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Gwynne MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, commenting

on Sajid Javid's speech at the LGA Conference, said:

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speech to local councillors at the LGA conference took no responsibility for the Tory-made crisis that local government is currently facing.

"There was no

acknowledgement of the Tories' 40

per cent cuts to local authorities since 2010, no mention of local government finance reform and still no clarity on the government's plan for reform of business rates.

"Local government need

leadership that will stand up for them and invest in local public services. This Tory Government has continually failed local communities — it is now time

for a Labour Government that will stand up for the many not the few."

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