<u>Government ditch promised youth policy</u> <u>statement – Cat Smith</u>

Cat Smith MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Voter Engagement and Youth Affairs, commenting on the Government's decision to ditch their promised youth policy statement, said:

"The General Election should have served as a wakeup call to a Conservative Party that has ignored young people for years, but this decision shows the Tories continue to treat young people as an afterthought.

"This indifference has real effects; figures for poverty, material deprivation and unemployment, all show young people are suffering the most under the Tories' austerity agenda.

"Labour in Government will prioritise young people's needs and ensure that youth policy and practice is coordinated across Government."