

More economic pain and hardship isn't what people voted for, says Carla Denyer

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Responding to Keir Starmer's speech in which he said that the Labour government has inherited a £22bn black hole in the nation's finances, as well as a "societal black hole", **co-leader of the Green Party Carla Denyer MP said:**

"Enduring more economic pain and hardship isn't what people voted for. They were told they were voting for change. Not voting for things to get worse before they get better. Labour needs to be honest about the fact that they could choose to make things better for everyone if they were bolder and braver.

"What is being framed as tough choices is actually about political choices. People don't need a constant reminder that the Tories broke Britain. They need a new approach, not misguided fiscal rules that are set to make things worse.

"We must generate the funds needed for investment by shifting the burden away from the poorest onto the wealthiest. Labour's refusal to tax the super-rich shows that business as usual is very much still in business.

"Keir Starmer says the violent riots earlier this month exposed a deeply unhealthy society. But the health of a society can't be improved if it is forced to swallow the same failed medicine. The government can choose to provide the investment our communities are crying out for. This would help create hope and unleash the goodness of people to improve their communities."

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