



## Liberal Democrats Party Manifesto Cheat Sheet

**Brexit**

1. A second referendum on the final Brexit deal, with the alternative option of staying in the EU on the ballot paper. ①
2. Fight to prevent a 'hard Brexit' – which means securing among others:
  - Protection of rights for EU citizens and UK citizens;
  - Membership of the single market and customs union; and
  - Freedom of movement.

**Public services**

3. Young people package ②
  - A 'Rent to Own' scheme to help people buy their first homes;
  - Restoring housing benefit for 18-21 year olds;
  - Creating a discounted bus pass for 16-21 year olds, giving a 66% discount;
  - Introducing votes at 16 for elections and referendums across the UK;
  - Legalising cannabis, and
  - Review intergenerational tax and spending burdens.

**Education**

4. Investing £7bn in schools and colleges and extending free school meals to all primary school students ③
5. Opposing any new selective schools and giving councils control over admissions and new schools. ④

**Health**

6. Establish a cross-party health and social care convention to carry out a comprehensive review of the long-term sustainability of the health and social care finances and workforce, and the practicalities of greater integration. ⑤
7. Transform mental health care with waiting times standards to match those in physical health care. ⑥

**Education**

8. Establish a review of higher education finance to consider any necessary reforms and reintroduce maintenance grants.

**Taxes and pensions**

9. Reverse Conservative tax cuts (corporation tax, capital gains, marriage tax and inheritance tax threshold).
10. 1% increase in income tax to fund the NHS. ⑦
11. Maintain the pensions 'triple lock'. ⑧

**Housing**

12. Building 300,000 houses a year including a new housing body and a commitment to tackle energy bills through a big energy efficiency programme. ⑧

**Infrastructure**

13. £100bn 'responsible and realistic' plan to invest in national infrastructure. To be used on housing, hyperfast broadband and commitments to continue HS2 and Crossrail 2, along with rail electrification. ⑨
14. Legally binding targets to reduce carbon emissions to zero by 2050, generate 60% of energy from renewables by 2030, and investment in new technologies like smart grids tidal power and electricity interconnectors. ⑩

**Defence**

15. Work to lead international nuclear disarmament efforts and maintain a minimum nuclear deterrent.

① The manifesto cornerstone but will it pay off? A recent YouGov poll showed only 21% now want the Brexit result overturned.

② A well targeted package at the demographics of key LibDem target seats - university towns and left-leaning London boroughs.

③ Education funding is a hot topic - the Conservatives have been strongly criticised for real-terms cuts to the schools budget.

④ Direct counter to conservative grammars and free schools. Significantly reduces scope for private sector providers.

⑤ The Lib Dems have said they would "finish the job" of implementing a cap on social care costs, but that is easier said than done.

⑥ Lib Dems have a strong history in advancing mental health services and their commitment in this area is still strong.

⑦ Backed by ex-NHS chief Sir David Nicholson and will be broadly supported by their core voter base.

⑧ They've not forgotten their rural heartlands in the South West.

⑨ Again, key for seats beyond Bristol in the south west. An attempt to shore up the core vote against the Tory surge.

⑩ The Green Deal was a Tory policy reluctantly forced through under a Lib Dem minister, they will want to get their own back on this one!

⑪ A very ambitious package. This will require a much greater reliance on technologies like hydrothermal and tidal that are more predictable than wind.

A real headline-grabber, but it could distract voter attention from other policies in the manifesto

Still wary of promising zero tuition fees!

In line with Labour and aimed right at a conservative weak spot.

More than Labour's 200,000

Very similar to the Labour position but without the media scrutiny.

Direct response to Labour's £250bn