

## **Plastic waste charge is a victory for the Liberal Democrats**

In today's budget, Philip Hammond announced that he would consider charges on single-use plastic items to reduce waste.

It comes following a Liberal Democrat campaign to introduce a charge on disposable coffee cups, to reduce the billions of cups thrown away in the UK each year.

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## **Government must pause Universal Credit rather than just tinkering with it**

The government's U-turns on Universal Credit are welcome but beg the question: Why have they taken this long?

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## **£3 billion disappearing down the Brexit black hole**

Philip Hammond is spending £3bn of taxpayers money on Brexit instead of investing in the country's overstretched public services.

And the government's Brexit strategy is so vague that the Official for Budgetary Responsibility could not even factor it into their forecasts.

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## **The Budget has been sunk by a growth bombshell**

In today's budget, the Chancellor admitted that the UK economy will be smaller by a huge £45 billion than was estimated as recently as March.

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## **Gove's Department using 1,400 disposable coffee cups a day**

The Liberal Democrats said the figures showed Michael Gove "needs to get his own house in order," after he vowed yesterday to tackle plastic pollution.

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