

UK INDEPENDENCE PARTY

Local Manifesto

10 GREAT REASONS TO VOTE UKIP IN THE LOCAL ELECTION

- ✓ Put local people first for housing and services
- ✓ Referendums on major local issues
- ✓ Protect our green spaces. No farms = no food
- ✓ End the war on motorists
- ✓ End woke, politically correct, policing. Crack down on crime and anti-social behaviour
- ✓ End council waste, stop promoting woke, politically correct causes and keep Council Tax low. No cuts to public services.
- ✓ Money for local services. No foreign aid. No foreign wars
- ✓ No more climate emergencies
- ✓ Reverse NHS cuts to doctors and dentists
- ✓ Support small business by scrapping business rates and regenerating town centres

Local councils spend ever more of your council tax on climate emergencies, closing roads, obstructing traffic, housing cross-channel migrants and all kinds of pointless initiatives. They just expect local people to go on paying without protest while local services get worse and worse and local taxpayers go to the back of the queue.

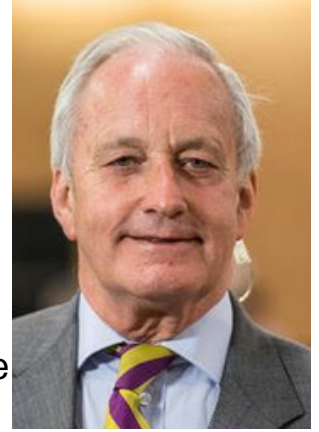
Our councillors reject all that and will take a different approach

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UKIP – PUTTING LOCAL PEOPLE FIRST

Leader of the UK Independence Party - UKIP



VOTE UKIP TO CHANGE LOCAL POLITICS

This election is NOT about changing the government. It is about changing your council. It is all about local issues, and local policies. Remember your local authority provides most of the day-to-day services that you rely on, not the government.

So why vote UKIP in your local elections?

We need change in local government. Your council should exist to serve your community, not just spend your money.

UKIP stands for efficient, accountable and cost-effective local services.

The prime focus of your local authority should be on smooth running of your services such as planning, housing, education, local refuse and recycling, parks, leisure facilities, transport, libraries and keeping you safe. UKIP believes these services must run effectively and efficiently before your councillors even think about spending money on vanity projects.

UKIP will put power back where it belongs - with your local community.

UKIP councillors will always work hard for the best interests of local people. Your priorities are their priorities. UKIP will put important local issues to binding local referenda so you can be confident that if you vote UKIP, you will elect councillors who will put taxpayers first.

Population growth is putting pressure on social services, the benefits system, social housing, school places and health care. According to ONS, in the year ending June 2023, the provisional estimate of long-term immigration was 1.18 million which is an estimated increase of 102,000 compared with 2022.

UKIP wants to keep the National Health Service free; to prevent developers from concreting over the countryside; to protect our pensioners; and help our young people to find work.

We are still the only party being honest about the effects of immigration on jobs and housing. How will your local council cope with further increases in demand? I urge you to use the local elections as an opportunity to change the status quo of local government in your area, by voting for a UKIP councillor.

Neil Hamilton
Party Leader

HOW WE WILL CUT COUNCIL TAX AND SAVE YOU MONEY

- **Reduce the number of highly paid council executives, managers, and bureaucrats and spend the money saved on front-line services.**
- **Cut excessive allowances, bonuses and expenses for council staff.**
- **Slash excessive pay deals for senior council staff.**
- **Keep your Council Tax as low as possible while protecting essential services.**
- **Cut councils' advertising and self-promotion budgets.**
- **Abolish non-essential and woke, politically correct non-jobs and red tape.**
- **Build partnerships to reduce costs.**
- **End wasteful subsidies to 'renewable energy scams', like wind turbines and solar farms.**
- **Reduce bureaucracy and waste in the education system and make it easier for schools to sack bad teachers.**
- **Sell unused council-owned property and assets.**
- **Scrap non-essential council booklets, magazines, and newspapers.**

YOU WERE NEVER ASKED!

- Ever more towns and cities are calling themselves 'Cities of Sanctuary', housing and taking care of people who have never contributed to the local area. Why? When councils can't even meet the housing needs of those born and bred there.
- Many councils are profligate, and borrow money to finance vanity projects, knowing they can just increase your Council tax, while blaming the increase on cuts in government funding.
- Many councils are installing new cycle and bus lanes, road charging zones (ULEZ and CAZ), 15-minute cities, 20 MPH speed limits and low traffic neighbourhoods (LTN) in the face of local opposition.

Only the UK Independence Party will put major decisions that affect your communities to binding local referenda.

Let the local people decide

OUR KEY OBJECTIVES

- **Keep council tax as low as possible**
- **Control immigration to relieve pressure on our health, education, housing, and welfare services**
- **Protect green spaces from excessive housing development, wind turbines, solar farms and non-productive re-wilding schemes**
- **Put more police on the streets, to crack down hard on crime, anti-social behaviour and especially knife-crime**
- **Cut highly paid council executives, and protect front-line staff and services**
- **Give real decision-making powers to local communities**
- **Use money for local services, not foreign aid or foreign wars**

UKIP IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

VOTE FOR THE UK INDEPENDENCE PARTY TO ACHIEVE CHANGE IN LOCAL POLITICS

We will stand up for local people

We stand against the politically correct, establishment elite. That is why we are relevant in local elections. We stand up for local people against bureaucracy and red tape and against the woke politicians of the entrenched legacy parties.

We will put communities back in charge

Our councillors will make a big difference. Where we hold the balance of power, they will ensure that councils listen to communities, by taking power away from party political cabinets and party-political leaders and move governance of town halls to systems that are more democratic.

Our councillors refuse to be politically driven or 'politically correct'. They will always stand up for local people and common sense, rather than toeing our party line. This is often a shock for politicians from the legacy parties but is the 'shot in the arm' that our town halls need.

Our councillors will work hard

Clear differences that residents have commented on in past are that our councillors seem more practical and work harder than legacy party politicians. Our councillors just roll up their sleeves and get on with the job.

In council chambers, our councillors will fight for older people's services and accommodation, fight to protect our greenspaces, oppose parking charges, unrealistic 20 MPH speed limits, road tolls, clean air charging zones (CAZ), ultra low emission charging zones (ULEZ), low traffic zones (LTN) with bollards and planters, solar arrays, wind farms and large housing estates.

OUR PRIORITIES

- **Local referendums**

We will bring power back to the people. Major decisions must be subject to binding local referendums if the people demand them. On the petition of 5% of the population within 3 months, we will put major planning and local service decisions to a democratic vote of all affected residents.

- **Regain control over development**

Our housing, education, health, and social services cannot cope with constantly rising numbers of people coming to live and work here. The government is now riding roughshod over local people's wishes with mass immigration without the new services or infrastructure to go with it.

- **Prioritising services for local people**

We will end benefit and health tourism and give priority to local people for housing, education, health, and social services. In planning, our councillors will respect local people's opinions, and not overrule them.

- **Local government for local people**

We will provide incentives to encourage enterprise; attract jobs and regenerate town centres, including developing empty properties and brown-field sites to meet local housing needs. Veterans and people with a proven link to their local area should get priority access to local housing and services.

- **Spending our money at home**

In 2022 £12,774 million, (an increase of £1,352 million on 2021) went out in foreign aid, while jobs, services and benefits suffered serious cutbacks at home. We strongly believe that we must save that money to help re-build our debt-ridden economy.

- **Fighting crime and anti-social behaviour**

Britain's communities suffer from an unacceptable level of crime and anti-social behaviour. We must overhaul the system to make sentences meaningful, rehabilitate offenders, deport foreign criminals, free up the police from excessive form filling and tackle nuisance neighbours and anti-social behaviour.

OUR KEY LOCAL POLICIES

Local Democracy

We will bring back power to YOU the people. Major decisions that affect the life and well-being of your community, for example, major housing developments, should be subject to binding local referenda. We oppose the 'cabinet' system of local governance and we advocate a return to a committee system, which brings more openness and transparency, thus facilitating cross party collaborative working. The community is "boss" and our councillors will be free to use their own judgement to serve the wishes of those who elected them. We will not apply the party whip to our elected councillors and we will give them freedom to vote how they choose. We oppose elected mayors and will scrap them to return decision making in England and Wales to locally elected councillors.

Small Businesses, Economy & Enterprise

Our councillors will work to reduce taxes and costs on businesses to help stimulate the local economy. We will abolish all business rates because they are now a major cause of the loss of high street shops and industrial estate businesses. We will make it easier for small and medium-sized businesses to function and employ local people to increase prosperity. We will help local shops and traders by incentivising local authorities all over the UK to provide adequate parking facilities with at least 30 minutes of free parking in every town centre and local shopping parade.

Housing

We will protect your green spaces by building new homes and commercial developments on brown-field sites and offering incentives to re-use empty homes. We will terminate queue jumping of social housing waiting lists by recent arrivals and others above local people who have spent years on those lists.

Education

We will create more grammar schools, which, historically, were a route for less privileged children into higher education. We will create technical colleges and encourage vocational training to give our young people the necessary skills for the workplace.

Public Health and Social Care

We put local communities first. We oppose health tourism and cuts to front-line NHS doctors, nurses, and dentists. We will change National Insurance to a National Health Insurance to properly fund the NHS separately from other public expenditure.

Climate Emergencies

We oppose councils declaring climate emergencies and we will not tolerate elite, well-heeled councillors telling working class residents how they must live, especially when the council elite do very nicely out of the green economy and the working classes just suffer the consequences and pay the bills.

OUR KEY LOCAL POLICIES

Transport

We will end the war on motorists. We will return to general use all bus and cycle lanes, which are largely unused and cause tailbacks in remaining lanes. We will remove Low Traffic Zones and streets reduced to dead ends with bollards and planters. These cause longer journey times while roads we pay for become unusable. We will restore default speed limits and improve road maintenance. We will end all forms of congestion charging, clean air charges and ULEZ zones, 15 minute cities, punitive car park fees and many kerbside parking fees. Vehicle owners already pay heavily for Vehicle Excise Duty and Fuel Duty while cyclists have dedicated lanes of their own and pay nothing. Mending potholes will be our priority. We will upgrade public transport and maintain and reinstate local bus routes that rural and local communities depend on.

Services

Many councils have begun to look at recycling, rubbish, and waste collections once every three weeks to cut costs. We will ensure a minimum frequency of recycling and waste collections of once a fortnight. Residents pay for recycling, rubbish, and waste services through council tax. We aim to make domestic (non-commercial) waste services free at the point of delivery. There should be no additional taxes or payments for householders at point of delivery in recycling centres.

Protect our Culture, Heritage and History

We will preserve our public libraries and develop a local buildings listing programme to allow communities to protect buildings of local importance. We oppose selective removal of historical literature or cultural material from places of learning and we believe the role of schools and academies is to educate our young to be aware of and proud of UK history and heritage.

Safer Communities

We will keep real police officers on the beat and reverse the scrapping of front-line police jobs. We will adopt a zero-tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour and crack down on nuisance neighbours. The UK is suffering from high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour. Many communities suffer from drug related crime, knife crime and gang violence. We will invest in local policing to protect your communities. We oppose and will scrap Police and Crime Commissioners, along with their expensive offices and highly paid officials. We will return oversight of our police services in England and Wales to boards made up of locally elected councillors.

Energise the voluntary sector

We believe that the best decisions are local decisions. Community groups and volunteers are often more capable of running facilities and services than councils or the State. The UK Independence Party will achieve much more by supporting, empowering and energising local groups.

WHY NOT JOIN US?

OUR Common Sense Policies

Government at local and national level has become too remote. The political elite have forgotten they work for us. Bureaucrats and professional politicians have taken over and they ignore the people they serve.

The UK Independence Party will bring back power to the people.

Our councillors will make the right decisions for local people, and not just toe our party line.

Our common-sense policies will improve people's lives and your local council under UKIP's leadership will do what established local residents want and need, but no more.

If you support our policies, and would like to join our party, please visit ukip.org/join today



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