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TRIPLE LOCK	No information.	Maintain the 'triple lock'.	No information. Universal Basic Income (UBI) of £178. Increased in line with inflation.	Maintain the 'triple lock'.	Maintain the 'triple lock'.	Maintain the 'triple lock'.	Maintain the 'triple lock'.
WOMEN'S PENSIONS	Review into the current position on WASPI women.	No information.	WASPI's first to receive UBI and look at additional ways of addressing this.	Compensation for WASPI women.	Compensation for WASPI women.	Compensation for WASPI women.	Support the WASPI campaign.
FROZEN PENSIONS	No information.	No information.	No information.	UK citizens living overseas pension rise in line with those in Britain. Not clear if this is backdated.	No information.	No information.	No information.
STATE PENSION AGE	No information.	No new information. (increase to 67 between 2026 and 2028 then increase to 68 between 2044 and 2046)	No information.	Freeze SPA at 66 for the foreseeable future. Review retirement ages for physically arduous and stressful occupations.	No information.	No information.	Oppose any increase to the state pension age.
OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONS	No information.	Legislate to protect pension pots. Create a pensions dashboard, with information on costs and charges Act on NHS pensions issues. Conduct a review to look at loopholes in net pay pension schemes (affecting mainly women who earn £10,000 - £12,500)	Reduce tax relief on pension contributions to 20% basic tax rate Reduce tax-free drawdown on pensions to £40k. Require councils and public bodies to divest their pension funds away from fossil-fuel-related investments and encourage all private pension funds to do the same.	Amend the Companies Act, strengthening protections pension funds. Establish an independent Pensions' Commission. Agreement for collective pension schemes to proceed. Create a pensions dashboard, with information on costs and charges	Address continuing inequalities in pensions law for those in same-sex relationships. Review rules concerning pensions so those in the gig economy don't lose out, and portability between roles is protected. Act on NHS pensions issues.	Income tax relief on pension contributions to be restricted to 20 per cent. Mineworkers' Pension Scheme - Supports to get the 50-50 split of pension surplus renegotiated. No further information.	Call on the UK government to to extend auto-enrolment. Align executive pension contributions with those of other workers. No further information.

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UNIVERSAL BENEFITS	Phase out the BBC licence fee.	TV licence to be funded by BBC. Keep Winter Fuel Payment and free bus pass.	<p>Re-instatement of TV licence for all over-75s.</p> <p>No other information.</p>	Guarantee the Winter Fuel Payment, free TV licences and free bus passes.	No information.	Re-instatement of free TV licence for all over-75s. Maintain free bus passes, request powers on Winter Fuel	<p>Demand the re-instatement of free TV licence for all over-75s.</p> <p>No other information.</p>
ENERGY	<p>Elimination of VAT on domestic fuel (currently charged at 5%)</p> <p>No further information given</p>	<p>Keep existing energy cap and new measures to lower bills.</p> <p>Give the Competition and Markets Authority enhanced powers.</p> <p>Use £1 billion Ayrton Fund to develop affordable and accessible clean energy.</p> <p>Invest £9.2 billion in the energy efficiency of homes, schools and hospitals.</p> <p>Invest £500 million to move industry to</p>	<p>Remove subsidies to the oil and gas industries.</p> <p>Apply a Carbon Tax on all fossil fuel imports and domestic extraction.</p> <p>Prohibit the construction of nuclear power stations.</p> <p>Ban fracking, and other unconventional forms of fossil fuel extraction, now and forever.</p>	<p>Bring energy into public ownership. £250 billion for a Green Transformation Fund dedicated to renewable and low-carbon energy and transport, biodiversity and environmental restoration.</p> <p>Put UK on track to net zero by 2030.</p> <p>Deliver nearly 90% of electricity and 50% of heat from renewable and low-carbon sources by 2030.</p> <p>New homes to be</p>	<p>Cut energy bills, end fuel poverty by 2025 and reduce emission.</p> <p>Insulating all of Britain's homes by 2030.</p> <p>Create a statutory duty on all local authorities to produce a Zero Carbon Strategy and empower councils to develop community energy-saving projects,</p> <p>Require all new homes and non-domestic buildings to be built to a zero-</p>	<p>Establish a national energy agency, Ynni Cymru, which would be charged with realising Wales's green energy potential.</p> <p>Prohibit the construction of nuclear power stations.</p> <p>Ban fracking, and other unconventional forms of fossil fuel extraction, now and forever.</p> <p>Multi-billion investment programme in renewable energy.</p>	<p>Propose a Green Energy Deal.</p> <p>Long-term investment towards Scotland becoming carbon neutral by 2040.</p> <p>Provide a minimum of quarterly bills so arrears cannot be built up</p> <p>Contact all customers who have been on the same tariff for two years (unless it is the cheapest Tariff) and ensure that, in the event an energy supplier fails, the full credit built up by a</p>

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ENERGY		low carbon. Invest £800 million to build carbon capture storage		zero-carbon as standard. Upgrading of existing homes to make them more energy efficient.	carbon. Aim to reach at least 80 per cent renewable electricity in the UK by 2030. Additional £12 billion over five years to support these commitments	Self-sufficient in renewable energy by 2030. £5bn Greener Homes programme in Wales and reduce fuel poverty.	consumer is paid back.
NHS	Invest in the NHS. Ensure no privatisation. No further information given	States NHS not in trade deals. Reintroduce maintenance grants of between £5,000 and £8,000 a year for students. Act on NHS pensions issues. 50,000 more nurses. 6,000 more doctors in general practice. 6,000 more primary care professionals	End the NHS internal market. Increased 4.5% funding for NHS. £1 billion nurses training bursaries fund. Reduce, then end private sector involvement. Repeal the Health and Social Care Act 2012	Increase expenditure by 4.3% yearly. Oppose the NHS being in any trade deal. Abolish prescription charges in England. Review the tax and pension issues affecting NHS workforce. Introduce a training bursary for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals.	£7 billion (total) a year for NHS and social care £10 billion investment in capital fund Act on NHS pensions issues. End the GP shortfall by 2025	Train and recruit an additional 1,000 doctors, 5,000 nurses, and 100 dentists for the Welsh NHS. Oppose the NHS being in any trade deal	Increase frontline investment to NHS Scotland to more than £17 billion by 2024/25. Propose a new NHS Protection Act to guarantee that trade deals do not include the NHS Push the next government to bring NHS spending into line with per-head funding in Scotland.
SOCIAL CARE	Invest in social care No further information given	Urgently build a cross-party consensus on future care £1 billion extra of funding	£4.5 billion funding for local authorities to provide free social care at home for over 65	Provide free personal care, through a National Care Service Increase the Carer's Allowance for unpaid full-time carers.	£7 billion (total) a year for NHS and social care Establish a cross-party health and social care convention	Free Social Care at the point of need	The 'levelling-up' of incomes of care leavers by ensuring the real Living Wage applies to all

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TAXATION	<p>Abolish inheritance tax</p> <p>No further information given</p>	<p>Not raise the rate of income tax, VAT or National Insurance.</p> <p>Personal allowance £12,500 tax free</p> <p>Raise the National Insurance threshold to £9,500</p> <p>Devolve responsibility for corporation tax</p>	<p>Merge Employees National Insurance, Capital Gains Tax, Inheritance Tax, Dividend Tax and Income Tax into a single Consolidated Income Tax to reduce tax avoidance.</p> <p>Replace the Income Tax threshold with Universal Basic Income.</p> <p>Tax income from investments/ assets at the same level as the taxation of income from work, through Consolidated Income Tax.</p>	<p>Ask those who earn more than £80,000 a year to pay a little more income tax, while freezing National Insurance and income tax rates for everyone else.</p> <p>(doesn't specifically state £80,000 would pay an income tax of 45 per cent and those on £125,000 would pay 50 per cent.)</p>	<p>Restore Corporation Tax to 20 per cent</p> <p>Scrap the Marriage Tax Allowance.</p> <p>Taxing income from capital more fairly compared to income from work by abolishing the separate Capital Gains Tax-free allowance and instead taxing capital gains and salaries through a single allowance.</p>	<p>Request greater financial devolved powers</p>	<p>Request greater financial devolved powers</p>
BREXIT	<p>Leave the EU in January 2020</p> <p>No extended transition period after the withdrawal agreement.</p>	<p>Leave the EU with the deal agreed by the end of January 2020.</p> <p>Negotiate a trade deal thereafter.</p>	<p>Support a second EU referendum and back Remain</p>	<p>Secure a new withdrawal agreement deal in 3 months.</p> <p>Within 6 months, put the deal to a public vote, with an option to remain.</p>	<p>Revoke Article 50 and stay in the EU.</p>	<p>Support a second EU referendum and back Remain.</p>	<p>Support a second EU referendum and back Remain</p>

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VOTING SYSTEM & VOTER ID	<p>Introduce proportional representation</p> <p>Abolish the House of Lords</p> <p>Allow people to call referendums, subject to a 5m threshold of registered voter signatures and time limitations on repeat votes.</p> <p>No other information</p>	<p>Repeal the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011.</p> <p>Continue to support the First Past the Post system</p> <p>Introduce Voter ID</p> <p>Maintain the voting age at 18.</p> <p>Abolish 15-year limit on British ex-pats voting rights</p>	<p>Introduce proportional representation through the Single Transferable Vote.</p> <p>Create a fully elected House of Lords.</p> <p>Give 16-year-olds the vote,</p> <p>No information on voter ID</p>	<p>Repeal the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011.</p> <p>Abolish the House of Lords and replace with an elected Senate.</p> <p>Reducing the voting age to 16, giving full voting rights to all UK residents.</p> <p>Automatic voter registration</p> <p>Abandon plans to introduce voter ID</p>	<p>Introduce proportional representation through the Single Transferable Vote.</p> <p>Reform the House of Lords with a democratic mandate.</p> <p>Back giving 16 and 17-year-olds a vote in all elections</p> <p>Extend the franchise to include EU citizens living in the UK and British citizens abroad</p> <p>Abandon plans to introduce voter ID</p>	<p>Introduce proportional representation through the Single Transferable Vote.</p> <p>Reform the House of Lords with a democratic mandate.</p> <p>Back giving 16 and 17-year-olds a vote in all elections</p> <p>Extend the franchise for Westminster elections to include EU citizens and all those with a right to remain in the UK</p>	<p>Introduce proportional representation through the Single Transferable Vote.</p> <p>Abolish the House of Lords</p> <p>Back giving 16 and 17-year-olds a vote in all elections</p> <p>Extend the franchise for Westminster elections to include EU citizens and all those with a right to remain in the UK</p>
CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT	<p>Invest in the environment, planting millions of trees to capture CO2, promote a global initiative at the UN.</p>	<p>Invest in R&D; decarbonisation schemes; new flood defences, which will receive £4 billion in new funding over the coming years;</p> <p>Place a moratorium on fracking in England with immediate effect.</p> <p>Phase out the sale of new conventional petrol and diesel cars</p>	<p>Replacement of fossil fuels with renewable energy</p> <p>Reduce the UK's carbon emissions to net zero by 2030</p> <p>Encourage the expansion and replanting of majority of hedgerows lost in the last 50 years through new subsidies</p> <p>Planting of 700 million trees and support for healthy and sustainable food and farming systems.</p>	<p>£5.6 billion in funding to improve flood defences</p> <p>Aim to achieve net-zero-carbon food production in Britain by 2040.</p> <p>Put the UK 'on track' for a net-zero carbon energy system within the 2030s</p>	<p>Regulate financial services so firms include climate change related disclosures in their annual reports.</p> <p>Nature Act: improving water, air, soil and biodiversity, supported by funding streams of at least £18 billion over five years.</p> <p>Planting of 60 million trees a year</p> <p>£5 billion flood prevention fund would also be made available</p>	<p>Develop a package of environmental and fiscal reforms to aid the transition to a greener economy.</p> <p>Ensure that Wales transitions to a low carbon, nature friendly economy.</p> <p>Encourage private sector investment in new green technologies</p>	<p>Regulate financial services so firms include climate change related disclosures in their annual reports.</p> <p>"Green energy deal" to ensure eco-friendly initiatives have long-term security</p> <p>A 75% reduction in emissions by 2035, net zero carbon emissions no later than 2040 and net zero of all emissions by 2045, becoming carbon neutral by 2040.</p>

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CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT			Combined investment of over £100 billion a year in the Green New Deal,		Banning fracking,		Campaign for the UK government to bring forward plans to move to electric vehicles to match the Scottish target of 2032,
HOUSING	<p>Make it easier for councils to borrow from central government to build council houses.</p> <p>Simplify planning consents for Brownfield sites.</p> <p>Allow more flexibility in the number of affordable homes within a development scheme.</p>	<p>Renew Affordable Homes Programme, building 300,000 homes a year by the mid-2020s.</p> <p>Stamp duty surcharge on non-UK resident buyers.</p> <p>Simplify planning regulation but protect the green belt.</p> <p>Social Housing White Paper to better regulate and improve the quality of social housing.</p> <p>Maintain Right to Buy and extend Help to Buy schemes.</p> <p>Abolish 'no fault' evictions and create a 'lifetime' deposit which moves with the tenant.</p> <p>End rough sleeping by the end of the next Parliament.</p>	<p>Build 100,000 new council homes a year, ensuring high energy efficiency.</p> <p>Improve the insulation of every UK home that needs more insulation by 2030, with a programme to replace polluting boilers with renewable heat sources.</p> <p>Ensure all rented homes are A rated for energy efficiency. Insulate non-domestic buildings.</p> <p>Update the fire safety regulations</p> <p>Change the planning system to incentivise renovation, extension of existing buildings</p> <p>New buildings built by private developers built to the Passivhaus standard.</p>	<p>£1 billion Fire Safety Fund</p> <p>Zero-carbon homes standard for all new homes and upgrading millions of existing homes to make them more energy efficient.</p> <p>Build at an annual rate of at least 150,000 council and social homes, with 100,000 of these built by councils for social rent.</p> <p>Reform Help to Buy to focus it on first-time local buyers.</p> <p>End the sale of new leasehold properties.</p> <p>Set up English Sovereign Land Trust, with powers to buy land cheaply for low-cost housing also using public land to build housing.</p> <p>Abolish 'no fault' evictions</p>	<p>Build at least 100,000 homes for social rent each year and total housebuilding increases to 300,000 each year.</p> <p>Build new houses to zero-carbon standards to cut fuel bills.</p> <p>Devolve control of Right to Buy to councils.</p> <p>End rough sleeping.</p> <p>Rent to Own model for social housing where rent payments give tenants an increasing stake in the property, owning it outright after 30 years</p> <p>Allow councils to increase council tax by up to 500% on second homes and a stamp duty surcharge on overseas residents purchasing second</p>	<p>£5bn Greener Homes programme to improve energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty.</p> <p>Build 20,000 green social homes.</p> <p>Create a National Housing Company to borrow against rents to build new public rental housing, with a target of 20,000 over five years.</p>	<p>Energy efficiency improvements in homes.</p> <p>Ensuring that, from 2024, all new homes must use renewable or low carbon heat.</p> <p>Press the Ministry of Defence to use vacant MoD homes to house homeless ex-servicemen.</p>

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HOUSING				<p>End rough sleeping within five years</p> <p>Prioritise brownfield site development to protect the green belt.</p> <p>Cap rents with inflation.</p>	<p>properties.</p> <p>Promote longer tenancies of three years or more with an inflation-linked annual rent increase</p> <p>Mandatory licensing for landlords.</p>		
TRANSPORT	<p>Invest £50bn in local road and rail schemes.</p> <p>Scrap HS2.</p>	<p>Invest £1 billion in fast-charging network for electric vehicles phase out the sale of new conventional petrol and diesel cars.</p> <p>£28.8 billion investment in strategic and local roads.</p> <p>Restore many of the Beeching lines.</p> <p>Consider the findings of the Oakervee review into HS2. HS2 to cost at least £81 billion</p> <p>Give metro mayors control over services in their area.</p> <p>Require that a minimum service operates during transport strikes</p> <p>Support a third runway at Heathrow.</p>	<p>Work to remove fossil fuels from the economy.</p> <p>Apply a Carbon Tax on all fossil fuel.</p> <p>£2.5 billion a year on new cycleways and footpaths</p> <p>Electrifying all railway lines, create new stations and re-open closed stations.</p> <p>Cancel HS2</p> <p>Bus priority measures on the roads</p> <p>Reduce the cost of travelling by train and bus, so it is cheaper than private car travel.</p> <p>Bring railways back into public ownership over ten years.</p> <p>Stop the building of new runways.</p> <p>End the sale of new petrol and diesel</p>	<p>Bring railways back into public ownership when current rail franchises expire.</p> <p>Take public ownership of bus networks.</p> <p>Increase the funding available for cycling and walking.</p> <p>Reinstate 3,000 bus routes.</p> <p>Aim to end new sales of combustion engine vehicles by 2030.</p> <p>HS2 will be built and extended into Scotland.</p> <p>Free bus travel for under-25s.</p> <p>Expansion of airports to be investigated.</p>	<p>All new cars to be electric by 2030.</p> <p>Oppose airport expansions.</p> <p>New powers to local authorities and communities to improve transport in their areas.</p> <p>£4.5 billion over five years to restore bus routes and add new routes.</p> <p>Placing a far higher priority on encouraging walking and cycling – the healthiest forms of transport.</p> <p>Nationwide strategy to promote walking and cycling.</p> <p>Support High Speed 2 and other rail projects.</p> <p>Freeze rail fares for commuters and season ticket holders for a parliament.</p>	<p>Electrification of all major rail lines by 2030, and open new rail stations.</p> <p>Scrap the HS2 project.</p> <p>Oppose the construction of a third runway at Heathrow airport.</p> <p>Support the devolution of Network Rail operation in Wales.</p> <p>Make public transport free for all sixth form students and apprentice in Wales below the age of 21</p>	<p>£500 million in improved bus priority infrastructure</p> <p>Scottish Government will work with the UK Government to improve rail journey times between London, the North of England and Edinburgh.</p> <p>Reducing emissions from Scotland's railways to zero by 2035.</p> <p>Tax incentives for zero emission and sustainable transport industries.</p>

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TRANSPORT		£350 million Cycling Infrastructure Fund.	<p>fuelled vehicles by 2030.</p> <p>Require all existing petrol stations and motorway service stations to offer electric vehicle charging points by 2025.</p>		<p>New rail franchise agreements to focus on customers, investment in new stations, lines and modern trains.</p> <p>Improve disabled access to public transport via the Access for All programme.</p> <p>Convert the rail network to ultra-low-emission technology (electric or hydrogen) by 2035.</p>		
DIGITAL	Partner with service providers to offer free base level domestic broadband in deprived regions and free Wi-Fi on all public transport.	<p>Full fibre and gigabit capable broadband to every home and business across the UK by 2025.</p> <p>£5 billion of new public funding to connect premises which are not commercially viable.</p>	<p>Introduce a Digital Bill of Rights responding to the challenges of foreign interference, social media and declining confidence in democracy.</p> <p>End the sale of personal data, such as health or tax records, for commercial or other ends.</p> <p>Roll out high speed broadband.</p>	<p>Free full-fibre broadband to all by 2030.</p> <p>Establish British Broadband, with two arms: British Digital Infrastructure (BDI) and the British Broadband Service (BBS).</p> <p>We will bring the broadband-relevant parts of BT into public ownership. Bring in Charter of Digital Rights so companies have a legal duty of care.</p> <p>Offer telephone, face-to-face and outreach support for benefits systems. recruit 5,000 additional advisors.</p>	<p>UK-wide target for digital literacy.</p> <p>All households and businesses to have access to superfast broadband.</p> <p>Invest £2 billion in provision of high-speed broadband across the UK.</p> <p>All new homes built from 2022 have full connectivity to ultra-fast broadband.</p>	<p>Publicly owned full fibre broadband by 2025</p> <p>All new build homes to incorporate gigabit-capable internet connections.</p>	<p>Press the UK Government to invest in digital connectivity including superfast broadband and 5G technology.</p> <p>Press for Scotland to get its fair share of the £5 billion UK Government funding to roll out gigabit broadband to the hardest to reach areas.</p> <p>Press the UK Government to reclassify the internet as an essential service and support affordable housing providers to make the service available.</p>