

REFORM is ESSENTIAL

Lower Taxes • **Secure Borders** • **Cheaper Energy** • **Zero Waiting Lists**



Let's Make
**Britain
Great**



INTRODUCTION

As a nation we have so much potential, so much that we should be optimistic about. We can make Britain great again.

To do this, reform is essential in the way our country is run and managed, so it works properly for the people. In many areas, just the application of basic common sense would be a good start!

The nation faces many challenges, but we can overcome them. To succeed, we need to do Brexit properly. We must grow our way out of the crisis, we cannot tax our way out of it. We must stand up for our core democratic values, our civil liberties, our right to free speech. Let's celebrate our pride in being British: our amazing culture, our unbreakable communities, our incredible heritage. Let's stop all the woke nonsense that is holding us back. Let's have a proper immigration policy that works for our country and protects our borders. Together, let's make great things happen!

Leaving the undemocratic EU was just the beginning. People's eyes have been opened as to the benefits of being an independent sovereign nation. Reform is now possible and essential in these key areas:

1. Reform our Economy:

To succeed faster growth is vital. Higher growth rates are the only way to better wages and more tax revenues that can be invested in better healthcare and other public services. Our bold economic vision frees up over 6 million people from paying Income Tax and frees up over 1.2 million small businesses and self-employed from paying Corporation Tax. We would also aim to remove a raft of other stifling taxes in a responsible, timely way. This will generate much faster growth than seen in recent decades. We must also stop wasting taxpayers' money.

2. Reform our Public Sector:

We must be ambitious, seeking faster, more efficient public services that work better for us all. For example, with health, we should demand **zero waiting lists** and we have a bold plan to achieve this vision. Our police need to focus on preventing crime and catching criminals. Our schools must educate our children properly to prepare them for a competitive, challenging world. Our Border Force must protect our borders.

3. Reform our Energy Strategy:

We all care about the environment and want cleaner air, and we can do this in a strategic, affordable way. Yet the Westminster Net Zero plan is making us all net poorer whilst creating more emissions overall as it outsources them overseas. It is therefore net stupid. It is adding huge extra costs to us all as consumers and to our businesses. This will send hundreds of thousands of British jobs to China and elsewhere. Our energy plan will use our own energy treasure under our feet, and create thousands of British jobs, by making our industries competitive again. It will save consumers considerable amounts of money on their bills every year. We would also nationalise 50% of key utility companies to stop consumers being ripped off with the other 50% being owned by British pension funds for British pensioners.

4. Reform our Institutions:

Major change is needed to the bodies that impact our lives — the unelected cronyism of the House of Lords, the unaccountable civil service and the bloated BBC. Reform is essential to our voting system so it is fairer and more representative; the two-party system embeds the status quo and prevents real change.

I hope you find this of interest. Please do get in touch with your thoughts.



Richard Tice
Leader of Reform UK





FREEDOM *is Precious*

Our freedom is so precious, yet we have taken it for granted. Our freedom is so valuable, yet so vulnerable. The restrictions on our freedoms by the Government during the Covid pandemic amounted to a major erosion of our rights and civil liberties. Governments are very good at imposing temporary measures, but very bad at getting rid of them — income tax was a temporary tax on the rich to pay for a war over 200 years ago!

We will campaign relentlessly to protect our civil liberties and freedom of speech. We must be able to debate, test and challenge different views, consensus thinking, scientific theories and the establishment approach in a respectful way.



**OUR LOW TAX PLAN
FREES UP 1 IN 5
FROM PAYING
INCOME TAX.**

Reform **OUR ECONOMY**

The Government has increased taxes to the highest level in 70 years with more taxes to come. Medium-term growth is expected to be the lowest for 60 years. This means lower wages and less money to invest in health and other public services.

Inflation is at the highest level for over 30 years and productivity is at the lowest for 20 years, with 1 in 8 people of working age on out of work benefits, totalling well over 5 million.

The combined works of Harry Potter are fun but dwarfed by our tax code of some 20,000 pages, the most complex in the world. This stifles growth and creates an industry of unproductive tax avoidance.

Smart money and smart people will not invest in the UK nor come to the UK in a mobile world if they think we are uncompetitive in tax terms.

Reform UK is the only party that stands for cutting taxes and simplifying taxes to create higher growth, better wages and better healthcare.

Our 'Emergency Recovery Plan' can be seen in detail at **reformparty.uk**

Reform UK will also oppose the creation of a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) and all attempts to turn Britain into a cashless society.

EMERGENCY RECOVERY PLAN CREATES FASTER GROWTH — +0.5% p.a. estimate

Stimulus Plan:

- Free up 6 million people from paying Income Tax by lifting the minimum threshold to £20,000 from £12,571 p.a. This amounts to 1 in 5 taxpayers. Basic Income Tax rate stays at 20%.
- The less well-off benefit proportionately the most, saving £1,500 p.a. @£20,000 salary, circa £30 per week.
- Free up 1.2 million SMEs from paying Corporation Tax (over 80% of companies) by lifting the minimum profit threshold to £100,000.
- Reduce the cost of living by lowering consumer taxes, which will reduce inflation whilst stimulating growth:
 - Scrap VAT on energy bills = saves £100 / year per household.
 - Scrap environmental levies = saves £160 / year per household.
- Lower fuel duty by 20p / litre = saves £240 / year per driver.
- Lower VAT from 20% to 18% = saves £300 / year per household.
- Funded by cost savings totalling approximately £85 billion:
 - Reduce wasteful Government spending: £5 in £100 = £50 billion per year.
 - Enable over 1 million out of the over 5 million on out of work benefits back into jobs: saves circa £15-20 billion per year. Some 1.5 million more people are on benefits than pre-Covid, so a return just to 2019 levels is eminently realistic.
 - Tax the Renewable Energy industry the full amount of the circa £11 billion in subsidies they currently receive under old contracts; they claim it is cheaper than other energy forms, so they no longer need taxpayer support.
- Remove vast swathes of unnecessary regulations that hinder growth.

All figures are approximate and based on estimates.

REORGANISING QUANTITATIVE EASING DEBT

We would reorganise the Bank of England internal Quantitative Easing (QE) debt into a 75 year wartime-like Corona Bond, with a fixed notional interest rate of 2%, to be left on the Bank's computer as internal debt. As this QE debt represents some 35% of the national debt at some £850 billion, this will calm markets by removing the refinance and interest rate risk. It will save some £10-15 billion in nominal annual interest payments used by the Treasury in their forecasts. The Bank must stop its plans for Quantitative Tightening which will increase interest payments completely unnecessarily and worry the markets.

The Bank of England must also stop paying interest on reserves created by money-printing QE to commercial banks, which other central banks are not doing. It is an unnecessary transfer of taxpayers' money to wealthy City institutions, which totals some £20-40 billion per year, depending on interest rates.

This money can instead be used to fund our policies to create higher net wages, with lower taxes and lower inflation.



LOW TAX, SIMPLE TAX CREATES FASTER GROWTH

Medium term tax simplification ambitions as conditions allow:

- Reduce the main Corporation tax rate from 25% to 20%.
- Lift threshold for 40% income tax rate to £70,000.
- Reduce and simplify residential Stamp Duty: 0% below £750k, 2% on £750k–£1.5m, & 4% above, will stimulate economic activity and construction.
- Abolish the burdensome Apprenticeship Levy, which ironically reduced apprentice numbers.
- Abolish business rates for small & medium firms, offset with Online Delivery Tax at 3%, which will create a fairer playing field for High Street and physical versus online businesses.
- Abolish Stamp Duty on share trading, this will help savers and enable the City to compete globally.

- Abolish Inheritance Tax for all estates under £2m (98% of all estates). 20% tax above £2m — executors can choose to give this to registered charities or HMRC.
- Abolish the burdensome IR35 rules introduced by the Conservatives in recent years.
- We aim to reform the over-complicated tax system on savings and pensions, that currently benefits those with the most to save at the expense of those on lower incomes.

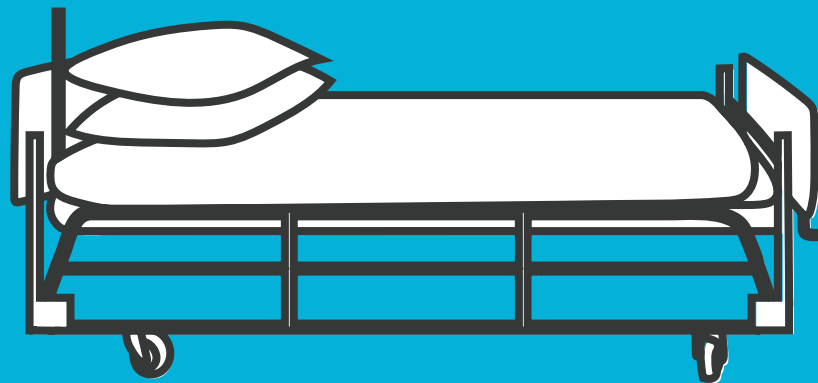
Reform UK will save £100 billion of taxpayers money to pay for these lower taxes:

- Scrap the bloated vanity project HS2 saving £100 billion, of which £50 billion would be spent on infrastructure in the North-East and North-West, resulting in a £50 billion net saving.
- Put the cost of the energy price cap on the UK producers not the taxpayers (as per our Emergency Energy Plan on our website). This should save some £50 billion in the first year, depending on global prices.

OUR ECONOMIC
PLAN WILL INCREASE
NURSES' TAKE HOME PAY
BY OVER 6 Percent

ZERO WAITING LISTS

within 24 months.



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LET'S MAKE BRITAIN GREAT

Reform **OUR PUBLIC SECTOR**

Our public services are paid for and valued by us all. The faster our economy grows by having lower, simpler taxes, the more money there is to invest in public services. With reform, they can work better, faster, and more efficiently. There is far too much waste and not enough ambition.

The vast and growing mountain of daft, unproductive regulations that hinder small businesses and restrict growth are all part of the same problem in the public sector — lacking in common sense. They go hand in hand with the wasteful spending.

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Reform OUR PUBLIC SERVICES: HEALTH

The NHS is possibly the most loved healthcare system in the world. Being free at the point of delivery is at its core and must always continue.

The frontline care is normally amazing, dedicated, and always appreciated. But we have to be honest that in the back office, it is neither the most efficient nor the best managed system in the world.

Let's be ambitious: we should aim for **zero waiting lists**. This is achievable with reform. Many other countries don't have waiting lists, why should we put up with them? We have been brainwashed that they are the norm; they should not be, and we can achieve zero waiting lists.

We must put the patient in charge by having a voucher scheme so they can be seen and treated promptly. Healthcare will always, of course, remain free at the point of delivery.

- If you cannot be seen by a GP in **3 days**, you get a voucher to go private elsewhere.

- If you cannot be seen by a consultant in **3 weeks**, you get a voucher to go private elsewhere.
- If you cannot have an operation in **9 weeks** from Day 1, you get a voucher to go private elsewhere.

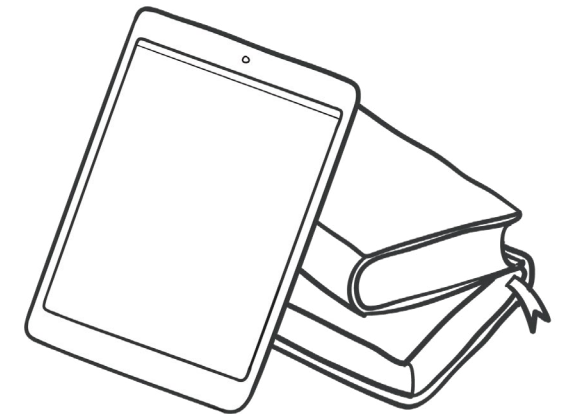
This should mean zero waiting lists in around 24 months as private capacity increases rapidly. Retired medics will come back to work part-time in less bureaucratic healthcare settings. Overall efficiency will improve dramatically.

Surveys show that patients don't mind who treats their condition, they just want to be treated quickly!

Citizens in many countries expect and demand to see a doctor within 1 day. So should we. This is why reform is essential.

Reform OUR PUBLIC SERVICES: EDUCATION

- On Education, let's invest more wisely in young people: university students are being ripped off with high fees often for just online learning. Many degree courses could be done in 2 years not 3 years, which would save students many thousands of pounds.
- We would scrap interest rates on student loans and extend the capital repayment period, which will improve the debt recovery rate.
- We would introduce a new workable apprenticeship scheme. We have to be honest that many young people would be better off learning whilst in work, rather than accruing debt at university.
- Our schools and pupils need better technology to give them the best chances as we help prepare them for life. Covid has changed so much. Our children learn best in school and never again must we shut them, forcing children to learn from home for weeks on end.
- Schools must focus on the basics of teaching every child to read and write.
- Teachers must be free to teach pupils how to think, not what to think, without fear of the woke police or religious persecution.
- We must keep divisive woke ideologies such as Critical Race Theory (CRT) and gender ideology out of the classroom. Sex education should also always be age-appropriate.



Reform **OUR PUBLIC SERVICES**

We must adopt a zero tolerance approach to crime and antisocial behaviour. This starts at the ground level. Common sense dictates more police on the streets will help prevent crime and help catch criminals.

- Increase police numbers in the community, with officers on the beat, engaging with the local people. Ensure there is more visible policing with a focus on combating violent crime, robbery and burglary rather than enforcing restrictions on free speech or policing tweets.
- Target the menace of County Lines drug dealers, gangs and the growth of knife crime.
- Our police need much better technology to help them when they are on the streets. Some of what they currently use is archaic. This can substantially reduce bureaucracy and paperwork.

- Reform our courts and justice system to work faster and smarter.



Reform **OUR DEFENCE STRATEGY**

The United Kingdom has a long tradition of some of the finest, best trained and bravest Armed Forces in the world. We must ensure this continues in the face of ever changing threats, as shown by the war in Ukraine, the energy war and cyber warfare to name but a few.

jobs when they leave the services. Let's provide the support they deserve in healthcare and mental health.

It is vital that our Armed Forces have the people, training and best equipment to achieve this. Reform is needed to ensure more efficient joined up thinking and decision making, especially with regard to procurement of equipment; this is an area where the Ministry of Defence's track record has sometimes let down Armed Forces personnel.

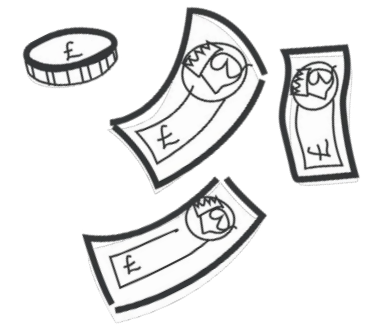
Reform is needed to our military covenant with our service personnel. A fully funded, comprehensive Office for Veteran Affairs is essential. Let's properly protect our troops and veterans from unwarranted, never-ending legal claims. Let's invest in properly equipping and housing our armed forces. Let's invest in training our brave people for new

Reform OUR INSTITUTIONS

- **Reform the BBC:** Bloated, wasteful and obligatory. The licence fee needs abolishing. People should be free to choose.
- **Reform the unelected, crony-filled House of Lords:** Recent abuse has been offensive — a former Prime Minister ennobling his brother, mates and personal donors by making them peers is indefensible. A properly representative second House is needed.
- **Reform the Civil Service:** Better leadership, more accountability, and greater welcome of successful people from the private sector to come in and serve the nation.
- **Reform the voting system:** To make it more representative. Smaller parties mean more choice, new ideas, and better debate. Proportional representation is essential.
- **Reform the postal voting system:** We must combat fraud and abuse to ensure trust in our democracy. We have seen real problems first-hand in recent elections and this problem is far bigger than many realise.

Reform WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT SPENDING

- Every day we see examples of wasteful, bad or unnecessary spending of our money by councils, public services or the Government.
- Tens of billions of pounds of our money is wasted every year. This also acts as a brake on our growth rate.
- Reform UK knows that with better leadership, better buying, better decisions, this waste of our money can be cut right back, without affecting front line services.
- This needs real reform of the civil service — with more accountability — for quality performance. It needs more successful private sector people coming into the civil service to use their skills to help get better value for the Government. Let's make it part of our moral duty to society — to give something back.
- One of the worst areas of wasteful government spending is ineffective foreign aid. Our civil servants struggle to give away the billions of pounds each year, so they end up giving money to the EU and other global bodies to help spend it. We would reduce the foreign aid budget by 50%, down to a still generous 0.35% of GDP.



Reform **BORDER CONTROL & IMMIGRATION**

A responsible government has a duty to protect our borders. We must know who is coming in and who is going out of the country, at our airports and ports. Again, this is basic common sense.

Let's welcome those who have high level skills and talents that we need — such as doctors, engineers, software developers, scientists and surgeons — in tightly controlled numbers that meet our requirements. We want these valuable people to come and work in the UK legally, and play by the rules, respecting our values.

This must not be an excuse, however, for cheaper labour that reduces wages in the UK, nor must it be an excuse for not training our own wonderful young people.

Illegal immigration is unacceptable and those entering illegally must not be granted asylum in the UK. Reform UK is the only party committed to stopping the boats. We must adopt the tactics used by Australia when they stopped the boats. We must declare a national security

threat, leave the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), and use existing legislation robustly to stop this illegal trade. We must also use offshore processing centres as Australia did.

We must also create a new Department of Immigration staffed with people who believe in the task at hand, to protect our borders. The Home Office is simply not fit for purpose

Everyone must know that no-one coming via these illegal routes will be allowed to stay in the UK. Cases must be determined in just a few weeks and people returned to where they came from. The vast majority of the claimants are economic migrants or from Albania under the oversight of their criminal gangs. The cost to the taxpayer is already billions every year and the impact on local communities around the country is very significant. However most people who are concerned are afraid to speak out on this issue for fear of being labelled or smeared.



**WE MUST HAVE A ZERO
TOLERANCE ATTITUDE TOWARDS
ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.**

Reform OUR ENERGY POLICIES

LET'S USE THE ENERGY TREASURE UNDER OUR FEET.

We are all concerned about the environment and we all want cleaner air.

Honesty is vital. We face the gravest energy crisis since WW2. We are in a global energy war. Terrorists are blowing up gas pipelines and power plants.

Westminster's obsession with Net Zero is making us all net poorer every year. It is creating more emissions, not less, as it forces us to buy our energy from overseas. It is thus sending our jobs and money overseas, making it "net stupid".

The Conservatives, encouraged by Labour and the Liberal Democrats, over the last 12 years have been grossly negligent. They have turned the UK from being a net exporter of energy into a large net importer of energy. They have foolishly left us strategically exposed to overseas state actors.

This is despite the fact that the UK sits on vast energy reserves of coal, oil, natural gas, shale gas and lithium. We should be using our own British energy treasure, creating wealth and jobs to remain here in the UK, not disappear overseas. New technologies mean we can extract these commodities safely in a cleaner, cheaper way. Cheap energy is the foundation stone to allow manufacturing to thrive and grow. It is essential for our remaining steel industry to remain competitive. Without it we are doomed to see more jobs and money go abroad.

Let's have £1 trillion plus of levelling up by drilling down.

The energy crisis is long lasting and splits into 2 parts: a price crisis and a supply crisis. Please check out at our detailed emergency energy plan —"Global Energy War" — on our website.

THE PRICE CRISIS:

We had a major problem even before the Ukraine war.

The growth in heavily subsidised renewable energy has led to over £10 billion of inflation-linked subsidies every year with an extra £5 billion of annual related network operating and balancing costs. This totals £15 billion every year, approximately £500 per household directly or indirectly. Much of the renewable industry is overseas owned, meaning they are making vast profits at British consumers' expense. Renewables are unreliable when the wind does not blow, so they need the insurance backup of gas generating capacity, which adds significantly to costs due to duplication.

In wartime situations the Government must control the price of critical production like energy. This happened in WW2. The Reform UK plan works as follows:

- Require all UK energy producers to sell to UK suppliers only at the average 2021 price.

- Domestic cap set to average £2,000 per year.
- Business cap set at maximum 35 pence per kwh.
- Extra help still needed for the most vulnerable .
- The above will exist until normal conditions return and the supply crisis is fixed.
- This transforms the Government finances as it puts the cost on the producer not the taxpayer, which is what unsettled markets so much in September 2022. The windfall tax would be scrapped as the producers are no longer making windfall profits under this plan.

Westminster's Net Zero plans send our jobs and money overseas, making us Net Poorer.

THE SUPPLY CRISIS: MORE SUPPLY = LOWER PRICES

Energy security is of strategic national importance and we must be self reliant. We are blessed with vast different energy resources under our feet that can look after us for at least 50 years or more.

We need a National Planning with Local Compensation scheme to accelerate new energy sources:

- Accelerate gas and oil exploration in the North Sea.
- Build High Efficiency Combined Cycle gas turbines.
- Accelerate the commission of the latest nuclear reactors including small modular ones.
- Unlock the vast reserves of shale gas using the latest safest techniques.
- Restart opencast coal mines using the latest cleanest techniques.

- Accelerate lithium mining in UK to help with electric battery production, instead of relying on less environmentally sound mines overseas.
- **No more expensive subsidies for renewables — they must stand on their own merit.**

THE REFORM UK PLAN WILL:

- Save huge amounts of emissions by using our own energy treasure compared with the extra CO₂ created when importing energy from overseas.
- Save and create many thousands of British jobs in the regions.
- Save households and businesses money.

This is the best and easiest way to unlock vast wealth in the ground for the benefit of us all. We should establish a Sovereign Wealth fund from this, as Norway did so successfully.

Reform UK will create a new win-win model of UK ownership of critical national infrastructure. Certain key utilities including parts of the energy market should be 50% in public ownership, to reduce consumer costs and stop overseas ownership of our critical national infrastructure. The other 50% would be owned by UK pension funds. This will enable a win-win situation, with consumers benefiting from lower prices, the taxpayer benefitting during good

years and all benefiting from better management of private sector expertise brought in by the pension funds.

The Government's current Net Zero plans are destroying British jobs — sending them overseas, especially to China — and are leading to huge increases in domestic bills every year to pay to overseas-owned energy firms. This is both unacceptable and unnecessary.

Be under no doubt, Westminster's Net Zero makes us Net Poorer.

**WE WILL CREATE A NEW WIN-WIN SYSTEM
OF OWNERSHIP FOR KEY UK UTILITIES
TO CUT BILLS:**

50% | 50%

**Taxpayer
Owned**

**UK Pension Fund
Owned**

+ PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERTISE



AN HONEST DEBATE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

It is important to be able to debate and discuss issues such as climate change, rather than face the smears and cancellation threats that spread throughout public life.

Reform UK fully accepts that climate change is real, after all it has happened for millions of years based on multiple factors completely outside human control or influence. Warming has of course taken place over the last approximately 150 years, with signs over recent years that it is now leveling off. Humans have had an impact on this global warming, though scientists disagree as to how much. Those who think that getting to Net Zero will stop climate change are in fact just denying reality. Even the IPCC's latest assessment report admits that if we get to Net Zero, it would take another 200-1,000 years before sea levels stopped rising (hardly definitive in timing but clearly a long way off!). So we would be better to adapt, by spending far less money more wisely, for example on sea level defences where needed. This is more sensible than wasting trillions of pounds trying to stop climate change, when it has always changed and always will change.

There is plenty of climate good news that you will not hear on mainstream news outlets who wish to preach doom and gloom such as:

- The Great Barrier Reef has seen coral cover return to record levels just five years after the consensus of climate experts said it was permanently damaged beyond recovery.
- Extreme weather events have always occurred, but thanks to human adaptation and ingenuity, result in some 96% fewer deaths per year than 100 years ago.
- The earth has increased in greenery over the last 30 years, partly thanks to higher CO₂ levels. CO₂ is a natural fertiliser, which is essential to plant life via photosynthesis, and without plants humans could not exist!
- The Arctic sea ice cover has increased since a low point in 2012 and is very close to 30 year average levels.
- Overall sea ice cover in Antarctica has not declined in recent decades.
- Polar bear numbers in the Arctic are increasing, not decreasing.

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