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# **General Election 2019**

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### 01. Brexit policy





# 02. Tax (personal and business) policy



Conservatives	<b><sup>®</sup>Labour</b>	Liberal 🞾 Democrats	SNPX	Plaid Party of Cymru Wales	💥 Green Party	BREXIT
<ul> <li>No rises in Income Tax, National insurance or VAT over the course of the next parliament; NI threshold raised to £9,500 in 2020.</li> <li>Postpone planned cut to Corporation Tax from 19% to 17%.</li> <li>Reduction in business rates for retail businesses and extension of discount to grassroots music venues and pubs. This will be accompanied by a fundamental review of the system.</li> <li>Review and reform Entrepreneurs Relief.</li> <li>New anti-tax avoidance and evasion law.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase in the rate of income tax for people who earn more than £80,000 per annum, while freezing National Insurance rates for everyone else. No increase to VAT.</li> <li>End policy of taxing income from wealth at lower rate than income from work.</li> <li>Reverse cuts to Corporation Tax while keeping rates lower than the rate of 28% in 2010.</li> <li>Review option of a land value tax on commercial landlords to replace business rates.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tax income from capital more fairly compared to income from work by abolishing the separate Capital Gains Tax-free allowance and instead tax capital gains and salaries through a single allowance.</li> <li>End retrospective tax changes like the loan charge and review recent proposals to change the IR35 rules.</li> <li>Restore Corporation Tax to 20% and keep the rate stable with a predictable future path.</li> <li>Replace business rates in England with a Commercial Landowner Levy based solely on land value of commercial sites rather than their entire capital value.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A reduction in employer's National Insurance contributions.</li> <li>Oppose any increase in VAT.</li> <li>Support a crackdown on tac avoidance and evasion.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Restrict income tax relief on pension contributions to standard rate of 20%.</li> <li>Increase employee rate of National Insurance Contributions for higher rate and additional rate tax payers from 2% to 4%.</li> <li>Maintain Corporation Tax at current level of 19%.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Merge Employees National Insurance, Capital Gains Tax, Inheritance Tax, Dividend Tax and Income Tax into a single Consolidated Income Tax to close tax loopholes.</li> <li>Replace the Income Tax threshold with a Universal Basic Income.</li> <li>Increase the rate of Corporation Tax to 24% and increase Bank Asset Tax.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Abolish Inheritance Tax and cut VAT on domestic fuel.</li> <li>Zero-rate Corporation Tax for the first £10,000 of pre-tax profits.</li> <li>Scrap the Apprenticeship Levy.</li> </ul>

## 03. Health and social care policy



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• Update the Health and Social Care Act to end automatic tendering of services.

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### 03. Health and social care policy continued



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<ul> <li>Demand the government pass a new National Health Service Protection Act to protect the NHS from "profit- driven" exploitation and ensure the NHS will be publicly owned and operated.</li> <li>Call on the government to close the spending gap between the NHS in England and the NHS in Scotland, allowing the SNP in Scotland to increase frontline investment in NHS Scotland to more than £17 billion by 2024/25.</li> <li>Request the devolution of the Misuse of Drugs Act to allow for the full range of effective health measures to tackle the drug death crisis.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Press the UK government to exempt the War Disablement Pension for all social security benefits to ensure veterans keep the full value of this pension.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Train and recruit an additional 1,000 doctors, 5,000 nurses, and 100 dentists for the Welsh NHS.</li> <li>Develop cancer pathways that enable speedier treatment and provide more cancer screening programmes.</li> <li>Create a Community NHS Rehabilitation Service.</li> <li>Establish an independent, publicly funded National institute for Public Health Policy, to "advise on all public health matters without being influenced by vested interests."</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Free social care for the elderly and other vulnerable citizens through a National Health and Social Care Service.</li> <li>Parity of pay and terms and conditions between Social Care and Health Care workers.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>At least a £6 billion annual increase to the NHS budget until 2030, and £1 billion annually to reinstate nursing bursaries.</li> <li>Repeal the Health and Social Care Act to reduce private sector involvement in the NHS.</li> <li>Ensure mental health therapies can be accessed within 28 days, and that tailored provision is available to LGBTIQA+ and BME communities, children and adolescents, and older people.</li> <li>All forms of birth control free of charge and ensure that PrEP for people at risk of HIV is provided "without delay."</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Additional £4.5 billion a year to fund councils to provide free social care to people over 65 and explore how this could be extended to everyone who needs it, regardless of age.</li> <li>Roll back privatisation of the NHS through repealing the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and abolishing the internal market.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Create 24-hour GP surgeries to relieve pressure on A&amp;E departments.</li> <li>Withdraw the requirement for nurses and midwives to have a degree.</li> <li>Invest in medical R&amp; and "stop the taxpay being ripped off by pharmaceutical companies."</li> <li>Prevent privatization of the NHS and retur "failing" private initiatives to public ownership.</li> </ul>	

Social care:

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- Invest in the NHS and social care with "more medical staff and less waste."
- Introduce a new nursing qualification in social care.
- Invest in medical R&D and "stop the taxpayer being ripped off by pharmaceutical . companies."

 Prevent privatization of the NHS and return "failing" private initiatives to public ownership.

### 04. Transport and infrastructure policy



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#### Invest £100 billion in transforming the UK's infrastructure, including Northern Powerhouse Rail, the Midlands Rail Hub, better local roads, buses and trains, and supporting the rollout of gigabit-capable broadband.

- End rail franchising model to improve accountability and create a simpler system, including giving metro mayors control over services.
- Support a third runway at Heathrow, but with no new public money committed, and on condition that it can meet air quality and noise obligations.
- Will consider findings of Oakervee review into costs and timings of HS2 and work with leaders of the Midlands and the North to decide the optimal outcome of project.

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- Bring railways back into public ownership, looking at options such as franchise expiry.
- Target of 2030 to end the new sale of combustion engine vehicles.
- Allow local councils to regulate and take public ownership of bus networks.
- Any airport expansion should meet tests on air quality, noise pollution and climate change obligations.

- Liberal Democrats
- van sold will be electric. Will provide £2billion to extend Ultra-Low Emissions Zones to ten more towns and cities in England.
- Open rail franchising bidding process, to include public sector companies, local or combined authorities, not-for-profits and

mutual.

• Moratorium on development of new runways – opposing expansion of Heathrow, Gatwick, Stanstead and any new airport in the Thames Estuary. • Support change to full Scottish public sector control of the structure, governance and operation of the Scottish railway system.

**SNPX** 

- Reduce emissions from Scotland's railways to zero by 2035.
- £17 million for loan funding to help people with the cost of ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs).
- Invest over £500 million in bus infrastructure to make bus travel the faster, greener option and encourage people out of cars.

 Electrification of all major rail lines by 2030. Completion of planned electrification of the South Wales Valley Lines. The next line to be electrified should be the North Wales Coast Line.

Plaid Party of Cymru Wales

- Scrap HS2 and Third Runway. If they go ahead, demand more funding for Wales under Barnett formula.
- Accelerate the transition to an electric transport system so that petrol and diesel cars are phased out by 2030.
- Invest in national electric vehicle charging network across Wales, starting the transition towards a wholly electric fleet of public sector vehicles and increased use of private EVs.

• Electrify all railway lines that connect cities, improving punctuality.

Green Party

- Create governmentowned rolling stock company which would invest in a fleet of new electric trains to run on
- newly electrified lines.
  Give all local authorities control over bus services and support local authorities to restore lost bus routes and open new
- ones. • Apply a Carbon Tax on all fossil fuels, as well as on aviation fuel for domestic flights. Domestic flights will lose their VAT exemption and there will be an additional

surcharge on domestic

aviation fuel.

- PARTY
- Cancel HS2 and invest at least £50 billion into local road and rail schemes.

### 05. Energy and environment policy



#### Conservatives

- Guarantee reaching net zero by 2050 with investment in clean energy solutions and green infrastructure.
- Keep existing price cap and introduce new measures to lower bills, including investing £9.2 billion in the energy efficiency of homes, schools and hospitals.
- Invest £800 million to build the first fully deployed carbon capture storage cluster by the mid-2020s and £500 million to help energyintensive industries move to low-carbon techniques.
- Help the offshore wind industry to reach 40GW by 2030, and supporting gas for hydrogen production and nuclear energy, as well as increasing government's commitment to renewables.

• Nationalise the national grid infrastructure, distribution network operators and supply arms of the Big Six – including suppliers.

*<b>KLabour* 

 Achieve a net-zero-carbon energy system within the 2030s, delivering nearly 90 per cent of electricity and 50 per cent of heat from renewable and low-carbon energy systems by 2030.

• Cut energy bills through new zero-carbon homes standard and upgrade almost all of the UK's 27 million existing homes to make them more energy efficient.

- Support innovation; create a National Investment Bank; and launch a National Transformation Fund of £400 billion, £250 billion of which will directly fund the transition through a Green Transformation Fund.
- Improve fitness of financial authorities to mobilise green investment and change the criteria a company must meet to be listed on the London Stock Exchange so companies that fail to contribute to tackling the climate emergency can be delisted.

#### Liberal Democrats

 Ensure that decisions at every level – from national government to investors and households – make progress towards the objective of net zero by 2045.

- Decarbonise the power sector completely, supporting renewables and local energy to create jobs while cutting fossil fuel imports. By 2030, 80 per cent of UK electricity will come from renewables
- Implement a ten-year emergency programme to reduce energy consumption from all buildings, cutting emissions and bills and ending fuel poverty.
- Protect the natural environment and reduce biodiversity loss by supporting farmers and engaging in restoration schemes across the countryside.

 Call on UK government to accelerate its net zero targets, reaching a 75% reduction by 2035, net zero carbon emissions by 2040, and net zero of all emissions by 2045.

**SNPX** 

• Propose a Green Energy Deal that will ensure green energy schemes get the long-term certainty they require to support investment.

 Reform the energy market, calling on Ofgem to introduce a database of energy supplier non-switchers alongside a national free switching service tool that would compare the whole market and all energy tariffs available.

 Increase support for the renewable industry, in particular offshore wind, oppose fracking and demand the accelerated deployment of carbon capture utilisation and storage facilities in Scotland. • Implement a Green Jobs Revolution which will ensure Wales transitions to be 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewable energy by 2030, creating tens of thousands of highly skilled jobs over the next ten years.

Plaid Party of Cymru Wales

- Demand the UK government allocates an additional one per cent of GDP per year to capital investment over the next ten years, as well as seeking the ability from the Treasury to borrow up to £5 billion on its account.
- Build tidal lagoons for Swansea Bay, Cardiff and Colwyn Bay; an Anglesey offshore windfarm; and a network of local energy grids for Wales.
- Build 20,000 new green social homes and embark on a £5 billion Greener Homes Programme.

• £100 billion a year for the Green New Deal.

Green Party

- Ensure wind provides around 70% of UK electricity by 2030 with the remainder being made up of other renewables from solar to geothermal.
- Implement a Carbon Tax on all fossil fuel imports and domestic extraction and imported energy, to be raised over a decade to make fossil fuels financially unviable.
- Ban fracking and prohibit construction of nuclear power stations.
- Train businesses and public bodies on how to achieve greater energy efficiency.

 Invest in key public services, the environment, fishing and strategic industries.

BREXIT PARTY

- Plant millions of trees to capture CO2 and promote a global initiative at the UN.
- UK to recycle its own waste and make it illegal for waste to be burnt, buried or dumped at sea.

### 06. Education policy



Conservatives

• Establish a £1 billion fund

for affordable childcare,

including after school

Raise school funding by

equating to £5,000 per

year for secondary

an additional £14 billion.

school pupils and £4,000

for primary school pupils.

Introduce a National Skills

Fund of £3 billion and

improve the working of

Look into interest rates

repayments to reduce

debt and improve the

application system for undergraduate students.

on student loan

the Apprenticeship Levy.

and during school

holidays.

# 07. **Devolved nations and regional policy**



Conservatives	<b><i><b>&amp;Labour</b></i></b>	Liberal 🞾 Democrats	SNPX	Plaid Party of Cymru Wales	🔆 Green Party	BREXIT
<ul> <li>Maintain the union of the UK by opposing a second Scottish independence referendum.</li> <li>Ensure Northern Ireland's businesses enjoy unfettered access to the UK.</li> <li>Give Wales a fair investment deal with investments in infrastructure and industry.</li> <li>Use bodies like the Northern Powerhouse, Western Gateway and Midlands Engine to drive investment in the regions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide Scotland with at least £100 billion of additional resources over two terms.</li> <li>Invest £1.9 billion in Northern Ireland to end austerity and support public services.</li> <li>A constitutional convention that includes the Welsh government's 20-point plan for the future of the UK to recognise the realities of devolved government.</li> <li>Establish a Local Transformation Fund in each English region to fund infrastructure projects decided at a local level.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extend involvement of Scottish Government and Welsh Assembly in the development of UK-wide policy frameworks.</li> <li>Ensure Scotland remains part of the UK by opposing a second independence referendum.</li> <li>Work constructively with the political parties in Northern Ireland and the Irish Government to restore the devolved institutions.</li> <li>Support an English-only stage in legislation affecting England, so that English MPs can have a separate say on laws that only affect England.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hold a second Scottish independence referendum in 2020.</li> <li>Demand the UK government transfers necessary powers under The Scotland Act to ensure decisions about the referendum can be taken by the Scottish Parliament.</li> <li>Devolution of tax powers to the Scottish Parliament.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Establish Wales as an independent member of the European Union by 2030.</li> <li>Devolution of financial powers to the Welsh government, as well as the transfer of justice, economic development and culture powers.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Establish Scotland as an Independent nation in the EU.</li> <li>Increase the powers of the Welsh Assembly.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Invest at least £50 billion into the UK's regions.</li> <li>Create freeports to encourage investment and create new jobs in the regions.</li> </ul>

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# 08. Home affairs policy



a. Conservatives	<b><i><b>BLabour</b></i></b>	Liberal 🞾 Democrats	SNPX	Plaid Party of Cymru Wales	Creen Party	BREXIT
<ul> <li>Increase police numbers by 20,000 and add 10,000 more prison places.</li> <li>Tougher sentencing for the worst offenders and end automatic halfway release from prison for serious crimes.</li> <li>Firmer and fairer Australian-style points- based immigration system. Migrants will have to contribute to the NHS and pay taxes before they can receive benefits.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rebuild police workforce, recruiting more police officers, police community support officers and police staff.</li> <li>Focus on crime prevention and early interventions, giving people the best chance of rehabilitation.</li> <li>Bring PFI prisons back in-house and not allow any new private prisons.</li> <li>Establish a humane immigration system and end the 'hostile environment' towards migrants.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>£1 billion to restore community policing, enough for two new police officers in every ward.</li> <li>Transform prisons into places of rehabilitation and recovery by recruiting 2,000 more prison officers and improving the provision of training, education and work opportunities.</li> <li>Scrap the Conservatives' 'hostile environment,' ending indefinite detention and taking powers away from the Home Office.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demand the UK government refunds the £175 million owed to Scotland's emergency services.</li> <li>Seek the devolution of immigration powers and oppose all forms of the 'hostile environment' of the UK immigration system.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extra 1,600 police officers, two for each community in Wales.</li> <li>Reverse cuts to legal aid and establish a more generous assessment scheme for civil legal aid.</li> <li>Create a Welsh Migration Advisory Service so Wales can have an immigration system that plugs skills gaps.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduce number of short-term prison sentences handed out, replacing them with restorative justice projects.</li> <li>End war on drugs and treat drug addiction as a health condition, not a crime.</li> <li>New humane immigration system with no minimum income rules for visas, full workplace rights for migrants, the right to work for asylum seekers and recourse to public support for migrants and asylum seekers who need it.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase police numbers and increase sentence 'ranges' for young offenders, to encourage rehabilitation.</li> <li>Crack down on immigration and reduce legal immigration by introducing a points system blind to ethnic origin.</li> </ul>

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