
WHAT THE MANIFESTOS SAY 2017

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This document sets out the key commitments on community safety policy in the 2017 Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, UKIP and Green national manifestos.

 CONSERVATIVE PARTY MANIFESTO
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 LABOUR PARTY MANIFESTO
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 LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PARTY MANIFESTO
www.libdems.org.uk/manifesto

 UKIP MANIFESTO
www.ukip.org/manifesto2017

 GREEN PARTY MANIFESTO
<https://www.greenparty.org.uk/green-guarantee>

Licensing

■ CONSERVATIVES

- Review disabled people's access and amend regulations if necessary to improve disabled access to licensed premises, parking and housing. (p58)

■ LABOUR

- Set up a national review of local pubs to examine the causes for their large-scale demise, as well as establishing a joint taskforce that will consider future sustainability. (p88)
- Reform the legislation governing taxi and private hire services, introducing national standards to guarantee safety and accessibility, updating regulations to keep pace with technological change and ensuring a level playing field between operators. (p92)

■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Introduce minimum unit pricing for alcohol, subject to the final outcome of the legal challenge in Scotland. (p22)

- Examine the available funding and planning rules for live music venues and the grassroots music sector, protecting venues from further closures. (p66)
- Bringing into effect the provisions of the 2010 Equality Act on discrimination by private hire vehicles and taxis. (p71)
- Introduce limits on potency and permit cannabis to be sold through licensed outlets to adults over the age of 18. (p76)

■ UKIP

- Repeal the 2003 Licensing Act and bring in new legislation to reduce the density of alcohol outlets and restrict trading times. (p41)

■ GREEN PARTY

- Introduce mandatory licensing for all landlords. (p17)

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Fire

■ LABOUR

- Halt cuts to the Fire Service. (p79)
- Recruit 3,000 new firefighters, review staffing levels, and consult on national minimum standards for the service. (p79)
- Reinstate separate governance arrangements for Fire and Police Services. (p79)
- Give the Fire and Rescue Services a statutory duty to co-ordinate and respond to floods. (p79)
- Strengthen the powers of consumer enforcement bodies to order fines against companies breaking consumer law and deliver redress for wronged parties. (p59)
- Explore how to give consumers a voice in the regulation of business. (p59)
- Put the interest of vulnerable consumers first, including considering a duty on regulators to weigh up their needs. (p59)
- Consider a ban on companies' cold calling people encouraging them to make false personal injury claims. (p59)
- Promote efforts to reduce unhealthy ingredients and provide clearer food information for consumers, as our decision to leave the European Union will give us greater flexibility over the presentation of information on packaged food. (p72)

Regulatory services

■ CONSERVATIVES

- Continue to regulate more efficiently, saving £9 billion through the Red Tape Challenge and the One-In-Two-Out Rule. (p15)
- Continue to support small businesses through business rate relief and low taxation, and by reducing the bureaucracy and regulation that prevents small businesses from flourishing. (p21)
- Implement our proposed reforms on pet sales and licensing. (p26)
- Take early steps to control the export of live farm animals for slaughter. (p26)
- Protections given to consumers and the environment by EU law will continue to be available in UK law at the point at which we leave the EU. (p36)
- Give businesses the right to insist on a digital signature and the right to digital cancellation of contracts. (p78)
- Oblige all digital companies to provide digital receipts, clearer terms and conditions when selling goods and services online and support new digital proofs of identification. (p78)
- Give consumers the same protections in online markets as they have on the high street. (p78)

■ LABOUR

- Increase the maximum sentence for those convicted of committing animal cruelty. (p94)
- Promote cruelty-free animal husbandry and consult on ways to ensure better enforcement of agreed standards. (p94)
- Prohibit the third-party sale of puppies. (p94)

■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Encourage the traffic-light labelling system for food products and publication of information on calorie, fat, sugar and salt content in restaurants and takeaways. (p22)
- Continue to improve standards of animal health and welfare in agriculture by updating farm animal welfare codes and promoting the responsible stewardship of antibiotic drugs. (p52)
- Clamp down on illegal pet imports through legal identification requirements for online sales. (p52)
- Introduce stronger penalties for animal cruelty offences, increasing the maximum sentencing from six months to five years, and bring in a ban on caged hens. (p52)
- Ensure that future trade deals require high safety, environmental and animal welfare standards for food imports, including clear and unambiguous country of origin labelling for meat and dairy products. (p52)

■ GREEN PARTY

- An Environmental Protection Act to safeguard and restore our environment, protect and enhance biodiversity, promote sustainable food and farming, and ensure animal protection. (p7)

Gambling

■ LABOUR

- Reduce the maximum stake on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals from £100 to £2 and legislate to increase the delay between spins to reduce the addictive nature of the games. (p88)

■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Grant new powers to local authorities to protect high streets and consumers by reducing the proliferation of betting shops and capping the maximum amount able to be bet on fixed odds betting terminals (FOBTs) at one time to £2. (p64)

■ UKIP

- Update licensing laws to limit the maximum stake on fixed-odds betting terminals to £2. (p41)

Counterterrorism

■ CONSERVATIVES

- Lead a global effort to close down online spaces for those who abuse children, incite violence or propagate hate speech. (p38)
- Consider what new criminal offences might need to be created, and what new aggravated offences might need to be established, to defeat the extremists. (p55)
- Support the public sector and civil society in identifying extremists, countering their messages and promoting pluralistic, British values. (p55)
- Establish a Commission for Countering Extremism to identify examples of extremism

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and expose them, to support the public sector and civil society, and help the government to identify policies to defeat extremism and promote pluralistic values. (p55)

- Continue to push the internet companies to deliver on their commitments to develop technical tools to identify and remove terrorist propaganda, to help smaller companies build their capabilities and to provide support for civil society organisations to promote alternative and counter-narratives. (p79)
- We do not believe that there should be a safe space for terrorists to be able to communicate online and will work to prevent them from having this capability. (p79)

■ LABOUR

- Maintain the cross-border security co-operation agreements with our intelligence partners in Europe and beyond. (p77)
 - Always provide our security agencies with the resources and the powers they need to protect our country and keep us all safe. We will also ensure that such powers do not weaken our individual rights or civil liberties. (p77)
 - Reintroduce effective judicial oversight over how and when they [investigatory powers] are used, when the circumstances demand that our collective security outweighs an individual freedom. (p77)
 - Review the Prevent programme with a view to assessing both its effectiveness and its potential to alienate minority communities. (p77)
- Address the Government's failure to take any effective new measures against a growing problem of extreme or violent radicalisation. (p77)

■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Maintain, as part of our fight against hard Brexit, cross-border co-operation in combatting serious organised crime, including international fraud and child sexual exploitation, by retaining the European Arrest Warrant, membership of Europol and access to EU information databases. (p72)
- Continue cross-border co-operation between security forces across Europe. (p76)
- Permit intercepts where justified and permit surveillance of those suspected of serious crime and terrorism with proper judicial oversight. (p76)
- Scrap the flawed Prevent strategy and replace it with a scheme that prioritises community engagement and supports communities in developing their own approach to tackling the dangers of violent extremism. (p76)
- Roll back state surveillance powers by ending the indiscriminate bulk collection of communications data, bulk hacking, and the collection of internet connection records. (p76)
- Oppose Conservative attempts to undermine encryption. (p76)
- Notify innocent people who have been placed under targeted surveillance where this can be done without jeopardising ongoing investigations. (p76)

■ UKIP

- Immediately put into Special Measures schools found to be exposing children to Islamism. (p38)
- Give schools the right to dismiss forthwith any teachers, members of staff or governors found to be actively supporting radical mosques or imams. (p38)
- Require Ofsted to conduct snap inspections of schools when parents or pupils have raised concerns that girls are being discriminated against; anti-equality views are being expressed by staff or governors; or Muslim or non-Muslim pupils who challenge or do not share hardline views are being bullied or ridiculed. (p38)
- Monitor the progress of a pilot programme to segregate extremists from the wider prison population and extend these schemes if they are successful. (p41)
- Refuse admission to prisons to any imam, preacher or individual known to promote views contrary to British values (p41)
- Give prison governors new powers to impose measures to combat Islamic extremism and gang violence in prisons. (p41)

■ GREEN PARTY

- Reject the xenophobic Prevent strategy and pursue community-led collaborative approaches to tackling all forms of extremism instead. (p15)
- Co-operate with our neighbours on the shared challenges that face us all – from tackling terrorism and preventing climate change, to reducing inequality. (p19)

Community cohesion

■ CONSERVATIVES

- Introduce an independent public advocate, who will act for bereaved families after a public disaster and support them at public inquests. (p44)
- Push forward with our plan for tackling hate crime committed on the basis of religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity. (p44)
- Bring forward a new integration strategy, which will seek to help people in more isolated communities to engage with the wider world, help women in particular into the workplace, and teach more people to speak English. (p55)
- Work with schools to make sure that those with intakes from one predominant racial, cultural or religious background teach their students about pluralistic, British values and help them to get to know people with different ways of life. (p55)
- Strengthen the enforcement of equalities law – so that private landlords and businesses who deny people a service on the basis of ethnicity, religion or gender are properly investigated and prosecuted. (p56)

■ LABOUR

- Work to eliminate institutional biases against BAME communities. (p76)
- Enhance the powers and functions of the [Equality and Human Rights] commission, making it truly independent, to ensure it can support ordinary working people to effectively challenge any discrimination they may face. (p108)

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- Reinstatement of the public sector equality duties and seek to extend them to the private sector, ensuring all citizens benefit from this Labour legislation. (p108)
- Bring the law on LGBT hate crimes into line with hate crimes based on race and faith, by making them aggravated offences. (p111)
- End racism and discrimination against Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, and protect the right to lead a nomadic way of life. (p112)

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Campaign to reduce intolerance, including anti-Semitism, and hate crimes alongside organisations such as Show Racism the Red Card, the Anne Frank Trust UK, and Kick It Out. (p70)
- Guarantee the freedom of people to wear religious or cultural dress, and tackle the growing incidence of Islamophobic hate crime. (p71)
- Introduce an 'X' option on passports, identity documents, and official forms for those who do not wish to identify as either male or female, and campaign for their introduction in the provision of other services, for example utilities. (p71)
- Enshrine the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in UK law. (p71)
- Provide additional government funding for English as an additional language classes to help migrants and residents gain independence and integrate with their local communities. (p77)

UKIP

- A points-based immigration system will test the social attitudes of migration applicants to foster community cohesion and protect core British values. (p34)
- Establish a legal commission to draw up proposals to disband sharia councils. (p35)
- Include information on cultural crimes in safeguarding training for teachers, staff and school governors. (p37)
- Ban wearing of the niqab and the burqa in public places. (p37)
- Make the setting up of a traveller pitch without permission a criminal offence. (p41)

GREEN PARTY

- Action to tackle racism and discrimination on the basis of faith or disability, real equality for LGBTIQ+ people, equal rights for mixed gender couples to have a Civil Partnership. (p21)

Crime and domestic abuse

CONSERVATIVES

- Work to end the subjugation and mutilation of women. (p39)
- Take action to make it harder for people to enter the country if they have a criminal conviction and implement satellite tracking for every foreign national offender subject to an outstanding deportation order or deportation proceedings. (p44)

- Ensure that Police and Crime Commissioners sit on local health and wellbeing boards, enabling better co-ordination of crime prevention with local drug and alcohol and mental health services. (p45)
 - Widen the role of Police and Crime Commissioners to help them cut crime for their local communities. (p45)
 - Bring forward a Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill in the next parliament to consolidate all civil and criminal prevention and protection orders and provide for a new aggravated offence if behaviour is directed at a child. (p58)
 - Legislate to enshrine a definition of domestic violence and abuse in law, providing the legal underpinning for everything in our new act. (p58)
 - Create a domestic violence and abuse commissioner in law, to stand up for victims and survivors, monitor the response to domestic violence and abuse and to hold the police and the criminal justice system to account. (p58)
 - Take action to support victims of domestic violence to leave abusive partners, reviewing the funding for refuges and ensuring that victims who have lifetime tenancies and flee violence are able to secure a new lifetime tenancy automatically. (p58)
 - Legislate to mandate changes in police practices if 'stop and search' does not become more targeted and 'stop to arrest' ratios do not improve. (p56)
 - Put a responsibility on industry not to direct users – even unintentionally – to hate speech, pornography, or other sources of harm. (p79)
 - Make clear the responsibility of platforms to enable the reporting of inappropriate, bullying, harmful or illegal content, with take-down on a comply-or-explain basis. (p79)
 - Bring forward a new data protection law, fit for our new data age, to ensure the very best standards for the safe, flexible and dynamic use of data and enshrining our global leadership in the ethical and proportionate regulation of data. (p80)
- LABOUR**
- Continue to support the work of the Forced Marriage Unit. (p28)
 - Support the police in the performance of their duties. We will provide officers, police community support officers and civilian staff with the equipment and people they need to provide effective policing services, including from the growing threat of cybercrime. (p76)
 - Recruit 10,000 more police officers to work on community beats, equivalent to at least one more for every neighbourhood in the country. (p 76)
 - Emphasise the safety of women and girls by appointing a commissioner to set new standards for tackling domestic and sexual violence. (p77 and p109)
 - A Violence Against Women Commissioner would also provide stable central funding for women's refuges and rape crisis centres and encourage sharing of best practice between local authorities. (p109)
 - Establish a National Refuge Fund and ensure stability for rape crisis centres. (p77)
 - Strengthen the law, banning the use of community resolutions as a response to domestic violence. (p77)

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- Continue to enforce effective measures to prevent all forms of abuse, including female genital mutilation. (p77)
- Remove the requirement for victims of domestic abuse to pay doctors for certification of their injuries. (p80)

■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Decriminalise the sale and purchase of sex, and the management of sex work – reducing harm, defending sex workers' human rights, and focusing police time and resources on those groomed, forced or trafficked into the sex industry. Provide additional support for those wishing to leave sex work. (p71)
- Increase community policing in England and Wales by giving an additional £300 million a year to local police forces to reverse the increase in violent crime, boost community confidence and increase the flow of community intelligence. (p72)
- Require all front-line officers to wear body cameras on duty, protecting the public from abuse of power and police officers from malicious accusations. (p72)
- Replace Police and Crime Commissioners, elected at great expense in elections with very low turnout, with accountable police boards made up of local councillors. (p74)
- Provide government funding for a national rape crisis helpline with increased opening hours and advertisement. (p74)
- Review the investigation, prosecution, procedures and rules of evidence in cases of sexual and domestic violence. (p75)

- Introduce a legal, regulated market for cannabis. (p76)
- Concentrate on catching and prosecuting those who manufacture, import or deal in illegal drugs. (p76)
- Repeal the Psychoactive Substances Act which has driven the sale of formerly legal highs underground. (p77)
- Move the departmental lead on drugs policy to the Department of Health. (p77)
- Aim to end female genital mutilation worldwide within a generation. (p86)

■ UKIP

- Extend the remit of the current cross-government Internet Safety Strategy and invite participants to consider whether new legislation is required to address the problem of online abuse. (p22)
- Will not legalise classified drugs and will rigorously enforce current legislation. (p22)
- Make failure to report a known instance of FGM a criminal offence. (p36)
- Implement a screening programme for girls identified to be at risk of FGM from birth to age sixteen, consisting of annual non-invasive physical check-ups. (p36)
- Carry out additional check-ups on girls at-risk when they return to the UK from trips to countries where FGM is known to be customary. (p36)
- Make FGM an indictable offence (meaning it can only be heard in the Crown Court) with a sentencing starting point of six years. (p36)
- Make 'breast ironing' a specific criminal offence. (p37)

- Add ‘offences committed to protect family or personal honour’ to the Sentencing Council’s list of aggravating factors, giving leave to impose greater sentences. (p37)
- Prosecute all cases of child and forced marriage and refuse permanent leave to remain and/or British citizenship to any adult known to have procured a child marriage for themselves or their children. (p37)
- Reinstate full Stop and Search powers to the police and reduce the burden of paperwork police have to complete each time they exercise this function. (p40)
- Add so-called ‘honour crimes’ to the Sentencing Council’s guidelines listing aggravating factors which make a crime more serious and so may incur a higher sentence. (p41)
- Prosecute all cases of adult sexual behaviour with under-age minors, and maintain the current age of consent. (p41)
- Adopt a zero-tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour and nuisance and noisy neighbours. (p41)

■ GREEN PARTY

- Implement a UK-wide strategy to tackle gender based violence, including domestic violence, rape and sexual abuse, FGM and trafficking. (p19)

Modern slavery

■ CONSERVATIVES

- Lead the fight against modern slavery, just as we overcame the trade in slaves two hundred years ago. (p38)
- Review the application of exploitation in the Modern Slavery Act to strengthen our ability to stop criminals putting men, women and children into criminal, dangerous and exploitative working conditions. (p40)
- The UK will use its power to push the United Nations and other international bodies to make modern slavery a thing of the past. (p41)

■ LABOUR

- Restore the rights of migrant domestic workers, and end this form of modern slavery. (p29)
- Work with business to ensure the provisions of the Modern Slavery Act are fully respected, including reporting on due diligence in supply chains. (p123)

■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Focus on good practice in tackling modern slavery, including training for police and prosecutors in identifying and supporting victims, and implement the Ewins report recommendations on domestic workers. (p70)

■ GREEN PARTY

- Trade rules that respect human rights, labour standards, environmental standards and climate commitments with mechanisms for individuals, groups and communities to bring grievances. (p19)

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Criminal Justice

■ CONSERVATIVES

- Enshrine victims' entitlements in law, making clear what level of service they should expect from the police, courts and criminal justice system. (p44)
- Ensure that child victims and victims of sexual violence are able to be cross-examined before their trial without the distress of having to appear in court. (p44)
- Publicly-funded advocates will have specialist training in handling victims before taking on serious sexual offences cases. (p44)
- Extend the scope of the Unduly Lenient Sentence Scheme so a wider range of sentences can be challenged. (p44)
- Create a national community sentencing framework that punishes offenders and focuses on the measures that have a better chance of turning people around and preventing crime, such as curfews and orders that tackle drug and alcohol abuse. (p45)
- Build on the Policing and Crime Act, which introduced better co-ordination of policing and fire and rescue services, with greater devolution of criminal justice responsibility and budgets to local commissioners. (p45)
- Invest over £1 billion to modernise the prison estate, replacing the most dilapidated prisons and creating 10,000 modern prison places. (p45)
- Reform the entry requirements, training, management and career paths of prison officers. (p45)

- Create a new legal framework for prisons, strengthening the inspectorate and ombudsman to provide sharper external scrutiny. (p45)
- Introduce dedicated provision for women offenders. (p45)
- Reduce the disproportionate use of force against Black, Asian and ethnic minority people in prison, young offender institutions and secure mental health units and we will legislate here too if progress is not made. (p56)

■ LABOUR

- Ensure appropriate support is provided to victims of crime and introduce legislation for minimum standard entitlements to service from criminal justice agencies. (p77)
- Legislate to prohibit the cross examination of victims of domestic violence by their abuser in certain circumstances. (p80)
- Review the legal aid means tests, including the capital test for those on income-related benefits. (p80)
- Publish annual reports on prisoner-staff ratios, with a view to maintaining safety and ending overcrowding. (p82)
- Recruit 3,000 more prison officers and review the training and professional development available and publish prison officer to prisoner ratios for all prisons. (p82)
- Insist on personal rehabilitation plans for all prisoners. (p82)

- Review the provision of mental health services in prisons. (p82)
- Incentivise local authorities, police forces and probation services to engage effectively with young people at risk of drifting into anti-social or criminal behaviours. (p82)
- Embed restorative justice practices across all youth offending institutions. (p82)
- Review the role of Community Rehabilitation Companies. (p83)

■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Roll out the Liaison and Diversion programme nationally, helping to identify people who have mental health problems, learning disabilities, substance misuse or other vulnerabilities when they first come into contact with the criminal justice system. (p19)
- Introduce a Victims' Bill of Rights that will create a single point of contact for victims in the criminal justice system, increase victims' access to information about their cases, and give victims the right to request restorative justice rather than a prison sentence. (p74)
- Introduce a presumption against short prison sentences and increase the use of tough, non-custodial punishments including weekend and evening custody, curfews, community service and GPS tagging. (p74)
- Promote community justice panels and restorative justice that brings victims and wrongdoers together to resolve conflict, reduce harm and encourage rehabilitation. (p74)
- Extend the responsibility of the Youth Justice Board to all offenders under 21, giving it the power to commission mental-health services. (p74)
- Establish a Women's Justice Board with a remit to meet the special needs of women offenders. (p74)
- Transform prisons into places of rehabilitation, recovery, learning and work, with suitable treatment, education or work available to all prisoners; adopt a holistic approach to prisoners with multiple problems, and ensure that courses started in custody can be completed on release. (p74)
- Ensure that trans prisoners are placed in prisons that reflect their gender identity, rather than their birth gender. (p75)
- Reduce the overrepresentation of individuals from a BAME background at every stage of the criminal justice system, taking into account the upcoming recommendations of the Lammy review. (p75)
- Secure further funding for criminal legal aid from sources other than the taxpayer, including insurance for company directors, and changes to restraint orders. (p75)
- Conduct an urgent and comprehensive review of the effects of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act on access to justice, particularly funding for social welfare appeals, and domestic violence and exceptional cases. (p75)
- Reverse the massive increases in court and tribunal fees, which prevent many from pursuing good cases. (p75)

■ UKIP

- Fund 20,000 more police officers, 7,000 more prison officers, and 4,000 more border force staff. (p5)
- These jobs will first be offered to ex-armed forces personnel. (p40)

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- Keep all existing prisons open and continue with the current building programme. (p40)
- Send as many as possible of the 13,000 foreign nationals in our jails back to their home countries and, in future, seek to have foreign criminals serve sentences in their countries of origin. (p40)
- Opt out of the European Arrest Warrant. (p41)

■ GREEN PARTY

- Implement a UK-wide strategy to tackle gender based violence, including domestic violence, rape and sexual abuse, FGM and trafficking. (p19)

Bereavement

■ CONSERVATIVES

- Ensure all families who lose a baby are given the bereavement support they need, including a new entitlement to child bereavement leave. (p70)

■ LABOUR

- Fund child burial fees for bereaved parents, ensuring that they are scrapped in all council areas. (p87)



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