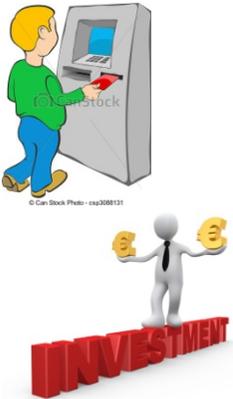




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<p>Fair taxes;</p>   <p>© Can Stock Photo</p>	<p>Make the tax rules fairer</p> <p>Income tax 95% no increase - just increase tax for the rich earning over £80,000 pa (£1600 per week) putting back the tax reduction for highest earners. No changes in VAT or National Insurance Companies to pay Excessive Pay Levy if bosses paid far too much more than workers.</p>	<p>Income tax In Government, they reduced the tax on the richest and will reduce it further for them - the higher 40p tax rate only after £50000 pa (approx £1000/week). Will increase the tax-free personal allowance (helps rich most!!) to £12,500 by 2020 No increase to VAT but no promises on National Insurance</p>
<p>Fair tax Big business & help small business</p>  	<p>Company Tax Make sure they pay the right tax Corporation tax Will put back the reduction in Corporation tax on big firms - still less than other countries</p>	<p>Company Tax Corporation tax This Government reduced tax on big business & will reduce it further to 17% by 2020. More regular revaluations of business rates</p>

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	<p>charge; will reduce corporation tax for small businesses to protect them</p> <p>Reform business rates</p> <p>Give tax collectors the funds to chase up big tax cheaters.</p>	<p>and do a review to make it simpler.</p> <p>Continue to help smaller businesses with some rates relief.</p> <p>Tougher regulations on tax advisory firms</p>
<p>Balancing the books</p> 	<p>Government debt: Will get the economy balanced within 5 yrs - ie that each year's spending will be no more than the income brought in.</p> <p>The plans are fully costed - will pay out of tax or redirecting current spending.</p>	<p>Government debt: The debt had increased by £555 billion by 2016. Government still borrowing each year & borrowed more. Brexit will increase borrowing by £122bn (autumn statement) Pledge to eradicate the deficit by the middle of next decade</p>
<p>Infrastructure Investment for the WHOLE country.</p>  	<p>A National Transformation Fund of £250 billion over 10yrs to upgrade our economy in <u>all</u> parts of the country.</p> <p>Rail: HS2 to go up to Scotland & link with North Crossrail between all great northern cities & to Durham Freight Centre. A new Brighton Line for the South East & London cross rail 2. Rail electrification & expansion everywhere including Wales & South West.</p> <p>Energy new, modern low-carbon gas & renewable electricity.</p>	<p>Have launched a new £23billion NPIF (National Productivity Investment Fund). Transport: £40bn in roads and transport incl rail. HS2 London to Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds and 2nd airport Heathrow. £1.1 billion to improve local transport, Improve roads - extra lanes. Increase rail capacity & help LAs with cycle networks & train station facilities.</p> <p>Energy Want a diverse mix of energy sources not large-scale wind source but local; to get it reliable & affordable, not concerned about how it is made - new regulator for shale gas.</p>

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	<p>Digital: Broad band Superfast broadband everywhere by 2022; better mobile internet coverage & more free public wi-fi in city centres and on public transport. National Infrastructure commission to report on how to roll out ultrafast across uk</p>	<p>Digital: £740m digital infrastructure Investment using NPIFund. By 2020 all UK homes & businesses access high speed broadband. 2022 major fibre connection spines in over 100 towns and cities & mobile phones 95% connectivity. Invest in security of networks.</p>
<p>Industrial Strategy</p>      	<p>Get innovative - re-develop production everywhere. New trade deals with Europe; infrastructure investment - create a National Transformation Fund to spend £250 billion in next 10yrs to help all UK do well; share investment fairly in UK Help get digital business. By 2030: 60% energy comes from zero-carbon or renewable sources. Cap energy costs by new publicly owned energy business.</p> <p>Reform rules so company Directors owe a duty to employees, customers & public Review take-over rules to protect employees & pensions</p> <p>Spend 3% of our income (GDP) on</p>	<p>Increase trade by offering the same terms as European Union. Board of Trade for UK & 9 trade commissioners. Increase spending on economic infrastructure, R&D & housing to £170 bn in next parliament Regulate at less cost - including for utilities & transport for better customer deal. Help digital business grow. Industry & businesses to access reliable, cheap & clean power, but supporting fracking. Invest in electric vehicle technology - want zero emissions by 2050.</p> <p>Reform rules on mergers and take-overs so promises made are legally enforceable Help small firms compete for government business so 33% goes to SMEs by 2022. Spend 2.4% GDP by 2027 on (R&D) Research &</p>

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 <p>© Can Stock Photo</p>	<p>Research and Development (R&D). Create the highest proportion of high-skilled jobs in the OECD and Support from Gov where shortages; Expect private contractors to meet proper standards of employment. Help people to have more say on running businesses - more coops / social enterprises</p>	<p>Development. Support local growth through enterprise partnerships, mayoralities and combined authorities. Growth support funding where can.</p>
<p>Financial businesses</p>  <p>© Can Stock Photo - esp308131</p>	<p>Protect people's banking from investment and make sure more fair tax on banking sector profits. Not allow closure of banks where local need. National Investment bank will help lend to small businesses. Make sure good rules about borrowing and spending - and only borrow to help Britain grow & do well in the future.</p>	<p>Create a British wealth fund from sales of public assets & activities eg fracking Continue £1.9 bn investment in cyber security & build on the cyber security strategy in our National Cyber Security Centre. Ensure public services, businesses, charities & individual users are protected from cyber risks. Develop a digital charter, a framework for data ethics, and a new international agreement to regulate.</p>
<p>Public ownership</p> 	<p>Ensure key businesses everyone needs are back in control. Rail companies back into public ownership as their franchises expire. • Energy supply networks by changing operator license conditions,</p>	<p>Ensure that foreign ownership of companies controlling important infrastructure does not undermine British security or essential services. Say already strengthened ministerial scrutiny</p>

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 Electricity  	<p>and move to a publicly owned, decentralised energy system. (ban fracking as need to move away from fossil fuels) • Water: Replace with a network of regional publicly-owned water companies. • Royal Mail back to public ownership. Think this will be better and cheaper for people.</p>	<p>& control of civil nuclear power. Plans similar in such as telecoms, defence and energy</p>
<p>Brexit</p> 	<p>Negotiate fair terms for jobs, trade and environment and security to EU nationals here. EU rights and protection Bill. Will negotiate partnership deals with them & give Parliament a vote on the terms</p>	<p>Will seek a special partnership with free trade & customs agreement. Fishing Promises to work with the UK fisheries industry for new commercial fishing post-Brexit. A promise to withdraw from the London Fisheries Convention.</p>
<p>Immigration</p> 	<p>Fair rules for workers; no income cap but no benefits access. Security for people here and for UK citizens there. Contribution from temp. International students. Fair systems based on economic needs. Honour help to refugees. Will reinstate & boost the Migrant Impact Fund to areas where immigration has strained public services.</p>	<p>Pledge to curb immigration Commitment to cut net migration to 'tens of thousands' a year. Firms asked to pay more (double to £2000pa fee) to hire migrant workers . Use money for UK skills training Immigrants asked to pay more to use NHS Reduce nos of refugees here and concentrate on helping them where they are. Will help councils with schemes to help where they are.</p>

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<p>Education</p>  <p>Nursery</p>  	<p>Move towards all learning free with the Create a national education service; Child care - move to direct provision. Free hours - move to all 2 yr olds & 1 yr olds. Stop Sure Start closures. Schools Invest in schools. SEN - inclusion and all teachers get some training. Skills training Free lifelong training in FE with vocational routes for all including service sectors & improve careers advice. Improve apprentices, protect small employers' funding support. Universities Will Reintroduce maintenance grants students, and abolish tuition fees.</p>	<p>Want to have more grammar schools (new ones) Have cut support funding to SEN Child care 30 hrs free child care for 3 and 4 yr olds of working parents who can't manage the costs. Fund to help schools get a nursery. Schools Extra £4billion for schools over four years £1billion more per year for schools, paid for by ended universal free school lunches for children aged 5 to 7 (a policy brought in by Nick Clegg in 2014). All children to be offered free school breakfast. It will mean no school will be worse off when a new funding formula - designed to give more money to schools that most need it - comes in. £250m investment in job skills by end of 2020. New technical skills awards and colleges</p>
<p>Fair deal at work</p> 	<p>Review union rules and worker rights. Equal rights for workers. Ban zero hours contracts. Raise min wage for 18 yrs and over - expected £10/hr by 2020. Takeover plan to protect workers and pensions. Make sure people are really self-employed & modernise employment</p>	<p>Increase the National Living Wage to 60% of median earnings by 2020. Make sure workers are properly protected, including those working more flexibly (zero hours) By law, make executive pay packages voted by shareholders & listed companies publish the</p>

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<p></p>	<p>law. Move towards max 20:1 gap between workers and management pay; Abolish ET fees so all get justice. Also 4 new public holidays.</p>	<p>ratio of executive pay to broader UK workforce pay & explain pay policies, & have better employee representation.</p>
<p>Welfare Benefits</p> <p></p> <p>PIP & DLa and other benefits</p>	<p>Rebuild the social security system. Will scrap the punitive sanctions regime, the Bedroom Tax & cuts to Bereavement Support Payment; reinstate Housing Benefit for under-21s ; redesign the UC, end 6 weeks delay & rape clause. Put back £30 /wk for ESA work activity group & the PIP mobility for m/health; increase carers allowance by £11/wks so same as JSA;scrap the Work Capability & PIP assessments;</p> <p>Pensions: Triple lock on pensions; keep fuel allowances and free bus passes. No further increase retirement age than 66 until 2020 until reviewed what's right for different jobs.</p>	<p>In Government changed the disability benefits rules - DLA to PIP; medical assessment / no mobility if mental health & from 50m to 20m. Bedroom tax; ESA working group reduced by £30/week; no benefit of more than 2 children; Universal credit paid 6 weeks in arrears..</p> <p>Pensions Replace the triple lock on pensions with a double lock in 2020. Means-testing winter fuel payments. Introduce fixed cap on energy tariffs. Tougher punishments for those caught mismanaging pension schemes Retirement age currently to increase to 69 - could be higher</p>
<p>Administration of Welfare Benefits</p>	<p>End privatisation of assessments & replace with a personalised, holistic assessment process providing each</p>	<p>Currently pays private companies to carry out assessments and medical assessments but the appeals against their decision have been over-</p>

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  Adjustments	individual with a tailored plan, building on their strengths and addressing barriers. End reassessments for people with LR enduring conditions. Scrap the Sanctions regime.	turning their assessment decisions at 60% Sanctions have left people with no money and food banks say benefits problems are their main customers. They aren't suggesting any changes
  Work funding/help (Access to work);	Commission a report into increasing the Access to Work programme	Less funding for Access for Work Their Green Paper has little for learning disabilities - some focus on mental health
Health   Enough money & beds for people in hospital? 	Increase NHS funding by £30billion over 5 yrs. Guarantee treatment in 18 weeks and A&E 4 hrs. Boost Capital investment in equipment (& buildings) Plan for a new community service including social care & mental health, services nearer to home; increased funding for GPs. Stop cuts to pharmacists. Free NHS parking. Help patients get new medicines and treatments faster, and value for money from pharmacy companies. From increased tax on richest 5%	Increase NHS funding by £8 billion over 5 years. Will retain the 95 per cent A&E target & 18-week elective care standard. Invest in buildings and technology. Help patients get new medicines and treatments faster. Charge non-UK residents for costs of treatment, and increase charge for migrant worker to £600 and foreign students £450.

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 Enough nurses and doctors?	Scrap pay freeze Reintroduce bursaries/grants for health training. Guarantee European medical staff can stay; Will reverse privatisation of health services. Personalised quality end of life care. Invest in children's & public health Make sure people with long-term conditions have right to specialised care plan & access to condition-management training. complete PrEP trial to get treatment to high risk groups of HIV asap.	In Government have had a pay freeze across NHS and public sector. Have cut the nurses bursary for training. Jeremy Hunt trying to cut junior doctors' pay and conditions Will negotiate with EU for 140,000 staff from SU to continue. Increase training medical students by 1500.
 Appropriate local specialist services, get people back institutions closed?	Plan to make our country autism friendly. Work to reduce loneliness. New national joined up care service.	No action and has cancelled the transformation group. Minister has been demoted to junior one - not at Cabinet They will work to reduce stigma and discrimination and implement in full the Transforming Care Programme. (but 6 yrs on little changed)

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<p>  Early deaths of people learning disabilities</p>	<p>Autism-friendly is only reference</p>	<p>No reference</p>
<p> Mental Health</p>	<p>Ring-fence mental health budgets; help younger people to extend treatments</p>	<p>Since 2010 mental health spend each year increased to £11.4 billion in 2016/17; £1bn more by 2020/21. New Mental Health Bill</p>
<p>Government Unfair Cuts   </p>	<p>Will give councils more money year 1 and review the funding for councils.</p>	<p>No changes planned to cuts and unequal rate support grants - current plan suggests no rate support grant - just business rates kept - which will mean even more inequality between local funds</p>
<p>Social Care Cuts   Enough money for social care?</p>	<p>Add £8bn over 5 yrs & extra £1bn 1st year to end 15 mins calls and pay min. wage. National care service work alongside NHS shared budgets towards joined up service Need £3bn pa and will consult about how to pay for this - wealth tax, employer contribution, new social care levy.</p>	<p>Said more money for social care. People to pay more for home care visits to plug the £2.8 billion social care funding gap but be left with £100,000 & not have to sell their homes while still alive. (Rejected Dilnot report's cap but since said there will be a cap on the total pay for care, but not how much) Pensioner's winter fuel payments to be means-tested. Will have a statutory entitlement to Carers' leave.</p>

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<p>Privatisation taking money from social care</p> 	<p>Reverse privatisation of health services and repeal the NHS and Social Care Act</p>	<p>Their NHS and Social Care Act has increased privatisation</p>
<p>Protecting Human Rights</p> 	<p>Will protect and also enhance the powers of the Equality and Human Rights Commission</p>	<p>Won't bring the European Union's Charter of Fundamental Rights into UK law. Will consider our Human Rights law after left EU but remain signatories to the European Convention on Human Rights for the next parliament.</p>
<p>Housing - enough including supported housing and security of tenure</p> 	<p>Labour will invest to build over 1million new homes well-insulated - at least 100,000 council and housing association homes/year for genuinely affordable rent or sale. Have a Ministry of Housing to do this well with standards etc. Help to Buy fund for 1st time buyers. Give tenants more rights with 3-yr tenancies & rental standard Council tenants to have security & not sell council houses unless replaced. 18-21 yr olds be able to get housing benefits again</p>	<p>Government saying they would top-slice the supported housing extra rent above normal rent and give it to councils to manage - takes it away from people's control. Pledge to build 1.5 million extra homes by 2022. New fixed term social houses sold after 10-15 yrs with RTB (Right to Buy) for tenants</p>

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<p>Housing - help for homeless</p> 	<p>Provide 4000 homes for them and protect supported housing and them from benefits cuts</p>	<p>Homelessness doubled under this Government Will set up a new homelessness reduction taskforce focusing on prevention and affordable housing, and pilot a Housing First approach to tackle rough sleeping</p>
<p>Hate Crime enough police to prevent Hate crime</p> 	<p>10,000 more community police - and champion community policing. Fund for rape crisis centres. Cross-border policing agreements and will increase border police by 500</p>	<p>They have cut 20,000 police & 1000's border control personnel Promised more controls on social media and internet firms</p>
<p>Justice</p>	<p>Reintroduce funding for the preparation of judicial review cases. (appeals if law not followed properly eg Community Care Act.) To review legal aid means test & consider reinstating other legal aid - following Access to Justice recommendations. (NB prisons overcrowded - 3000 more prison officers but no new private prisons) Will review the privatisation of probation</p>	<p>Invest £1bn in prisons and create 10,000 new places.</p>

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<p>Self-advocacy and a national voice funded</p> 	<p>Consult on extending democracy; 16 & 17 yr olds to be able to vote; repeal the Lobbying Act so charities can speak out</p>	
<p>Sports Funding</p> 	<p>Sporting events must be open and accessible to all. We will push sports authorities to make rapid improvements on access provision for fans with disabilities</p>	
	<p>Defence: Will always work for peace & to resolve conflict but will always support prosecuting war crimes. Do a full review of our needs including cyber security. Make sure armed forces are properly equipped and paid. Support renewal of Trident nuclear deterrent. Support our defence industry</p> <p>Foreign aid Will continue to spend 0.7% of GDP on foreign aid. Will help refugees Address the unfairness of global tax system and promote human rights</p>	<p>Defence Keep current levels of spending at 2% of GDP rising at 0.5% above inflation/year Major investment in cyber crime defence</p> <p>Foreign aid The current pledge to spend 0.7 per cent of GDP foreign aid will stay.</p>

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	internationally. Promote way to help Health and also research into public health global disease areas	

Both Parties say they have fully costed their programmes and will pay. See how they've done across the years
Which government borrowed more

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Years in office prior to Global Financial Crisis	26	36	62	Conservative
Total borrowing in original prices excluding the Global Financial Crisis	229.3	319.6	548.9	Conservative
Average borrowing for each year in office excluding the Global Financial Crisis - original prices	8.82	8.88	8.85	Conservative
Total borrowing in 2014 prices excluding the Global Financial Crisis	461.6	742.9	1204.5	Conservative
Average borrowing for each year in office in 2014 prices excluding the Global Financial Crisis	17.8	20.6	19.4	Conservative

