

UKIP

UK Independence Party



TODAY, local councils have no real power.

They have to do what they are told by central government and the EU - looking after the interests of their local communities comes last.

Only the UK Independence Party believes in true local independence from Whitehall interference.

This manifesto sets out UKIP's vision of how this should be done:

INDEPENDENCE for local councils, schools, police, hospitals, social care and planning.

INDEPENDENCE for local people to decide local issues in referendums.

INDEPENDENCE to spend local money the way local people want.

INDEPENDENCE from the costs and interference of the European Union.

LOCAL TAXES

Independence for local councils over finances

- Slash council tax by 40%.
- Since Council Tax forms less than a quarter of councils' budgets, our war on waste and bureaucracy cutting

council spending by just 10% is enough to give the public a 40% reduction in Council Tax.

- Give local councils majority control over their finances by letting them keep local business rates and by replacing VAT with a simpler Local Sales Tax, with a proportion going direct to local councils.

IMMIGRATION

Independence for Britain to take back control

- Introduce proper border controls so we know who is in the country at all times.
- Freeze permanent immigration for 5 years to let the authorities catch up with the backlog of cases.
- Ensure that our own UK government determines who can stay, not the European Union.
- Deport all illegal immigrants; give work permits only for those with skills that our economy needs.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Independence for local decision-making

- Let local people call a binding referendum on any major local issue, such as planning schemes.
- Dismantle regional government and return powers to county and borough councils.
- Reform the 'cabinet' system of local government for greater representation and transparency.

CRIME

Independence for local policing

- Elect police chiefs and make police forces accountable to local authorities for policing priorities.
- Leave our police free to arrest criminals instead of filling in forms, and retain local police stations.
- Ensure stricter sentencing and zero tolerance of anti-social behaviour and petty crime.
- Urgently build enough prisons and make sure those who are a danger to the public stay locked up.

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TRANSPORT

Independence for local decision-makers

- Improve local control and management of public transport - rail and bus.
- Rule out satellite vehicle pricing and oppose privatisation of parking facilities.
- Oppose new speed cameras which do not cut accidents, and use traffic calming measures instead.

HOUSING

Independence for local planning

- Genuine independence for local planning - no more overriding by remote appeal bodies.
- Restore proper controls on immigration to ease the demand for housing.
- Crack down on nuisance

neighbours and repair council housing to restore civic pride.

EDUCATION

Independence for headteachers

- Give independence to headteachers over teaching, examinations and discipline.
- Scrap useless paperwork and trust teachers to do their jobs; oppose the closures of special schools.
- Encourage competitive school sports, playing fields and school trips.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Independence for local providers

- Save hospital services, manage hospitals locally, and make decision makers responsible to local people.

- Improve services for the elderly and remove unnecessary bureaucracy.
- Create more residential home places and resist increases in home care charges.
- End the practice of forcing the elderly to sell their house to pay for a spouse's residential home care.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Independence for British energy supplies

- Protect the Green Belt and use central brown field sites for future developments.
- Build nuclear and hydroelectric power plants to make Britain cleaner and self-sufficient in renewable energy.
- Keep recycling local - stop damaging the environment by sending waste to China for recycling.

ALTHOUGH known for its commitment to withdrawing the UK from the European Union, UKIP is in reality a much broader nationwide party campaigning to return power and independence to the people.

UKIP already has local councillors, two members of the House of Lords and 13 Mem-

bers of the European Parliament who do not think it right that most new UK laws now come from unelected Brussels bureaucrats.

The same principles apply at local level: only by returning power to the people from unaccountable bureaucrats and restoring representative democracy can things change.

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