

## [This Tory Government cannot spin its way out of a police funding crisis – Abbott](#)

**Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary**, speaking in response to the announcement of the police funding grant, said:

"This Tory Government cannot spin its way out of a police funding crisis.

"The truth is that today's announcement means a real terms cut to the police grant. Since 2010 the Tories have made huge cuts to the police, 20,000 police officers have been lost and an increasing number of overstretched forces say they cannot respond to certain crimes.

"Ministers have chosen to hammer the local taxpayer but the Communities Secretary admitted this will raise little under half of the real-terms cuts facing local forces. Further cuts in police officer numbers are now inevitable.

"Labour will protect police funding to keep communities safe."

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## [The Conservatives' part-privatisation of probation has been a costly failure – Imran Hussain](#)

**Imran Hussain MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Minister**, responding to the National Audit Office investigation into changes to Community Rehabilitation Company contracts, said:

"This is yet more evidence of how the Conservatives' part-privatisation of probation has been a costly failure that is placing the public at greater risk.

"The Government was warned that this privatisation would fail but it carried on regardless.

"As a result hundreds of millions of pounds are being wasted bailing out private probation companies which are not even meeting basic performance targets. The Conservatives should follow Labour's lead and begin a review into how and when it will return these probation services to public control."

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## Local government is under enormous pressure because of politically motivated Tory cuts – Gwynne

**Andrew Gwynne MP, Shadow Communities and Local Government Secretary,** responding to the Local Government Finance Settlement announced in the House of Commons by Sajid Javid, Communities and Local Government Secretary, said:

“Local government is under enormous pressure because of politically motivated Tory cuts that have hit the poorest areas hardest since 2010. Local councils have seen their budgets slashed by 40 per cent since the Tories came to power.

“The council tax precept has already proven to be an inadequate and short-term sticking plaster for a problem which needs long-term answers. Shifting the burden on to council tax payers creates a postcode lottery in services with the most deprived authorities suffering most.

“This Conservative Government won’t stand up for working people and ordinary families are paying the price as councils are forced to cut services to fill the gap. We need to elect as many Labour Councillors as possible on the 3rd May next year to stand up against these unfair Tory cuts.”

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## Under the Tories the fat cats of corporate Britain earn pay rise after pay rise – Long-Bailey

**Rebecca Long Bailey MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy,** commenting on the Investment Association Public Register of executive pay, said:

“Today’s register confirms that under the Tories, the fat cats of corporate Britain earn pay rise after pay rise, often against the advice of shareholders. This is all whilst ordinary workers are faced with stagnating wages and a cost of living crisis.

“The pay of some big bosses is clearly spiralling out of control. The register reveals the real impact of a system which puts the interests of the few over the many, a system that has left millions of people up and down the

country on low pay and in insecure, low skilled jobs.

"Labour will roll out a maximum pay ratio of 20:1 in companies bidding for public contracts. We will increase taxes on only the highest earners in order to raise vital funds for our struggling public services and create an economy that works for the many, not the few."

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## [We need to ensure Lammy report is a watershed moment in the struggle against racism and discrimination – Burgon](#)

**Richard Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary**, following the Government's Response to the Lammy Review into the treatment of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic individuals in the Criminal Justice System, said:

"David Lammy's review shone a spotlight on the widespread discrimination in our criminal justice system. His finding that there is a greater disproportionality in the number of black people in our prisons than in the USA is a source of shame for our society.

"While the Government accepts that much more needs to be done, it is disappointing that they are seeking to resolve the lack of diversity in our judiciary with watered down measures.

"Labour is committed to reviewing the judicial appointments process, to ensure a judiciary that is more representative of our society. Over the coming months, Labour will be holding the Government to account over its commitments made today and pressing it to go much further to ensure that the Lammy report is a watershed moment in the struggle against racism and discrimination."