THE LABOUR PARTY MANIFESTO

WORKING FOR BRITAIN



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FOREWORD

A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE

Friends,

Every one of us knows what a good day's work looks like. You turn up, you do the job properly, and you expect to be treated fairly in return. For too long, too many people in this country have kept their side of that bargain while the country has not kept its side.

I have spent my working life as a solicitor and in business. I have seen what happens when the rules are fair and when they are not. I have seen firms grow because someone gave them a chance, and families struggle because nobody would. That is why I joined the Labour Party, and it is why I am asking for your vote.

This manifesto is a plan, not a wish list. It sets out five clear pledges: fair pay, safer streets, a stronger NHS, homes people can buy and an honest government. Every promise in it is costed, and every one of them can be measured, so you can hold us to account.

We will not promise you everything. We will promise you a government that works as hard as you do. That is what Working for Britain means.

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OUR CONTRACT WITH YOU

OUR FIVE PLEDGES

1

FAIR PAY

A real living wage and a fair deal on the cost of living.

2

SAFER STREETS

More neighbourhood police and swifter justice.

3

A STRONGER NHS

Cut waiting lists and back the people who run it.

4

HOMES TO BUY

Build homes a working family can actually afford.

5

HONEST GOVERNMENT

Clean standards, and a government that keeps its word.

Each pledge comes with a clear test. If we have not met it by the end of the term, judge us on it.

01

PLEDGE ONE · HM TREASURY · BUSINESS AND TRADE

FAIR PAY AND A STRONGER ECONOMY

A strong economy is one where work pays. Too many people are working full time and still falling short at the end of the month. Labour will make sure the rewards of growth reach the people who create it.

Our approach is simple: steady public finances, a fair tax system and a government that backs the businesses that hire people here, from the corner shop to the City.

WHAT A LABOUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO

- **A real living wage** set every year by an independent commission, and paid by every government department and contractor.
- **No rise in income tax** for basic rate taxpayers for the whole of this term.
- **A Small Business Fast Track** at Companies House: register a company in a day and get help with your first hire.
- **Fair rules for the City** working with the FCA to keep markets honest and London the best place in the world to do business.
- **A cost of living check** on every Budget, published by the ONS, showing exactly who gains and who pays.

£12.60

an hour: our target real living wage in year one

0p

added to the basic rate of income tax

> "Growth that leaves working people behind is not growth worth having."

SIR OLIVER HOWARD

02

PLEDGE TWO · HOME OFFICE · MINISTRY OF JUSTICE · CPS

SAFER STREETS AND SWIFTER JUSTICE

Everyone has the right to feel safe in their home, on their street and on their way to work. Safety is not a luxury, and it should not depend on your postcode.

Labour will put police back on the beat and clear the court backlog, so that victims see justice done and offenders face consequences quickly.

WHAT A LABOUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO

- **More neighbourhood officers** on every high street, with a named local officer for every community.
- **Clear the court backlog** by funding more sitting days and more Crown Prosecution Service lawyers.
- **A Victims' Law** giving victims the right to be kept informed at every stage of their case.
- **Tough on knife crime** and tough on its causes, with youth services in every borough.
- **Secure borders** with a properly staffed Border Force and fast, fair decisions.

+2,000

neighbourhood police officers and PCSOs

6 months

our maximum target wait for a Crown Court trial

"Justice delayed is justice denied. We will end the wait."

SIR OLIVER HOWARD

03

PLEDGE THREE · DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

A STRONGER NHS

The NHS is Labour's proudest achievement, and it belongs to all of us. But a health service is only as strong as the people who work in it, and right now they are stretched to breaking point.

We will cut waiting lists, back the staff and fix social care so that people can leave hospital when they are well enough to go home.

WHAT A LABOUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO

- **Cut waiting lists** with evening and weekend clinics and shared use of every available operating theatre.
- **A GP appointment within two weeks** for everyone who needs one, and same-day care for urgent cases.
- **Back the workforce** with a fair pay settlement and a training place for every qualified applicant.
- **A National Care Service** so that families are not forced to sell their homes to pay for care.
- **Mental health parity** with a mental health professional in every school and GP surgery.

18 weeks

the maximum wait for planned treatment we will restore

2 weeks

our GP appointment guarantee

"The NHS was there for us. Now we must be there for it."

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04

PLEDGE FOUR · TRANSPORT · ENERGY SECURITY AND NET ZERO

HOMES, TRANSPORT AND CLEAN ENERGY

A home of your own should not be a dream for working people. Yet a whole generation has been priced out, while commuters pay more for less and energy bills rise faster than wages.

Labour will build the homes, the railways and the clean power this country needs, and we will build them here, with British workers and British firms.

WHAT A LABOUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO

- **Homes to buy** with new towns, faster planning and first refusal on new builds for local first-time buyers.
- **Fair rents** with longer tenancies and an end to no-fault evictions.
- **Fares you can afford** with a cap on rail fare rises and better buses outside London.
- **Great British Energy** a publicly owned company investing in wind, solar and nuclear to bring bills down for good.
- **Warm homes** insulating millions of homes to cut bills and carbon at the same time.

300,000

new homes a year by the end of the term

£300

average yearly saving on household energy bills

> "If you work hard, you should be able to buy a home."

SIR OLIVER HOWARD

05

PLEDGE FIVE · CABINET OFFICE · ELECTORAL COMMISSION

HONEST GOVERNMENT

Trust in politics has been worn away by broken promises and one rule for them and another for everyone else. As a solicitor, I believe the rules must apply to everyone, most of all to those who write them.

A Labour government will restore standards in public life and give Parliament and the people more power to hold ministers to account.

WHAT A LABOUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO

- **An independent Ethics Commission** with the power to investigate ministers without their permission.
- **No second jobs for ministers** and full, published declarations of interests for every MP.
- **Clean elections** with stronger powers for the Electoral Commission and caps on party donations.
- **Open government** publishing every Act, petition response and departmental decision online.
- **Respect for Parliament** announcing policy to the House first, not to the press.

100%

of ministers' interests published

1

rulebook for everyone

"Public office is a privilege, not a perk."

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06

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY CHILD

Where you start in life should never decide where you finish. Every child deserves a great teacher, a safe school and a fair shot at the future.

Labour will invest in early years, schools and skills so that every young person leaves education ready for work and for life.

WHAT A LABOUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO

- **Free breakfast clubs** in every primary school.
- **More teachers** recruited into the subjects and places that need them most.
- **A skills guarantee** so every young person can choose an apprenticeship, college place or university.
- **Affordable childcare** extending funded hours so parents can get back to work.
- **Protect the arts and sport** in every school curriculum.

6,500
new teachers

Every
primary school with a breakfast club

"Talent is everywhere. Opportunity should be too."

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07

FOREIGN OFFICE · MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

BRITAIN IN THE WORLD

Britain is strongest when it stands with its allies, keeps its word and defends its values. A Labour government will be a reliable partner and a firm friend.

We will keep our armed forces strong, our alliances close and our trade open, because security abroad means security at home.

WHAT A LABOUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO

- **A rock-solid commitment to NATO** and to our allies across the world.
- **Defence spending at 2.5%** of national income, with British-built ships and equipment.
- **A covenant that means something** for veterans: housing, healthcare and jobs.
- **Trade that works for Britain** with new deals that protect our standards and our farmers.
- **A voice for human rights** and for the rule of law on the world stage.

2.5%

of GDP on defence

1st

call for our allies

"A Britain the world can count on."

SIR OLIVER HOWARD

AT HOME

CITIES OF LONDON AND WESTMINSTER

The place I am proud to represent: the beating heart of our economy, our democracy and our history, and home to thousands of working families.



BACK THE CITY AND SMALL BUSINESS

Good jobs and fair rules for the Square Mile, and lower business rates for the independent shops, pubs and cafés around it.

HOMES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Affordable homes for the nurses, cleaners, police officers and transport workers who keep Westminster running.

CLEANER AIR

Greener buses, safer cycle routes and more trees on our streets.

BETTER TRANSPORT

Reliable step-free stations and night services for shift workers.

SAFER STREETS

Named neighbourhood officers in every ward, from Soho to the Barbican.

ALWAYS LISTENING

A monthly surgery and a promise to answer every message from a constituent.

"Your voice in Westminster, every single day."

FULLY COSTED

HOW WE WILL PAY FOR IT

Every pledge in this manifesto is paid for. We will not raise income tax, National Insurance or VAT on working people. Day-to-day spending will be paid for by tax receipts, and we will only borrow to invest. Figures are yearly, in billions of pounds, and will be checked by the ONS.

What we will spend	£bn	How we will pay	£bn
Real living wage and public sector pay	**4.2**	Closing tax loopholes on offshore trusts	**4.5**
2,000 police officers and court sitting days	**1.8**	A windfall tax on excess energy profits	**3.0**
NHS waiting list recovery and GP access	**6.0**	Ending non-dom tax status	**3.2**
Great British Energy and warm homes	**8.3**	National Wealth Fund borrowing for investment	**8.3**
Breakfast clubs, teachers and childcare	**2.4**	VAT on private school fees	**1.7**
Ethics Commission and Electoral Commission powers	**0.1**	Cutting consultancy spending in Whitehall	**1.6**
Total	**22.8**	**Total**	**22.3**

The remaining £0.5bn is met from the growth our plans deliver, as forecast for this manifesto.

NO RISE
in income tax, National Insurance or VAT for working people

BORROW ONLY
to invest in the future, never for day-to-day spending

INDEPENDENT
checks on every Budget by the ONS



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