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Diane Abbott, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, commenting on the Government's announcement of measures to protect children and young people from sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking, said

"This Government's hypocrisy is startling. Councils will face a £1.9 billion funding gap in children's services by 2020 and whilst this £40 million injection is welcome, it barely scratches the surface.

"The reality is that the crippling cuts have demoralised and damaged the capacity of child protection services to protect vulnerable children.

"Coupled with the shambolic handling of the Inquiry into Historic Child Sex Abuse, the treatment of the victims of child sex abuse and vulnerable children is inadequate and irresponsible.

"We must ensure children are safe and it is unclear how the Government can prove they take this task seriously with their planned £1.9 billion funding gap."

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Rebecca Long-Bailey, Labour's Shadow Business Secretary, commenting on the release of the list of employers who have failed to pay the national minimum and living wage, said:

"It is frankly disgraceful that a record number of employers have failed to pay their workers the basic minimum wage and hopefully the repercussions of being publicly named and shamed will act as a deterrent for other unscrupulous employers.

"However, the fact remains that the current so-called National Living Wage is

that in name only. The Chancellor even announced a cut in the rate at the Autumn Statement last year, leaving 2.7 million people over £1,300 worse off by 2020.

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Rayner, Labour’s Shadow Education Secretary, commenting on the letter from Core Cities UK to the Education Secretary, said:

“Schools are facing unprecedented cuts to their budgets and all the Tories have to offer are warm words about how they will help them make the savings.

“When headteachers are faced with the choice of keeping the lights on or letting go of teachers, this is galling to say the very least.

“Children deserve more from this Tory government who have created a school funding crisis, chronic teacher shortages and super-sized classes.”

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