<u>Green Party announces 10 key</u> <u>Parliamentary Bills during election</u> manifesto launch



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The Green Party will announce 10 key pieces of legislation to kickstart the transformation of the country at the launch of its manifesto in south west London today.

The party will set out the Bills Green MPs will push for in the first two years of a new Parliament to tackle the climate emergency, secure the future of the country as part of the European Union and create an economy that is fair for all.

The centrepiece of the manifesto is the Green New Deal, a plan to transform the economic, political and social system to tackle the climate emergency and create a fair and equal society.

The full list of Bills the Greens will pledge to put forward in the next Parliament are:

- \cdot Green New Deal Bill to get the UK on track to reducing climate emissions to net zero by 2030
- \cdot **People's Vote Bill** to give people a chance to vote on the future of our relationship with the European Union
- \cdot NHS Reinstatement Bill to increase funding for the NHS by at least £6 billion per year each year, until 2030, and a further £1 billion a year in nursing higher education
- Further and Higher Education Bill to fund tuition for every higher education student and scrap undergraduate tuition fees
- \cdot Sustainable Economy Bill to set new binding targets to ensure our economy functions within environmental limits
- Future Generations Bill to require public bodies, including the UK government, to balance the needs of the present with the needs of the future.

- Universal Basic Income Bill to transform our social welfare system with a phased-in unconditional payment to everyone at a level above their subsistence needs.
- \cdot **New Homes Bill** to end the housing crisis by creating the legislative framework to build 100,000 new zero carbon homes for social rent each year.
- Renters' Rights Bill to transform the lives of renters across the country, making housing more secure and bringing rent levels down, especially in places where they currently far outstrip incomes
- **Voting Reform Bill** to replace the archaic first past the post voting system with proportional representation, create a fully elected House of Lords, and extend the vote to those aged 16 and 17.

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party of England and Wales, will say:

"Today, we're proud to put forward a manifesto which puts us on track to remain in the European Union and make the whole country carbon neutral by 2030, while delivering social justice across Britain.

"And it's the most ambitious Green New Deal proposed anywhere in the world.

"While the other parties are trying to catch up, we're still racing ahead, reaching new horizons."

Sian Berry, co-leader of The Green Party, will say:

"The Greens are clear about which path we must take as a country. And that's why each and every Green MP elected this December will have in their in-tray a legislative agenda ready to go.

"Ten Bills ready for the next Parliament to hit the ground running. Because the future won't give us another chance to get these next two years right."

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