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# Introduction



Our party believes in local responsibility and local democracy. We believe the people best qualified to make local decisions are those elected in their local communities. We therefore believe authority should be devolved to the lowest practical local level.

We also believe local referenda, called by popular demand, should bind local authorities. Our councillors will press for such measures.

We believe it is the elementary right of local people everywhere to feel secure in their homes and their communities and to demand the best of their police. Our policy is one of zero tolerance on crime, and we mean it.

Within this document, we have attempted to restrict ourselves to the powers exercised by local authorities. Naturally, we cannot entirely ignore central government and its detrimental effect on local government throughout our country. For example, the torrent of Directives from the EU, EU regulation and EU costs inflict an enormous burden on local people and local councils. The UK's membership fees to the EU of over £45 million/day come from your pockets, while the EU's Landfill Directive – to quote one example alone – is estimated to cost the average council as much as £3m/annum. We will withdraw the UK from the EU, lift the burden of regulation and restore democracy to our own elected parliamentary and council representatives.

Immigration and multiculturalism are further burdens costing our country over £35 million/day. Multiculturalism divides local communities and creates expensive strains in terms of crime, the availability of housing, health provision, education and care for our elderly. Local councils spend a fortune enforcing political correctness with “diversity” training schemes and the employment of “community” equality officers, race-relations officials and the like. We will halt immigration, reverse the multicultural society – which the Lib/Lab/Cons have imposed without any consent or consultation – and sever all these unnecessary costs. We will endeavour to put this money back into your pocket, where it belongs, and we shall always put the British people first.

In our national manifesto in 2010, we promised to “devolve all powers properly capable of exercise to local level and revived County Council government, returning to the ancient and traditional pre-1974 boundaries. These powers to include control over Planning”. We also promised to abolish all non-elected English regional administrations and authorities. These remain our national aims.\*

Over the next two years the Lib-Con coalition government will cut essential local services, finishing where Labour began. They will do nothing to cut real waste and bureaucracy. By contrast, we have developed – and outline below – a programme of common sense cost-cutting that will not only save money but will also reverse the damaging tide of political correctness, while keeping all essential services for local people.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Griffin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Nick Griffin, MEP**  
Chairman, British National Party

\* Our 2010 manifesto may be read via the link: <http://communications.bnp.org.uk/ge2010manifesto.pdf>

# Policies in a Nutshell

## PLANNING

- Halt greenfield development: the countryside is a rural heritage, which we wish safeguarded for future generations.

Rural development creates congestion, noise, pollution, expensive infrastructure, new roads and raises the risk of flooding – and it hastens the decline of local agriculture.

The underlying reason for new housing – which Con/Lib/Lab/Green/Ukip spokesmen dare not explain – is mass immigration and the growing families of high-birth-rate migrants. This process causes local people to flee from the crime-ridden multicultural cities.

- Restrict new development to “brownfield” sites and sympathetic infill, excepting in exceptional circumstances, approved by local referenda.

Our desire is to preserve what remains of our counties, hamlets, heritage, traditions and communities.

- Halt all windfarm developments, which are inefficient, expensive and a blight on the landscape.
- Zero tolerance for “travellers” and their illegal anti-social activities. We shall require their prompt eviction from private and council land where they are illegally camped and ensure they are held financially accountable for their costly activities.

## LOCAL DEMOCRACY

- Devolve power to the lowest practical local level.
- Grant local people the right to call binding local referenda on local issues, such as major planning proposals – 12.5% threshold of the registered electorate sufficient to qualify to demand a poll.



## **CUT UNNECESSARY COUNCIL EXPENDITURE**

- End all council salaries over £100,000.
- Cut councillors' expenses and remuneration.
- Abolish all targets and quotas for minority representation in all areas of council employment, including companies engaged by councils.
- Abolish politically correct training, diversity brainwashing and indoctrination of the police, teachers, and employees in the public sector, including Common Purpose subversion of the democratic process.
- Abolish minority-specific bodies and similar organisations.
- Ensure that the only languages permitted in local council literature are English, Welsh and Gaelic, where applicable.
- Abolish translation services for all non-indigenous languages. If immigrants do not respect us enough to speak English, why should they receive a penny of our taxes?
- End bogus "climate change" expenditure on salaries and advisors (nationally, this is costing the UK £20bn/annum).

## **PUTTING LOCAL PEOPLE FIRST IN HOUSING, EDUCATION AND CARE**

- We shall always put local people first in terms of housing, education and care – unless specifically forbidden by central government authority.
- Campaign to cease all further immigration, which overwhelms our social services and educational facilities and reduces the availability of housing for our young and elderly.
- Discourage the settlement of migrants and asylum seekers, who arrive as a result of central government policies.
- Secure local housing for local people and end the politically correct criteria that give preference to migrants with large families.

## CRIME

- Zero tolerance for all crime: we shall ensure it is the criminals who live in fear, not their victims.
- Police: we shall ensure the police increase their patrols, cut internal red tape and target anti-social crime, drug-related offences, vandalism, theft and burglary.
- Evict troublemakers from estates.
- Remove politically correct senior police officers and ensure the police remain the servants of the people, not the agents of the politically correct state.
- Ensure that local people are able to demand a referendum to impose policing priorities where County Councillors fail to represent public opinion.
- Campaign against votes for prisoners, campaign to build more jails and campaign to employ prison labour to strengthen our coastline and sea defences.

## TRANSPORT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- Place a moratorium on out-of-town retail developments, which encourage car dependence, increase congestion and disadvantage the smaller high-street shops, pensioners, single mothers and the poor.  
All developments to concentrate on brownfield sites, linked by public transport.
- Phase out speed cameras excepting in urban areas where they are necessary to road safety, especially accident black spots.
- Oppose cuts to local bus services.
- Influence railway companies to avoid closing vital railway links and remove as much heavy goods traffic off our roads as possible.

## **SECURING LOCAL SERVICES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE**

- We shall increase the presence of the police in the community.
- Raise the availability of free parking in local towns by introducing taxes on out-of-town shopping centres.
- Prioritise the availability of local sports facilities for young people. Sport encourages esprit de corps, camaraderie, friendship and teamwork.
- Put local pensioners before immigrants and asylum seekers.
- Oppose cuts to libraries.

## **LOCAL BUSINESS**

- Encourage local business to employ local people with incentives, including local business rates' relief.
- Encourage new businesses with local business rates' relief.
- Crack down on the burglary epidemic afflicting small business premises.

## LOCAL HEALTH CARE FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

- No downgrading of local hospitals “on the quiet”. We will campaign against plans to scrap local hospitals in favour of giant, impersonal factory-type hospitals that are distant and remote to relatives.
- Prioritise health care for the elderly. No more closure of nursing homes.
- Place emphasis on healthy living and healthy diets. Reintroduce meals rich in vegetables and fibre at schools, council canteens and other institutions.
- Ensure that, wherever possible, council canteens, schools and other institutions purchase locally produced food, which will be fresher and healthier. This will assist local business and strengthen the links between, for example, schools and their local communities.
- Introduce democracy to the current NHS Boards, to which a proportion of health care professionals will be elected at the time of local elections.
- Press for free parking at hospitals.

## EDUCATION FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

- Emphasise the “three Rs”, reintroduce British history and end useless, politically correct, social engineering courses in such subjects as world citizenship studies.
- Reintroduce Christian assemblies, as a cornerstone for a decent, civilized society.
- End special language coaching for minorities, which drains resources from local children.
- Encourage competitive sports, which teach esprit de corps, teamwork, social interaction and promote good health.
- Re-introduce Grammar schools but with a rigorous and scrutinised uniform method of selection, so that children from the poorest backgrounds are able to achieve their optimum level.
- Campaign to reverse increases to tuition fees and selective reintroduction of the student grant on merit.
- End bogus overseas student studying scams.
- Reintroduce vocational apprenticeships and cut useless degree courses that lure youngsters into a lifetime of debt for no benefit either to them or society.
- Zero tolerance for paedophiles in the community.
- Cease the provision of the barbaric halal slaughtered meat in schools.
- Enforce strict discipline.







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