

A POLICY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

UNIVERSAL BASIC SERVICES MANIFESTO



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INTRO

LABOUR FOR UBS IS A GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN FOR THE ADOPTION OF UNIVERSAL BASIC SERVICES IN LABOUR'S NEXT MANIFESTO. UNIVERSAL BASIC SERVICES IS A FRESH AND MORE AMBITIOUS MODEL OF THE CONCEPT OF COLLECTIVISM WHICH UNDERPINS EXISTING ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES SUCH AS THE NHS, POLICING, AND FIRE SERVICES. LABOUR FOR UBS ARGUES THAT THE BEST WAY TO SOLVE ISSUES SUCH AS POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS IN A POST PANDEMIC BRITAIN IS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF UNIVERASALLY ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SERVICES. OUR POLICY LIST IS HEAVILY INSPIRED BY THE WORK OF UCL'S INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL PROSPERITY WHO INTRODUCED THE IDEA IN 2017.

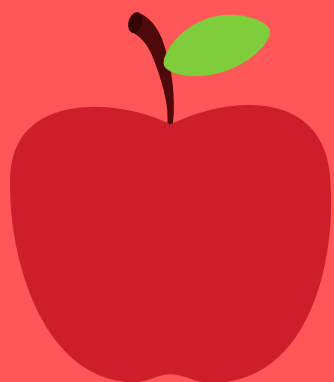
THIS DOCUMENT SETS OUT AN INITIAL VISION OF UBS AS A POLICY PLATFORM. IT IS NOT BY ANY MEANS A FINAL SET OF DEMANDS AND WILL SERVE AS AN INITIAL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT WHICH WE WILL BE DEVELOPING, LIKELY ADDING TO, POTENTIALLY STRIPPING BACK BUT CERTAINLY CHANGING. WE CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH THAT THIS IS A STARTING POINT, NOT AN UNTOUCHABLE LIST OF DEMANDS. WE WELCOME EVERYTHING FROM CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT TO VEHEMENT CRITICISM. WE ENDEAVOUR TO REACH ALL CORNERS OF THE LABOUR PARTY, AFFILIATED SOCIETIES AND TRADE UNIONS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS AND DEVELOP THIS POLICY AND WE WILL UTILISE ALL FEEDBACK AS WE WORK TOWARDS OUR FINAL POLICY PROPOSAL WHICH WE HOPE TO PRESENT TO CONFERENCE IN 2021

WE HAVE PRODUCED A LIST OF 10 POLICY AREAS - WHICH WE REFER TO AS THE 10 PILLARS OF A UBS ECONOMY - THESE ARE THE PILLARS WE DEEM TO BE ESSENTIAL TO A DIGNIFIED HUMAN LIFE: FOOD, TRANSPORT, INFORMATION, HOUSING, LEGAL AID, SOCIAL CARE, EARLY YEARS CARE, UTILITIES, CASH AND EDUCATION. SOME POLICIES SUCH AS SOCIAL CARE AND EARLY YEARS CARE MIRROR PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN LABOUR'S 2019 MANIFESTO, WHILST SOME AREAS SUCH AS HOUSING, UTILITIES AND FOOD ARE RELATIVELY NEW THINKING IN THE SPHERE OF LABOUR PARTY POLICY.

THIS DOCUMENT SIMPLY OUTLINES THE MAIN FEATURES OF OUR POLICY AND THE SUBSEQUENT COSTINGS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH PROPOSAL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE POLICIES ARE INCREDIBLY MULTIFACETED AND THIS DOCUMENT WILL ONLY SCRATCH THE SURFACE OF THE INTRICACIES INVOLVED IN THEIR APPLICATION AND DELIVERY.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ AND DO NOT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH USING THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS.

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POLICY 1

FOOD

LABOUR FOR UBS WANT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL FOOD SERVICE WHICH WILL AIM TO PROVIDE 1.8 BILLION MEALS PER YEAR. THIS NUMBER WOULD GUARANTEE AT LEAST 1 MEAL PER DAY FOR THE 2.2 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY. WHILST DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE FOOD INSECURITY, THERE WILL BE NO MEANS TESTING AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS IT.

THIS FOOD SERVICE SHOULD INVOLVE A FULL COMMUNITY FOOD PROGRAM LOCALLY DESIGNED AND DELIVERED. THIS PROGRAMME COULD INCLUDE SERVICES SUCH AS PUBLIC CANTEENS, RESTORATION AND EXPANSION TO UNIVERSAL ACCESS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICES, AND/OR FOOD BOXES FOR IN-HOME PREPARATION. IT WOULD HAVE TO CATER FOR DIFFERENT DIETARY PREFERENCES (E.G. VEGETARIAN/VEGAN) AND DIFFERENT MODALITIES (E.G. TAKE AWAY OR EAT IN). DUE TO THE VARIATION OF NEED IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, SOME COMMUNITIES MAY DESIGN THEIR LOCAL SERVICES DIFFERENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

LABOUR FOR UBS VISION INCLUDES SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS AND FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES FOR ALL PUPILS WITH THE NATIONAL FOOD SERVICE MAKING THE MARCUS RASHFORD-INSPIRED 'COVID SUMMER FOOD FUND' A PERMANENT OFFER COVERING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

COST



THE NATIONAL FOOD SERVICE WOULD RUN ALONGSIDE EXISTING PROGRAMS SUCH AS FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND MEALS ON WHEELS, PROVIDING 1.8 BILLION MEALS AT A COST OF £5 BILLION PER YEAR.



POLICY 2

TRANSPORT

LABOUR SHOULD BE PROUD OF HAVING INTRODUCED THE FREE BUS PASS FOR OVER 65S AND FOR PROMOTING FREE BUSES FOR UNDER 25S IN THE 2019 MANIFESTO. HOWEVER, LABOUR FOR UBS BELIEVE BUS TRAVEL SHOULD BE FREE FOR EVERYONE. WE BELIEVE ACCESS TO FREE LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ALLOWS EQUITABLE ACCESS TO JOBS, WORK, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, HIGH STREETS, SOCIAL EVENTS, AND FOR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THEIR COMMUNITY NO MATTER THEIR MEANS. THIS IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY WILL ENRICH QUALITY OF LIFE, CATER FOR ESSENTIAL NEEDS, AND HAVE A TRANSFORMATIVE EFFECT ON LOCAL AND NATIONAL ECONOMIES.

IT IS IMPERITIVE THAT IN TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WE SEEK TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF CARS AND ONTO PUBLIC TRANSPORT. FREE TRAVEL WOULD SEE A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN PEOPLE OPTING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT INSTEAD OF PERSONAL VEHICLES. THERE IS SCOPE TO EXTEND THIS SERVICE TO TUBE AND TRAMS IN CITIES SUCH AS MANCHESTER AND LONDON UPON SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF FREE BUS TRAVEL. IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR POLICY WE FULLY SUPPORT NATIONALISATION OF BUS AND RAILWAYS ALONGSIDE RESTORATION OF CUT RAIL/BUS SERVICES TO INCREASE CONNECTIVITY.

COST



ASSUMING AN INCREASE IN USE OF 260% THE COST OF FREE BUS TRAVEL WOULD BE £5BN/YEAR. EXTENDING THE POLICY TO TRAMS AND THE LONDON UNDERGROUND WOULD COST AT LEAST £3.1BN WITHOUT ADJUSTING FOR ADDITIONAL PASSENGER NUMBERS.



POLICY 3

INFORMATION

LABOUR FOR UBS WANTS TO PROVIDE FREE HOME BROADBAND AND FREE BBC TV LICENSES FOR ALL. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS PROVEN JUST HOW ESSENTIAL THESE SERVICES ARE TO ACCESS WORK OPPORTUNITIES, USE ONLINE GOVERNMENT SERVICES, AND TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN OUR DEMOCRACY AS INFORMED CITIZENS.

LABOUR FOR UBS IS OPEN-MINDED ABOUT THE BEST WAY OF ACHIEVING THESE AIMS BUT IT COULD INVOLVE STATE-RUN SERVICES OR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO OFFER A BASIC PACKAGE FREE OF CHARGE. THE BBC COULD BE FUNDED THROUGH GENERAL TAXATION WITH THE MONEY ALLOCATED SET BY AN INDEPENDENT BODY WORKING ON A BASIC PER-HOUSEHOLD FORMULA.

COST



THE COST OF THE BRODBAND ROLLOUT IS TRICKY TO CALCULATE GIVEN THE COST OF POTENTIALLY NATIONALISING OPENREACH AND SUBSEQUENT BUILDING COSTS. HOWEVER A HIGHER END ESTIMATE WOULD BE AROUND £30BILLION OVER 10 YEARS WITH THE EVENTUAL COST OF MAINTENCE SETTLING AT £1.1BILLION PER YEAR. BBC LICENSE FEE WILL BE £4BILLION PER YEAR.



POLICY 4

HOUSING

LABOUR FOR UBS BELIEVES THAT EVERYBODY HAS THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE, SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING. THEREFORE, WE PROPOSE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE TO THE EXISTING STOCK OF SOCIAL HOUSING BY BUILDING 1.5 MILLION NEW SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS OFFERED ON A NEEDS BASIS AT ZERO RENT, ZERO COUNCIL TAX, AND A UTILITIES ALLOWANCE. ON TOP OF THIS, ALL EXISTING SOCIAL HOUSING WOULD ALSO BE MADE EXEMPT FROM COUNCIL TAX, AND INCLUDE A UTILITIES ALLOWANCE.

HOUSING WOULD BE PROVIDED ON A NEEDS BASIS, AND SOME FORM OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA WOULD HAVE TO BE USED FOR THIS SERVICE. WE UNDERSTAND PEOPLE MAY QUESTION THE UNIVERSALITY OF THIS SERVICE UNDER THESE CONDITIONS. THIS IS FAIR, HOWEVER THE OVERALL RESULT OF ASSESSING NEED WOULD BE TO DELIVER A NEW UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO HOUSING THAT ENSURES THAT THOSE WHO HAVE THE GREATEST NEED FOR HOUSING WILL RECEIVE IT. IT IS ESSENTIALLY A HUGE EXPANSION OF THE HOUSING FIRST PROGRAMME. WE BELIEVE AS THE SUPPLY OF FREE SOCIAL HOUSING EXPANDS THE MARKET WOULD RESPOND WITH REDUCED RENTS.

THERE MAY BE A CASE, AS ALTERNATIVE TO SUBSIDISING COUNCIL TAX PAYMENTS, FOR REFORM OF COUNCIL TAX TO MODELS SUCH A LAND VALUE TAX ONLY PAID BY HOMEOWNERS AND NOT RENTERS, OR A LOCAL INCOME TAX THAT WOULD PROTECT THOSE ON THE LOWEST INCOMES. LABOUR FOR UBS ARE KEEN TO HEAR VIEWS ON THESE.

COST



WITH A 7 YEAR BUILDING SCHEDULE THE COSTS WOULD START AT £6.1BILLION A YEAR AND FINALISE AT £10BN FROM THE 7TH YEAR ONWARDS. THIS INCLUDES COUNCIL TAX COMPENSATION TO LOCAL COUNCILS. (UTILITIES PRICED SEPERATELY IN UTILITIES SECTION)



POLICY 5

LEGAL AID

LABOUR FOR UBS AGREES WITH THE LABOUR PARTY 2019 MANIFESTO PLEDGE TO SPEND £74M TO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL TRAINING FOR 200 COMMUNITY LAWYERS, ESTABLISH MORE LAW CENTRES, AND REVERSE ALL THE CUTS TO LEGAL AID-FUNDED EARLY LEGAL HELP.

COST



BASED OFF FIGURES QUOTED IN THE 2019 MANIFESTO WE ESTIMATE THE COST OF THIS SERVICE TO BE £74 MILLION A YEAR.

**POLICY 6****SOCIAL CARE**

LABOUR FOR UBS AGREES WITH THE 2019 MANIFESTO PLEDGE TO INTRODUCE A NATIONAL CARE SERVICE. THIS SERVICE WILL INCLUDE FREE PERSONAL CARE FOR AGES 65+ PROVIDING HELP WITH DAILY TASKS SUCH AS GETTING IN AND OUT OF BED, BATHING AND WASHING, PREPARING MEALS IN THEIR OWN HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL CARE.

THIS SERVICE WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE FUNDING GAP IN SOCIAL CARE; SUPPORT LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO DIRECTLY PROVIDE, RATHER THAN OUTSOURCE, CARE; AND SUPPORT THE CARE WORKFORCE BETTER. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT OLDER PEOPLE RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM TRAINED STAFF WHO HAVE THE TIME AND SKILLS NEEDED TO PROVIDE CARE

COST

BASED OFF FIGURES QUOTED IN THE 2019 MANIFESTO WE ESTIMATE THE COST OF THIS SERVICE TO START AT £8 BILLION PER YEAR REDUCING TO £6 BILLION PER YEAR.



POLICY 7

EARLY YEARS CARE

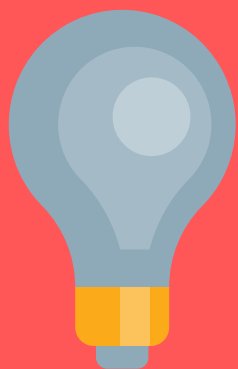
LABOUR FOR UBS AGREES WITH THE 2019 MANIFESTO PLEDGE TO 'UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF EVERY CHILD' BY INVESTING £4.5BN INTO DOUBLING FREE CHILDCARE FOR AGES 2-4 AND REOPENING THE 1,000 SURE START CENTRES THAT HAVE CLOSED SINCE 2010.

LABOUR FOR UBS IS KEEN TO HEAR MEMBERS VIEWS ON WHETHER THE FREE CHILDCARE PROPOSALS SHOULD GO FURTHER, AND IN PARTICULAR OPTIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN SUCH AS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS, CARE IN THR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ECT.

COST



BASED OFF FIGURES QUOTED IN THE 2019 MANIFESTO WE ESTIMATE THE COST OF THIS SERVICE TO BE £4.5BILLION PER YEAR.



POLICY 8

UTILITIES

LABOUR FOR UBS BELIEVES THAT ENERGY AND WATER SHOULD BE FREE AT THE POINT OF USE (WITHIN *PERSONALISED* FAIR USAGE LIMITS) FOR ALL. AS AN IMMEDIATE PRIORITY IT SHOULD BE ROLLED OUT FOR RESIDENTS OF SOCIAL HOUSING AND THOSE RECEIVING HOUSING BENEFIT/UNIVERSAL CREDIT. AN AVERAGE CAPPED LIMIT WOULD BE AROUND £1250 PER YEAR, BUT PERSONALISED LIMITS FOR DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS WOULD BE APPLIED. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T LIVE IN SOCIAL HOUSING OR RECEIVE HOUSING BENEFIT/UNIVERSAL CREDIT, WE PROPOSE INTRODUCING FREE WATER FIRST ALONGSIDE EXTENDING THE WINTER FUEL PAYMENT TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS BEFORE EXTENDING FREE ENERGY GRADUALLY TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS WHO TAKE PART IN A NATIONAL PROGRAMME TO INSTALL SOLAR PANELS AND/OR OTHER MICRO GENERATION (WHERE VIABLE), SMART METERS AND INSULATION IN EVERY HOME.

COST



OUR ESTIMATIONS SUGGEST FREE ENERGY FOR SOCIAL HOUSING RESIDENTS AND RECIPIENTS OF HOUSING BENEFIT/UNIVERSAL CREDIT WOULD COST £5.1BN, WHILST EXTENDING THE WINTER FUEL PAYMENT TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS WOULD COST AN ADDITIONAL £3.6BN. FREE ENERGY FOR ALL REMAINING HOUSEHOLDS COULD BE PROVIDED FOR £12.5BN A YEAR SUBJECT TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS UNDERTAKING ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AND NATIONALISATION OF THE ENERGY SYSTEM. FREE WATER FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS COULD BE DELIVERED FOR £9.5BN, GIVING A TOTAL EVENTUAL COST OF AROUND £22BN A YEAR TO PROVIDE FREE WATER AND ENERGY TO EVERY HOME.



POLICY 9

EDUCATION

LABOUR FOR UBS AGREE WITH THE 2019 MANIFESTO PLEDGE TO IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE WHICH WOULD MAKE HIGHER/FURTHER EDUCATION FREE AT THE POINT OF USE AT ANY POINT IN THE USERS LIFE.

COST



**£11 BILLION PER YEAR
REDUCING TO £8 BILLION
PER YEAR.**

POLICY 10



CASH

LABOUR FOR UBS SUPPORTS EXISTING PARTY POLICY TO UTILISE THE POST OFFICE TO PROVIDE AROUND 3,600 NEW BRANCHES OFFERING BASIC BANKING SERVICES AND ARGUES THAT EVERY RESIDENT SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO ACCESS BASIC BANKING SERVICES THROUGH THE POST OFFICE BANK WITHOUT REQUIREMENT FOR CREDIT CHECKS.

LABOUR FOR UBS IS SUPPORTIVE OF CALLS FOR THE RESTORATION OF CHILD TRUST FUNDS AND ALSO THE INTRODUCTION OF SOME FORM OF UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME (UBI) - BOTH POLICIES ARE AIDED BY A UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO A BASIC FREE BANK ACCOUNT.

COST



LABOUR'S 2019 MANIFESTO ESTIMATED THE COST OF A POST OFFICE BANK AT £2.5BN CAPITAL INVESTMENT. ON-GOING COSTS WOULD BE NON-EXISTENT AS A SMALL PROFIT IS IN FACT EXPECTED. RESTORING CHILD TRUST FUNDS WOULD COST AN ESTIMATED £672M A YEAR, AND THE COST OF A UBI DEPENDS ON THE DESIGN AND GENEROSITY OF THE SCHEME.



HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

HOW TO PAY FOR PROGRAMMES WHICH REQUIRE LARGE PUBLIC SPENDING WILL ALWAYS BE A CONTENTIOUS POINT OF DEBATE. LABOUR FOR UBS BELIEVE THAT BOLD AND AMBITIOUS PROPOSALS MUST SIT ON FOUNDATIONS OF EVIDENCE BASED FISCAL ANALYSIS IN ORDER TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND TO BEST ARTICULATE IT'S TRANSFORMATIVE ECONOMIC EFFECTS. THEREFORE, HOW THE 10 PILLARS WILL BE FUNDED IS SOMETHING WE HAVE CONSIDERED VERY SERIOUSLY. WHILST IT WILL ULTIMATELY BE UP TO THE PARTY TO DECIDE HOW IT'S PAID FOR, IN THE INTREST OF PROVIDING A CREDIBLE ROADMAP TO IMPLEMENTING THESE PROPOSALS WE SUGGEST SOME OPTIONS AS THE HOW WE CAN DELIVER UBS POLICIES IN A WAY THAT IS REVENUE NEUTRAL WITH RELATIVELY MINOR CHANGES TO THE COUNTRY'S FISCAL STRUCTURE.

ONE MODEL TO CONSIDER IS A REDUCTION IN THE PERSONAL ALLOWANCE FROM £12500 TO £4300 WHICH WOULD RAISE £45 BILLION PER YEAR. RESEARCH FROM UCL SHOWS THAT THE OVERALL DISTRIBUTIONAL IMPACT WOULD BE EXTREMELY PROGRESSIVE AND REDISTRIBUTIVE, WITH THE BIGGEST GAINS BEING FELT BY THOSE ON THE LOWEST INCOMES. THIS £45 BILLION COULD PAY FOR THE ENTIRE HOUSING, INFORMATION, FOOD, LEGAL AID, AND TRANSPORT POLICIES BY ITSELF. ALONGSIDE THIS WE WE WOULD ABIDE BY KEIR STARMERS PLEDGE TO RAISE INCOME TAX ON THE TOP 5% OF EARNERS, PUSH CORPORATION TAX UP TO 26%, AND ALIGN CAPITAL GAINS TAX AND THE DIVIDENDS TAX WITH INCOME RATES. WE MODEL (BASED ON THE 2019 MANIFESTO ANALYSIS) THAT THIS COULD GENERATE £48.6 BILLION PER YEAR.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO EMPHASISE THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE THE PARTY'S LEADERSHIP TO GO FURTHER ON THE ECONOMIC PROPOSALS LAID OUT UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. WE ARE NOT NAIVE TO THE FACT THAT POLICIES LIKE THESE REQUIRE THE PARTY TO INVEST HEAVILY AND TO BE EXTREMELY BOLD IN SPENDING. ULTIMATELY, IN ORDER TO WORK, THESE POLICIES REQUIRE THE CONSENT OF THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP, AFFILIATED TRADE UNIONS, AND THE LEADERSHIP. IT REQUIRES AN AGREEMENT AMONGST ALL CORNERS OF THE PARTY THAT WE MUST COMMIT TO AMBITIOUS SPENDING PLANS AND TRANSFORMATIVE POLICIES IN ORDER TO DELIVER THE CHANGE THIS COUNTRY DESPERATELY NEEDS.

WHILST PEOPLE MAY SAY THE COSTS ARE HIGH IT'S CRUCIAL TO BOTH UNDERSTAND THAT CURRENT UK TAX REVENUES AS A PROPORTION OF GDP ARE FAR LOWER THAN THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FRANCE, ITALY AND THE SCANDIVANIAN COUNTRIES AND SECONDLY, RECOGNISE THE TRANSFORMATIVE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THESE POLICIES, WHICH ARE HUGE. TAKING THE TRANSPORT PILLAR ALONE FOR EXAMPLE: FREE LOCAL TRANSPORT WOULD MEAN MORE PEOPLE CAN ACCESS SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION, MORE PEOPLE CAN ACCESS JOBS AND THEIR LOCAL HIGH STREETS, THE SAVINGS FROM NOT PAYING FOR YOUR TRANSPORT (AS WITH THE OTHER PILLARS) MEANS PEOPLE HAVE MORE DISPOSABLE INCOME IN THEIR POCKETS TO SPEND AT LOCAL BUSINESSES ETC. IN TURN, LOCAL COMMUNITIES WILL FLOURISH WHICH MEANS THEY CAN EXPAND, CREATE JOBS AND PAY MORE TAXES (IT'S WORTH ALSO NOTING THAT MONEY SPENT ON TRANSPORT, WATER, ENERGY OR RENT ATTRACTS ZERO VAT FOR THE TREASURY WHERAS HIGHER DISPOSABLE INCOMES SPENT ON THE HIGH STREET RETURNS 20% VAT). IF THE DOMINO EFFECT AND FEEDBACK LOOP OF ONE POLICY IS ENDLESS, IMAGINE THE EFFECTS OF ALL 10.

CONCLUSION



LABOUR FOR UBS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS POLICY PLATFORM IS AMBITIOUS AND INDEED PERHAPS UNLIKE ANYTHING THIS COUNTRY HAS SEEN BEFORE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AN IDEA THAT REQUIRES A RADICAL INCREASE IN THE SCALE OF UK PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND THEREFORE REQUIRES THE CONSENT OF THE PARTY AND THEN THE NATION TO RESTRUCTURE OUR ECONOMY IN THIS WAY. DUE TO THE SCALE OF THESE POLICIES, WE BELIEVE THAT THESE POLICIES ARE BEST INTRODUCED ON AN INCREMENTAL BASIS, WITH CERTAIN POLICIES BEING GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT IMMEDIATELY, AND OTHERS WOULD NEED A LONGER SCHEDULE FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION.

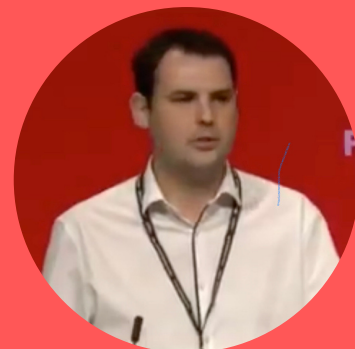
WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT IN ANY WAY DESIGNED TO BE A CHALLENGE TO THE "LEFT" CREDENTIALS OF THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP AND ALSO NOT AN EFFORT TO UNDERMINE THE LEADERSHIP IN ANY WAY. ON THE CONTRARY, WE BELIEVE UBS CAN BE A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF KEIR'S VISION FOR THE COUNTRY IN 2024. IT FITS WITH HIS COMMITMENT TO 'UNIVERSAL PUBLIC SERVICES' AND CHIMES WITH CALLS FOR A HUMAN RIGHTS' APPROACH TO POLICYMAKING. INDEED THE TEN PILLARS SHOULD BE READ AS A BOTH A NEW BEVERIDGE REPORT FOR OUR TIMES AND A SORT OF 'BRITISH BILL OF RIGHTS', A WAY OF TRULY ENSHRINING ACCESS TO THE BASIC NECESSITIES OF LIFE FOR ALL AND DONE IN A WAY THAT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO BE UNPICKED BY FUTURE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENTS IN THE SAME WAY THE NHS PRINCIPLE HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME FOR OVER 70 YEARS. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY EMPHASISED THAT THIS PLATFORM REQUIRES THE CONSENT OF THE PARTY AND TRADE UNIONS THROUGH AN EVENTUAL CONFERENCE MOTION. WE BELIEVE THAT UNIVERSAL BASIS SERVICES SHOULD BE THE BACKBONE OF EVEN THE MOST BASIC SOCIAL DEMOCRACIES, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE MOVEMENT DESERVES TO RIGHT TO CONSIDER AND DEBATE WEATHER UBS SHOULD BECOME AN INTEGRAL TENET OF THE LABOUR PLATFORM GOING FORWARD.

IN THE WORDS OF ANDREW PERCY: "A MODERN ECONOMY NEEDS A SOCIAL SAFETY NET THAT IS JUST AS MODERN, AND ONE THAT IS MORE FLEXIBLE AND EFFECTIVE THAN THE CONDITIONAL BENEFITS SYSTEM WE HAVE INHERITED". WE HAVE OUTLINED A MODERN WELFARE STATE FIT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY WHICH WE CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR. THE NEXT STEP, OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, IS TO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF FELLOW MEMBERS AND TRADE UNIONISTS IN ORDER TO REFINE THESE IDEAS AND EMERGE WITH A SOLID POLICY PROPOSAL TO BRING FORWARD AT LABOUR'S 2021 PARTY CONFERENCE. THIS POLICY HAS THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF EVERY SINGLE PERSON LIVING IN THE UK - AND THIS IS A CRUCIAL POINT, TO LIVE UP TO ITS NAME IT MUST BE TRULY UNIVERSAL AND APPLY TO ALL REGARDLESS OF MIGRATION STATUS. WE CAN END HOMELESSNESS. WE CAN END FOOD INSECURITY. WE CAN BRING OUR POOREST AND MOST VULNERABLE OUT OF POVERTY WHILST ALSO UNLEASHING OUR ECONOMIC POTENTIAL AS A NATION. THIS POLICY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ONLY SCRATCHES THE SURFACE OF THE BENEFITS OF SUCH A POLICY PLATFORM, AND WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO LOOK AT OUR READING LISTS AND TO RESEARCH UBS IN MORE DEPTH TO DEVELOP A GREATER UNDERSTAND BEHIND THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF THIS IDEA.



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