

***ONE NATION -  
OPPORTUNITY, HOPE &  
SECURITY,***

***A MANIFESTO FOR THE  
REGENERATION OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM***

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## **UNITED AT HOME, RESURGENT ON THE WORLD STAGE**

**There is a coalition of despair prevalent in the country today, with the establishment pledged to manage the orderly decline of the United Kingdom; an establishment that seeks to deny the democratic verdict of the British people by thwarting Brexit; an establishment of confiscating more and more money from the people in tax, the lack of opportunity for our own young people; the pitiful infrastructure and internet connectivity.**

**There is an alternative vision – a vision of hope and opportunity for all our people. The UK must forge free trade deals across the globe, the only sustainable way to end poverty in the UK and in the developing nations; instigate a skills revolution for our young people, through an apprenticeship programme; a programme of investment in social housing, rail, road, air and sea links, energy independence, and internet connectivity to end the decades of low productivity which has held our country back.**

**Talk of transitional deals is a delaying tactic, designed to ensure that the UK remains in the EU. The time for transition is now, to ensure a swift Brexit, when the UK will withdraw from the EU and all its institutions (including single market, ECJ, Common Agricultural and Fisheries Policies, and customs union). This will mean that Parliament will regain full sovereignty, so that the laws we obey and the taxes we pay will be made by MPs we elect and remove.**

**The UK will sign a free trade deal encompassing all sectors (including financial services), and grant right to remain for EU citizens in UK in exchange for rights of UK citizens to remain in EU, as of 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016. There will be no exit fee; it is unacceptable for the UK to pay any money to continue the tariff free trade currently enjoyed by ourselves and our European partners.**

**It is crucial that the UK retains an active world role. Indeed, Brexit enables closer relationships with the USA, NATO, Commonwealth and the World Trade Organisation.**

**The UK must not withdraw from Fortress Europe to the barricades of Fortress Britain. The UK must remain a key global player by enabling developing nations to grow by exporting their goods, forge free trade with the growing economies of the world, and tackle climate change at the global level.**

**The UK must champion democracy, and defy aggression across the world. The UK has not regained its hard fought democracy only to deny this to others.**

**The Russian conquests of Ukraine and Crimea are atrocities we thought belonged to the 1930s, and no democrat can accept them. Fortified by the world's indifference, and the vacuum caused by British disarmament, Russia extended its aggression into Syria, not primarily against IS, but by killing the innocent, and the rebel forces crucial to a democratic government.**

**The UK must forge an historic post Brexit world role by working with the EU on security, strengthening our defences at home and in NATO, and seeking to expand NATO to the Russian frontier. The UK must play a leading role in fighting Assad and IS, to secure a free and democratic Syria. The UK and our allies must not be prevented from providing humanitarian aid and deterring aggression by continual Russian veto at the UN. Our defences must be rebuilt at all levels, with 30,000 more troops, 2 fully operational aircraft carriers with aircraft, effective maritime reconnaissance, and more border patrol boats. Trident will be renewed. Only by strengthening our defences can the aggressors be deterred, and an honourable peace can be secured in Ukraine, Crimea, Iraq and Syria.**

**To counter terrorism, we must enshrine free speech and liberty; to restrict liberty in response to terrorism is a propaganda victory for the terrorists. The resources of our security services must be focussed upon targeting, intercepting, and stopping the electronic communication of groups and individuals likely to perpetrate and support terrorism, not a blanket surveillance of the whole population. Increase the number of armed officers. Reintroduce control orders to restrict movements and communications of terror suspects, and internment when appropriate. To facilitate speedier convictions, allow use of intercept evidence in court, to reduce the time a suspect is detained before trial.**

**Withdrawal from ECHR, and a British Bill of Rights to redress the balance between rights and responsibilities, will enable the UK to deport terrorists and extremists of foreign or dual nationality to countries who have guaranteed not to commit torture. Prevent extremists travelling to Syria and Libya and returning to the UK, and use exclusion orders to prevent terrorists and extremists entering the UK. Where a terrorist or extremist has dual nationality, they will be removed of British citizenship, whether in the UK or overseas. Terror suspects and extremists with British citizenship only will be tried under UK law. The death penalty should be reintroduced for murder, including terrorism. Zero tolerance of crime at all levels, with minimum (and proportionate) sentencing. End early release.**

**Offences such as non payment TV licence must not result in custodial sentences; drug users (where no other crime has been committed) will be given the option of rehab – if they refuse, prison will be the alternative. These measures will free up prison places and increase rehabilitation. Stiffer sentencing will act as a deterrent, and lower level criminals will be given community service. Merge the 43 police authorities into 7.**

## **FAIRNESS AT HOME**

**Controlled immigration will ensure the UK can protect the people from external terror threats, while enabling the UK to honour the Dubs Amendment to provide sanctuary to those fleeing atrocities, many of whom could be given stable homes by families desperate to adopt. Going forward, international co-operation is required to ensure refugees seek asylum in the first safe country.**

**For too long, the UK has failed to invest in the skills of the British people. Controlled immigration will help to end the downward spiral of wages, and the abandonment of an entire generation to permanent unemployment. Following a national assessment of skill shortages, apprenticeships and university courses will be tailored to meet the needs of the economy, to equip our people with the skills needed to compete. A work permit system will enable the UK to recruit doctors, nurses and other workers we need from overseas.**

**With 528,000 young people without work, and with houses, roads, and railways that desperately need to be built, the talents of our young must be harnessed to the task of national renewal, to compete in the new global role for the UK post Brexit.**

**Governments of all parties have, since the 1950s, tried to tackle the problem of low productivity. While UK productivity is slightly higher than pre crash levels, the gap with G7 nations remains as wide as ever. The average German worker produces in 3 days what a British worker produces in 5 days. Low productivity is inextricably linked to low skills, lack of affordable housing, and fragmented transport links.**

**We must end the UK's historically low levels of productivity. There must be an integrated approach to the regeneration of the UK; the apprenticeship schemes will benefit areas of high unemployment, and the new homes the workers will live in will be accessible via reliable transport links. High paid, high skilled jobs and cheaper rents will reduce welfare bills.**

**The UK will sign free trade deals with countries already knocking on our door, to access an export market worth £16.8 trillion. Ports handle 96% of UK trade, and 35% are located in the North. Free Ports, exempt from customs duties will disproportionately benefit the North.**

**Since 2008, £440 billion has been invested in the banks using quantitative easing, without a corresponding increase in the wealth of the nation as a whole. Had a mere fraction of this been invested in infrastructure, then productivity would have surged. I propose £65 billion QE investment programme for transport, energy, transport, air pollution and internet connectivity, to expand and integrate rail, road and transport links (especially in the North). The UK must harness the dynamism of private enterprise to tackle poverty by building the houses and equipping young people with the skills they need.**

**While millions of young people cannot find a home to buy or even rent, homes and building remain empty. 400,000 social housing units will be built by 2022. For every unit sold, a new property will be built, or several repaired. This will create a virtuous circle of housing supply. New unitary local authorities will have powers to acquire building land, and to borrow to invest in social housing. Outside the EU, VAT on building repairs/conversions will be reduced from 20% to 5% to increase housing supply while preserving the environment. A Property Speculation Tax for overseas investors will prevent the acquisition of precious housing stock, and make housing more affordable.**

**With only 2/3 of the UK able to access 4G broadband at any one time, there will be investment to ensure constant access across the UK.**

**The scandal of air pollution must end. The UK must utilise our world beating scientists to develop fuels for road vehicles and aircraft with zero carbon emissions, through investment and tax incentives for cleaner fuels. The UK must become self sufficient in energy, to ensure our national security, and a world leader in carbon capture so coal fired power stations and coal mines will remain open; to develop clean energy production, and usher in a new era of forestation.**

**With spare capacity in the economy, this programme would be non inflationary. UK labour and raw materials (especially steel) must be used in these projects. Retain EU science and research funding – it is our own money.**

**The tax and benefit system must encourage people to work. Employees and self employed earning less than £9807.20 will pay no National Insurance. Restore Universal Credit Work Allowance to 2015 levels.**

**There will be no increase in income tax, national insurance, or VAT.**

**The Apprenticeship levy (a tax on jobs) will be scrapped. Tax breaks will be given to firms who hire UK nationals: apprenticeships with real companies, giving young people “on the job” experience leading to a career. Tuition fees on engineering, science, medical and technical courses will be reduced, financed by raising fees on courses less useful to productivity. Vocational training post 14 will be increased, so the pupils of today become the skilled workers of tomorrow. EU Science and research funding will be protected.**

**The business rate revaluation will force many businesses to close, and will lead to unemployment and urban decay. The business rate revaluation will be scrapped.**

**The education budget will be protected. Too often, selection is often by house price, and the option of a good school is the preserve of the wealthy, while parents on average incomes cannot afford a house within the catchment area of the best schools. Structural change is needed. All schools will be free of LEA control, and central government will reallocate school places from areas with surpluses, to areas of shortage - including in Brighton Pavilion. There will be an additional 195,000 school places in the UK by 2022. Successful schools will be allowed to expand, and new schools established where there is demand, to reduce congestion, and enable pupils to attend a school in their local community.**

**These measures will make social mobility a reality. Free school lunches will be maintained for infants in primary schools.**

**NHS and social care are more fragmented than ever before, while patients remain in hospital due to lack of social care. Invest £6 billion per year in A&E, life saving medicine, mental health and social care. NHS and social care budgets, staff, and IT systems will be fully integrated across England and Wales. Extra care will prevent hospital admission, speed up hospital discharge, and ease pressure on A&E. For patients receiving home care, the value of their home will NOT be included in assessing their care contribution. There will be a cap on care costs. Brexit enables controlled immigration to reduce pressure on the NHS, and enables the UK to recruit the doctors and nurses we need, from abroad. Care workers will be paid the national living wage. Charge binge drinkers who use A&E to further ease pressures. Part of social care budget to pay family members who care for relatives. Introduce insurance policies to ensure long term provision of health and social care for future generations, free at the point of use.**

**Trade unions must be treated as all other organisations under the law; where appropriate, trade unions should be made liable for the costs of their actions, and secure 50% support of the total *electorate* before a dispute takes place. A High Court judge will rule on the legality and proportionality of strikes, the impact upon the wider community, order a “cooling off” period, and decide whether union or employer is liable for damages. These measures will apply to future strikes. Passengers and commuters have no trade union. The Southern rail network will be taken into public ownership.**

#### **THE PEOPLE’S PRIORITIES –**

**Governments, like families, must live within their means. Reducing the deficit is crucial to maintaining low interest rates. All current government expenditure commitments and tax cuts will be funded from savings in government expenditure. This prevents tax rises and high interest rates, which weaken enterprise and reduce revenues. Deficit reduction enables QE investment in the UK’s decaying infrastructure. The proceeds from the bank privatisations and the savings from welfare reform and streamlining central government will be used to reduce the deficit.**

**It is time to prioritise for the future of the UK. Difficult decisions must be taken; those in poverty through no fault of their own will always be protected. We must place tax cuts and skills investment before EU budget contributions; extra healthcare and education in England and Wales before the Barnett Formula; defence and security before the wasteful aspects of foreign aid which prop up unstable regimes and entrench poverty.**

- **Invest £6 billion per year for mental health, A&E, life saving medicines, and social care. Full integration of health and social care in England and Wales. A living wage for care workers.**
- **Infrastructure investment, apprenticeships, and tax reforms to enhance UK productivity. £65 billion QE investment to build 400,000 social housing units, transport links, energy independence, tackling air pollution and internet connectivity. Cut VAT on building repairs to 5% to renovate empty properties to tackle the housing shortage.**
- **Scrap the apprenticeship levy; Tax cuts for small firms who recruit British born workers to create 500,000 apprenticeships by 2022.**
- **A National Homelessness Programme, with supported accommodation to provide treatment and education to help people to become independent.**
- **Sell all Lloyds, RBS and Bradford & Bingley assets to individual investors.**
- **Work with WTO to impose anti dumping duties against Chinese steel imports.**
- **Make work pay. Raise National Insurance threshold for employees and self employed to £9807.20; maintain £11,500 threshold for income tax until NI threshold reaches £11,500, when income tax and NI will be integrated; restore Universal Credit in work allowance to 2015 levels; no benefits for those who refuse work. All working age benefits issued as vouchers.**
- **Limit child benefit, child tax credit and paid parental leave to the first child born after June 2018 – this won't affect existing claimants, nor multiple births; protect pensions triple lock, disabled & carer benefits; retain 1% overall public sector pay cap (increasing nurses pay by a cap on senior management pay – cutting NI rates will increase take home pay for nurses); retain freeze in child benefit & jobseeker's allowance until 2022.**
- **A “bonfire of controls.” Abolish EU rules which limit investment by venture capital trusts, and limit their relationships with other enterprises. Abolish quarterly tax returns, and business rate revaluation.**
- **Re-allocate surplus school places to areas of shortage, allow successful schools to expand, encourage free schools; 195,000 more school places across the UK by 2022.**
- **Rebuild the UK defences at all levels.**

- **A Fair Deal for the United Kingdom.**
- **Scrap the Barnett Formula, and invest in schools and hospitals across the rest of the UK. In return, Scotland will be granted additional tax and spending powers.**
- **New unitary authorities, to retain 50% of rate revenue – the remainder will redistribute across UK according to need, to reduce inequality.**