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The Conservatives have savaged our police force – inflicting deep cuts that have left officers struggling to respond to crime and weakening their ability to protect our communities.

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“The Prime Minister cannot say one thing in Brussels and another in Britain. She needs to face down the right-wing Brexiteers in her party in order to guarantee the talks actually move forward. Above all she still needs to protect citizens’ rights to ensure they are not a casualty of a no-deal Brexit, and the European Union must also do more to make this happen.

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[1 in 2 local authorities to see cuts to per pupil funding this year](#)

- 83 of 150 local authorities in England will see per pupil funding fall in real terms during 2017-18, i.e. once inflation is taken into account.
- England as a whole will see spending per spending per pupil fall by £29 (0.65%) in real terms.
- Local authorities with some of the worst school results in England, including Blackpool, the Isle of Wight and Poole, will be hardest hit by the funding cuts

- The South East will see the largest real-terms fall, with funding per pupil falling by £131 (3%.)

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UK facing “fly-tipping epidemic” with 1 million incidents in a year

- Local authorities in England recorded 1,002,154 cases of fly-tipping in 2016-17, up 7% on the previous year. This is equivalent to 114 every hour.
- The estimated cost to the taxpayer for clearing up fly-tipping was £58 million, up 16% on the previous year
- The number of prosecutions for fly-tipping fell by a quarter to 1,602, compared to 2,135 the previous year

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Ed Davey: Rise in violent crime shows May failing to back Britain’s police

Knife crime was up 26% year-on-year, while overall crimes increased by 13%.

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