

BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND REGULATORY REFORM

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- Cease to out source to the private sector what can be done by the local councils and state. This will include refuse collection, maintenance of public buildings (libraries, town halls, schools etc) with a view to optimising procurement pricing.
- Bring Britain out of the European Union (See Europe) and set about redeveloping industry lost to other European Countries and supporting companies to export. We want companies to take on apprentices again and we will support these apprentices with affordable housing on a trainee's wage without employees having to buy.
- Reduce Britain's reliance upon imports so as the balance of trade can be restored and the countries borrowing repaid without the need to cut budgets further or sell off public services to private industry.
- Liquidate the states holding in the private banks at the earliest opportunity using the proceeds to nationalize industries more suited to being under state control such as public transport and the utility companies (see Energy and Climate Change. Also. Transport).
- Introduce regulatory controls on the private financial sector to limit the amount of credit that may be extended linked to a customer's ability to repay.
- Return all financial regulation of the financial sector to the Bank of England, in the process abolishing the Financial Securities Authority and giving the Bank of England management control of the Consumer Credit ACT in order to bring existing three areas of regulation under a single umbrella authority.

CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

The Nationwide Reform Party want:

- All state schools to teach a traditional curriculum; separating subjects that have recently been incorporated as a single subject and reintroducing subjects that have disappeared; which may better provide life skills to children leaving school.
- To empower school to be able to discipline children – it is important that the teachers be put back in control of the classrooms without fear of punishment for acting in the best interests of the majority of pupils.
- To remove the league tables of schools so as every state school offers the same opportunity to its pupils. Thereby removing the need for a school in a particular postcode to be favoured.
- To extend opening hours of schools in order that the children of working parents can be dropped off and cared for on school premises with a supervised program from 7 AM until classes begin. Also for schools to remain open until 7 PM in order that a similar level of supervised care can be provided (along with use of sports equipment and supervision of home work) until working parents can collect their children.
- To make school classrooms available after 7 PM for the teaching adults whose generations may have been let down by the education system or who are immigrants to Britain and may not have had the benefit of a full education.
- Tougher line on truancy and attendance of classes.

COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Nationwide Reform Party want to:

- Remove party politics from local government – making all councillors independent; representing the community where they live providing direct feed back to the House of Commons via their Member of Parliament.
- Councils to be a local office, accessible to the public, of central Government at Westminster with all ministries represented in the local areas.
- Have councils continue to collect the Council Tax but instead of using this income to fund their own budget the taxes collected should be credited to the Treasury – councils would then present their annual budget to central Government for approval of their required funding. Allowing better control of spending – extinguishing councils borrowing from private sector banking institutions at commercial rates and investing surplus funds in risky ventures.

- All councils to follow the dictates of central Government at Westminster – in order that decisions affecting communities across the country can be taken once rather than by multiple councils; minimizing time spent in committee at the tax payers expense and wiping out the existing postcode lottery on level of services. If one council gets it then the whole country gets it. EG. Either refuse collection stays weekly (favoured by the Nationwide Reform Party) or everybody gets a fortnightly collection. Every council should be brought into line on recycling rather than doing their own thing. – For too long Britain has voted in one party to run the country and then voted in a different party (often with opposing policy) to run the cities, towns and villages if central Government is to take responsibility for the country and deliver an identical level service to all parts of Britain it must have control but working in unison with local councils so as everybody involved in managing the country is pulling in the same direction.
- Encourage all professional sporting clubs and their salaried sports men and women – including the big football clubs and players – to voluntarily make available their facilities and personnel to provide youths with somewhere to go, and to give them a purpose into which they can devote their energies.
- Send more offenders to prison for longer periods of time in order that the punishment becomes a deterrent to the young throwing their lives away – we want to make youths think twice and even three times before committing crime. (See Justice – legal system and punishment). At the same time we want to create more career job opportunities in the form of apprenticeships that will lead somewhere giving them opportunities of real employment when they leave school. (See Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform). We want to make houses available to rent suitable for all levels of income without waiting lists or having to be means tested as currently exists for social housing.

CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT

The Nationwide Reform Party believes:

- That while the Labour Party was ill advised and had failed to take account of potential problems facing Britain when they pursued a bid for the 2012 Olympic Games it is now a matter of national pride that we hold these games and present a world class event with the whole country uniting to this end. Under no circumstances should Britain allow the games to be taken away or that we should fail to be ready.
- The BBC should now be sold off to private enterprise and the television licence fee phased out within 18 months of the sale.

DEFENCE

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- With immediate effect support the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq and Afghanistan where we seen as aggressors and are inappropriate to being part of the United Nations peace keeping force – Britain should remove its visible presence in Afghanistan but should remain at the heart of negotiations for peace but allowing the Afghan people to decide for themselves how they should be governed; if that be by following the principles of Islam that that must be their decision not the decision of Western nations.
- Put in place a plan to re-equip all armed services with suitable modern equipment to carry out whatever role they are called upon to deliver over the next five years.
- Take whatever steps are necessary to convert our entire naval fleet to be nuclear powered within the next 20 years – with any ship building or conversions being carried out in Britain using British labour.
- Notwithstanding Britain's commitment to NATO and the European Union, work over the next ten years to build in Britain our own jet fighter for the protection of our country with all component parts manufactured in Britain. It is inconceivable that as a country we should be reliant upon those countries that over the last 1000 years have posed the greatest threat to our countries independence or that we should be importing technology that we already have at the expense of British financial reserves.

ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- As a matter of urgency seek to nationalise the utility industries, specifically: Gas, Electricity (Including the National Grid and Nuclear Power) and Water bringing these industries 100% under the direct control of Britain.

- Put in place a plan to be implemented over the next 20 years to convert all gas fuelled appliances and facilities to electric.
- Implement a building program for new nuclear power stations, to replace existing power stations fuels by oil, gas and coal, by the year 2025.
- With immediate effect commence a program to up grade the capacity of the National Grid. Not just to meet increasing demands as the country converts from gas, and in turn oil, to Electricity but to enable the grid to take back surplus electricity produced by wind turbines and solar panels attached to buildings to supplement supplies of electricity.
- With immediate effect make it a condition that all new build properties, all extensions, conversions and refurbishments requiring planning consent include a suitable element of supplemental energy either from wind turbines and / or solar panelling as appropriate.
- Build a small number of desalination units on the coast to convert sea water to fresh water that can be used to supplement water supplies to British Reservoirs. At the same time we will lay a pipeline between the reservoirs of Britain in order that should one area experience a reduction in level of water reserves we can transfer water from reservoirs with plenty.
- Fund, as a matter of urgency, investigations to find an appropriate method to clean up the by product waste of producing nuclear power which will be cost effective and in a manner that does not threaten planet Earth.

ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- Subject to gaining our freedom from the European Union seek to enter into treaties with countries of the Commonwealth to accommodate farms, owned and managed by British farmers and / British supermarkets that will provide food for Britain. In exchange Britain will underwrite investment in these farming communities in the Commonwealth countries to provide schools, hospitals and the infrastructure of new towns.
- Ensure that Britain has its own merchant fleet (nuclear powered vessels) that can carry produce to our shores and on the return journey carry British exports to help the overseas country develop further and to provide a improved quality of life for expatriates living abroad managing the production of our offshore agricultural industry. Those shipping routes will be protected by the British Royal Navy and our air force while our army will provide protection as necessary to those countries of the commonwealth essential to the British people avoiding starvation.
- Endeavour to drive down the cost of land so as new houses can once again be built affordably with gardens (or allotments in the case of flats / apartments) of a size where people can once again grow their own vegetables.

EUROPE

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- At the earliest convenience hold a referendum on whether Britain should stay in the European Union and will encourage a vote that Britain leave the Union as soon as possible.
- Repel laws and red tape imposed upon British companies by the European Parliament that have been damaging to Britain's business. Only where laws have been in the best interest of our companies, their employees and the country as a whole will these be retained and incorporated into British ACTS of Parliament or case law.
- Seek to negotiate new trade treaties with Commonwealth countries as a matter of urgency (See Foreign and Commonwealth).

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH

The Nationwide Reform Party will

- Subject to coming out of Europe, seek new trade agreements with the Commonwealth countries which is a far larger trading block, that has historic links through laws and language, for the supply of commodities,

raw materials and agricultural produce to regenerate Britain as an independent nation free of the constraints of Europe; enabling new industry in our own country, developing a vibrant export trade to clear our international debts, and to ensure that Britain had sufficient food to feed the entire population.

- Subject to bringing our armed forces out of Iraq and Afghanistan, seek UN approval to militarily support (if necessary) the removal of Mugabe as the President of Zimbabwe and redevelopment of that country within the Commonwealth.

HEALTH

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- Seek to separate the activities of the private health sector from those of the NHS. Separate hospitals and facilities, separate staff.
- Seek to abolish the budget for health. Health treatment is not something that can be budgeted if care is to be given in a timely manner when a person is ill, injured or suffering and the state must rise to meet the cost.
- Demand that England and Northern Ireland follow Scotland and Wales in making prescriptions free to all.
- Overall the doctors surgeries to make the surgeries and doctors available to patients at convenient times reflecting that many patients jobs can be jeopardised by having to take time off work and that a patients health does not take precedent over all else in their lives. Ideally this may result a move to 24 hour walk in clinics with all patients records available on computer wherever a patient needs to attend anywhere in the country reflecting peoples need to travel and commute for work.
- Ensure that everybody who wants NHS dental treatment can get dental treatment and that such treatments should also be free like prescriptions. Further we want to see all dentists offering the highest standard of dental care available – adopting practices standard in third world countries but until now only available under private dental care plans.
- Establish new care facilities for temporary and long stay patients to relieve the strain placed on the community and the need for many families to have to give their time to act as full time carers. If a person is an appropriate carer then there is no reason why they should not be employed by the state full time to care for more than one person in a specialized unit rather than being paid by the state to care for a relative.
- Introduce a compulsory medical insurance requirement for all immigrants and visitors to Britain that will be backed by the NHS.

HOME OFFICE – Police and Immigration

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- Put more police on the streets, walking a beat, creating a more visible presence in Communities and on Britain's roads
- Have community officers and highways agency officers properly trained and taken into the regular police force and the un-empowered bodied phased out.
- Have police actively following up all crimes but with the authority to waive creating a criminal record for a misdemeanour offence.
- Offer an amnesty for illegal immigrants to surrender themselves to the authorities with a view to being granted asylum or being repatriated to their own country. At the same time we will introduce new laws that will result in large fines upon any company found employing a person without a valid National Insurance Number of their own.
- Will support the introduction of identity cards for British nationals and temporary cards for immigrants granted work permits of residency. However, we would seek to expand the function of the identity card to incorporate the driving licence and National Insurance Number card.
- Introduce new controls on immigration and visitors to Britain to ensure that those that enter the country actually leave by their appointed time. This will include European migrant workers – subject to Britain coming out of the European Union (See Europe) - who may see Britain as a favourable country to work in due to the higher wages paid to British workers.

HOUSING

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- Build new residential properties (appropriate to all ages and marital statuses) that will be owned the state and managed via local councils. These properties will not be handed over to housing associations, arms length management companies or incorporated into council managed social housing stocks. Further, these properties will be available to all people at an affordable rent set by the state – they will not be means tested nor will tenants have the right to buy the property. It is proposed that these properties will be funded by the state pension scheme and rents will be used to pay pensions (See Work and Pensions) with both rents index linked to inflation to ensure pension payments rise in tandem.
- Endeavour to force down the cost of land made available for residential and industrial development. However, beyond introducing regulatory controls on the amount of credit banks can extend to individuals (See Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform) the NRP does not propose at this stage intervene with the finance of private house purchases or the business of developing private residential properties.
- Introduce an insurance policy for private home owners or renters to guarantee their mortgage or rental payments in the event of being made unemployed. The idea being that in conjunction with a reform of the benefits system a persons home and basic needs (as provided by the utility companies) would be secured.

INNOVATION, UNIVERSITIES AND SKILLS

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- Seek to improve the standard of education children receive in state schools.
- Endeavour to assist pupils selecting subjects to be studied to exam level to simultaneously plan a ten year career strategy that will see them select appropriate subjects, prepare the pupil for an appropriate university and with an exit strategy into industry or the public sector to meet demand.
- Assist schools in career planning for pupils by having the Government forward planning to identify what demand is anticipated will exist when the student is ready to exit college or university on to the jobs market so as to avoid leavers securing their academic qualifications only to discover no jobs exist – the idea being that we will train the student to fill the anticipated vacancies with appropriately tutored candidates rather than following current practice of creating the jobs to absorb an the available workforce that is unemployed and forgetting what they may have already learnt.
- Look at privatising all universities and placing the onus upon private and public sector employers to fund further education as part of an offered apprenticeship or management training program.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- Invest heavily in re-developing Britain as a major exporting country.
- Give skills to the next generation of school (See Innovation Universities and Skills) to meet demand for skilled and trained workers so that we no longer are reliant on immigrant labour.
- Investigate what barriers we can exploit to import trade and the flow of currency out of Britain while remaining within international treaties to ensure we return to a positive balance of payments and can repay the Countries borrowings from trade revenue / earning rather than increased taxes and budget cuts. (See Treasury and Public Finances)
- Commit to raising Britain up off its knees as an economic force in the world; ensuring that we maintain our place at the negotiating table of G7 countries.

JUSTICE - Legal and Penal system

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- Build new prisons and we will seek to overall sentencing guidelines in order that convicted criminals should be incarcerated for a know period depending upon the crime – that period of time will reflect both the severity of the crime and serve to be a deterrent in advance of the crime being committed in order to make the person committing the crime to think twice.

- Ensure that the cost of housing prisoners is brought down – it is not acceptable that the cost of keeping a prisoner in jail should exceed what the average person in Britain earns as an honest wage.
- Remove contraband (drugs, mobile phones etc) from our prisons once and for all. Prison visits would also be greatly reduced and restricted. Prison in future will mean prison; with no home leave, no direct contact with the outside world etc via approved representatives and no parole for good behaviour (on the contrary; bad behaviour should result in a longer sentence).
- Give prisoners in jail, over the period of their extended sentence, every assistance to come off drugs breaking their dependency which is the cause of so much crime when prisoners are returned to the community on short sentences.
- Use the extended prison sentence to train prisoners in a useful trade and provide career assistance in order that upon being released they can secure gainful employment and be able to rent suitable accommodation (See Housing).
- The management of Britain's prison's and the transportation of Prisoners would be removed from private enterprise (where the state pays vast profits to the private contractor over and above the true cost) and will bring this function back into the management of the public sector where it rightly belongs. (The outsourcing of punishment to private enterprise operating for profit is ultimately result in budget cuts to maximise profits resulting in a failure to properly rehabilitate the prisoner to return to society or will lead to corruption creeping into the very mechanism designed to correct the behaviour of offenders).
- Hand the Supreme Court, that has been built to further bring Britain's legal process in line with that of mainland Europe (See Europe), over to the House of Lords as a purposeful centre for the hearing of legal appeals while maintaining 600 years of Britain's legal structure where the House of Lords was the highest court in the land presided over by Lords.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Nationwide Reform Party are already registered as a political party in Northern Ireland and looks forward to a developing the political structure put in place through the Northern Ireland Assembly and continuing to unite Northern Ireland with England, Scotland and Wales for the great good of the four nations.

SCOTLAND

The Nationwide Reform Party respects the Scottish desire to maintain their identity but cannot support giving Scotland Independence from Great Britain. The NRP are committed to maintaining the unity of England, Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland governed by Parliament at Westminster, with a single monarch and common laws. Where these differ between Scotland and other parts of the United Kingdom we would like to see the better law extended to cover all parts of the union of countries that are Great Britain and for the existing Parliament to take on a local representative role of Westminster that may even see Members of Parliament elected to Westminster sitting in the Scottish Parliament linked by electronic conferencing to reduce their time spent travelling and thereby reducing their carbon footprint.

TRANSPORT

The Nationwide Reform Party is committed to:

- Seeing the rail and bus services nationalised, the number of lines and routes increased (particularly between smaller towns and to rural areas), the period of daily service extended and cost of travel reduced.
- Putting more freight back on the rail networks – thereby reducing the number of juggernauts operating on British roads. Ideally we want to see all goods delivered from / to a rail head no more than 50 miles from origin / destination in England and Wales or 100 miles from origin / destination in Scotland and Northern Ireland (with the non rail portion of the journey being provided by trucks running on electric motors).
- Implementing a plan at the earliest convenience for the full electrification of all rail lines still running diesel engines.
- Converting the nations buses from petrol / diesel fuel to electric (with some services operated on tram lines in the inner cities).

TREASURY – Taxes and Public Finances

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- Look to redevelop Britain's trade with the rest of the world so as we can return the country to a positive balance of payments (See International Trade) thereby creating a surplus from which to repay the countries borrowings and to invest in the redevelopment of public services and invigorate private industry.
- Maintain taxes at their present levels but will seek to simplify the tax system
 - Combining PAYE and Employee National Insurance Contributions into a single tax.
 - Abolishing inheritance tax completely
 - Road tax will be retained with a lower rate for environmentally friendly vehicles.
 - TV Licence will be abolished – subject to and following the privatisation of the BBC (see Culture, Media and Sport).
 - VAT will be retained on existing terms
 - Employee National Insurance will be retained on existing terms.
 - Corporation tax will be retained on existing terms.

WALES

The Nationwide Reform Party respects the Welsh desire to maintain their cultural identity but the NRP are committed to maintaining the unity of England, Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland governed by Parliament at Westminster, with a single monarch and commonality in all things. Where these differ between Wales and other parts of the United Kingdom we would support maintaining the Welsh identity but through voluntary donations given to the Welsh Assembly that operate on a self funded basis by donations and run with charity status rather than being funded from the public purse and subsidised by English Tax payers. (It is inappropriate that a service as valuable as the air ambulance and life boat must operate solely on voluntary donations while the tax payers of England Scotland and Northern Ireland subsidise and minority of Welsh people that have not moved to live in England to maintain and revive their language spoken by only a few.

WORK AND PENSIONS

The Nationwide Reform Party will:

- Overall the Job Centre function in assisting the unemployed – seeking to have every vacancy advertised via the job centres who will act in a manner more of an employment agency rather than a benefit agency; charging employers a minimal fee for their services based on a scale of charges relative to the size of the employing company. I.E. All unemployed should register with the job centre it is therefore that all jobs be advertised be through the job centre (subject to pre-agreed terms to be negotiated) – at the same time changing the manner in which Job Centres process unemployed persons. In the process giving the Job centre a commercial role that will be a net generator of income to fund the service.
- Seek where possible the merging of Social Security Departments in the same building as the Job Centres in order that benefit claims, job seekers allowance can be more closely linked with a more efficient flow of information.
- The continued payment of the old age pension to retired workers, index linked, based on income from the rental homes program (See Housing).
- Subject to nationalisation of the utility industries (See Energy and Climate Change) we would like to see pensioners and benefit claimants receiving free or subsidised gas, electricity and heating. The cost of mortgage and private rent to be covered by a state indemnity scheme meaning contributions could be used primarily for food. It is presumed that pensioners would either own their own house or benefit from social housing provided by the state as part of the pension package.