

Conservative Party Policies

- **Crime-** We must break the cycle of reoffending and give those who have served their time in prison a chance to play a positive role in society.
Our aim is to restore responsibility to the police by getting them out of their police stations and back into the community to fight crime – while making them truly accountable to the people they serve. We will do this by setting out the policing priorities for each community, and by providing detailed data about crime in that area.
- **Economy-** We need to get banks lending again. For over a year, we have been calling for a National Loan Guarantee Scheme to underwrite bank lending to businesses. We want to save businesses and protect jobs. The Conservatives believe that instead of paying out significant cash bonuses, banks should be rebuilding their balance sheets so they can start lending to businesses again.
Tough choices regarding public spending have to be made. We want to introduce a one-year public sector pay freeze, except for the lowest paid.
We will abolish all tax on jobs created by new companies for two years. We will create a high-skilled economy by building a new generation of technical schools, creating 100,000 new apprenticeships, and funding 10,000 extra university places.
- **Environment-** We have pledged to improve Britain's environment by working towards zero waste, providing incentives to recycle, encouraging sustainable water management, and taking action to help our wildlife.
- **Family-** With our focus on reversing educational failure, worklessness, debt and addiction, our support for families will make it much easier for every family to provide an environment in which children can flourish. Strengthening families will also increase social mobility, and play an important part in helping us work towards our aspiration of ending child poverty by 2020.



- **Housing**- We need more homes – but they must be built in a way that will protect the environment and provides the infrastructure to support local communities. We will address this by; Scrapping Stamp Duty for first-time buyers on homes up to £250,000, so that nine out of ten pay nothing.
- **Health**- We will decentralize power, so that patients have a real choice. By publishing information about the kind of results that healthcare providers are achieving, we will make sure there is no hiding place for failure. If patients do not like what they are offered, they will be able to find something better. This will drive up standards by allowing people to choose the best providers and by encouraging hospitals to compete for patients. Doctors and nurses will be accountable to patients and not to endless layers of bureaucracy. This will also save billions that are currently spent on needless bureaucratic checks. The conservatives will spend more on the frontline services that make a real difference.
- **Schools** -A Conservative government will give many more children access to the kind of education that is currently only available to the well-off: safe classrooms, talented and specialist teachers, access to the best curriculum and exams, smaller schools with smaller class sizes. Run by teachers who know the children as individuals.



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