agency, Euratom, Europol, Eurojust, Common Aviation Area, European Arrest Warrant

New EU Rights and Protections Bill and **new national security and criminal justice legislation** to protect workers' rights, living and environmental standards, and guarantee shortfall in EU structural funding

Reject no deal as viable option
Parliamentary vote on final deal

Global Collaboration

New immigration system including eg employer sponsorship, work permits, visa regulations or tailored mix

Cross-government strategies for Sustainable Development Goals, Refugee Crisis, Protecting Civilians in Conflict

Trident Renewal

2% GDP spending on defence

International Trade

New International Trade White Paper to develop principles, covering: transparency and scrutiny of trade deals; human rights and social justice; right to protect public services

Regional trade and investment champions

Re-join **WTO's Government Procurement Agreement**

Champion SMEs' market access: new export incentive scheme for SMEs and ring-fenced Tradeshow Access Programme grants

Guaranteed access to UK markets for **least developed countries**

Capital investment scheme to encourage investment in target areas

Review of **historic investment treaties**

"Unlike the Conservatives, Labour believes Britain's foreign policy should be guided by the values of peace, universal rights and international law."

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"...not the few"

Housing & Construction

New Department for Housing
100,000 council and housing association homes per year by end of next Parliament; Right to Buy suspended unless councils provide replacement homes

New generation of New Towns; minimum space standards

Scrap bedroom tax; re-instate housing benefits for under-21s

3-year tenancies; rent controls; new fit-for-human-habitation standards; ban letting agency fees

Help to Buy guaranteed until 2027

Land ownership transparency & leaseholder rights

New national plan to end rough sleeping

Incentives for energy efficient homes

"Let's build a country where we invest our wealth to give everyone the best chance."

Energy & Environment

60% of UK energy from zero carbon or renewable sources by 2030

Investment in green technologies

Fracking ban; support for nuclear, tidal lagoons, carbon capture and storage; North Sea assets strategy

Immediate price cap for dual fuel household bills to remain below £1k per year

Alteration of energy supply network operator licenses; publicly owned local companies to purchase regional grid infrastructure

At least one publicly owned energy supplier in every UK region

Network of regional publicly-owned water companies

Clean Air Act

Plastic bottle deposit scheme

Environmental Tribunal consultation

"We will take a public stake in the energy sector."

Leisure, Hospitality & Gambling

National review of local pubs

Review extension of £1000 pub relief to small music venues

'Agent of change' principle in planning law for housing developments and music venues to co-exist

£1bn Cultural Capital Fund to foster creative clusters, museums and galleries

Reinstate cross-Whitehall ministerial group on tourism

Review fan participation in sports governance

Reduce maximum stake on FOBTs to £2 and increase between-spin delays

Enforce anti-bots legislation for secondary ticketing

"...restoring the NHS to its place as the envy of the world"

"The choice is now a Labour Brexit that puts jobs first, or a Tory Brexit that will be geared to the interests of the City"

Financial Services

National Investment Bank to leverage £250bn investment, regional development banks with mandate to fill SME lending gaps, support cooperative sector, patient finance to R&D intensive investments

Consult on breaking up RBS to create new local public banks; ban banks from closing branches where there is a clear local need; Commission to establish a Post Bank to provide full range of banking services in every community

Firm ring-fence between investment and retail banking

Extend Stamp Duty Reserve Tax to wider assets

Debt Arrangement Scheme

Transport and Infrastructure

Public Ownership of Railways Bill to take railways back as franchises expire

Fare freeze, no driver-only operations, free wi-fi on public transport

Completion of HS2, link with new Crossrail of the North and Durham Freight Centre investment; completion of Science Vale transport arc; build Crossrail 2, Brighton Main Line; expand public freight services; roads upgrade; scrap Severn Bridge tolls; airport expansion in line with noise, air quality, climate change; National Cycle Network

Public ownership of rolling stock

Municipal bus companies; Euro 6 retrofit of diesel buses

Requirement for utility companies to return roads to adequate conditions

Health, Food & Pharmaceuticals

Repeal Health & Social Care Act; new Health Secretary duty to prevent private profits at patients' expense

£30bn extra funding over next Parliament, overseen by new OBR for Health

New NHS Excellence quality and safety regulator

18-week treatment and 4-hour A&E waiting targets

Free parking in NHS England

Value for money agreements with pharma companies

£8bn for National Care Service alongside NHS

£250m Children's Health Fund, Childhood Obesity Strategy, Index of Child Health – sugar tax, advertising and food labelling

Tobacco Control Plan

Expanded Groceries Code Adjudicator remit

Technology, Media and Telecommunications

Grow digital economy: cross-border data flows core part of trade agreements

Universal superfast broadband by 2022; National Infrastructure Commission report on ultrafast roll-out

Improve 4G and 5G coverage; expand free wi-fi provision

Digital Ambassadors to work with technology companies to promote investment in UK and support (digital) businesses

Obligations for tech companies to protect children online

Cyber security integral part of defence and security strategy

National review into local media; safeguards for plurality of media ownership

Education

National Education Service: free at the point of use cradle-to-grave learning

Commission to review curriculum and assessment

Fairer funding formula for schools: oppose free schools, grammar schools, academies

Pay and other incentives for teacher recruitment and retention

Direct funding for free lifelong further education

Annual reporting on completed apprenticeships

Double NVQ3 level apprenticeships by 2022

Education Maintenance Allowance for 16-18 year-olds

Abolish tuition fees