

The Conservative Party



The Economy

Financial savings must be made within Scotland's economy. As a party the Conservatives have faced up to this. We would like to give Scotland more control over the block grant. We would like to avoid offering benefits such as free school meals and prescriptions to those who can already afford them. We need to put a greater emphasis on regenerating Scotland's economy by offering incentives for people to start their own businesses and to employ apprentices. This will reduce unemployment throughout Scotland. We would also like to eradicate child poverty by 2020, which still remains to be a problem in Scotland under the current SNP government.

Health Care

We not only back the traditional values of the NHS we also have a vision for its future. The cleanliness of Scottish hospitals is a top priority, The Electronic Bed Management System with Infection Tracking proposed by the Scottish Conservatives is currently being piloted and we want to see it being rolled out across Scotland if it is successful. We oppose the phasing out of prescription charges and we feel that it is wasteful to give higher rate taxpayers free prescriptions when public spending is under enormous pressure. We believe that A&E departments should remain open locally in Scotland and we are happy to have halted Labours plans to close them.



Education

Improving schools is one of the most important things that we could do as a party. To do this we are going to give teachers more powers. To make parents a part of the school reform. This has worked in other countries such as the USA and Canada. The SNP have been unable to secure jobs for many teachers that have passed through the process for full registration. This has made it hard for teachers to find a job at all, let alone in their own area. We would like to establish Second Chance Centres in Scotland to help persistent troublemakers to get back on track. We want to ensure that the highest of standards are maintained in the Scottish education system. The Conservative Party would also like to see more sporting activities for young people therefore we would like to set up sports trust funds to allow for more competitive sports.

Crime

The Conservative party would like to restore faith in the criminal justice system. The conservatives would like to introduce 1,000 new police officers in Scotland. We want to see our police officers back out on the beat therefore we will reduce the amount of paperwork that they have to do. We would like to take a hard-line approach to drink and drug offences and also to impose tougher sentences for knife crimes. We want the people to know that the police and the government are listening to what they have to say.



Environment

We would like to have a Conservative vision for our future, based on Conservative values. We believe that it is our responsibility to create a clean and healthy environment to pass onto our children. Green issues should be at the heart of our politics and of our government in Scotland. We would like to see electric powered cars and high speed trains being used throughout Scotland. We want to encourage local authorities to establish new district heating networks, which use biogas and other low carbon fuels like those being pioneered by Aberdeen. We will also offer incentives to smaller scale energy generation, including capturing heat that is already being wasted.



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