



# We, The People

UKIP's straight-talking manifesto  
for the local government elections, 2011

- Committed to cutting Council tax and business rates
- Money for local services, not the European Union
- Zero tolerance on crime and anti-social behaviour
- Get more Police on the streets
- Cut Council Executives and managers, not front-line services
- Control immigration, which threatens our public services
- Give real decision making to local communities

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Message from Nigel Farage MEP, Leader of UKIP

## Power to local people



UKIP believes in power for local people over local councils, and for local councils over central government. Elected councillors should put their communities – not party politics – first. That is why UKIP will give local people the right to call referenda on any local issue they want. When the people have spoken, councils will be bound by the referendum results.

Local government is under attack. Central government is insisting councils slash their services to the people they represent. Greedy council executives are paying themselves vast salaries while slashing front-line services like libraries, social care, youth services, transport and road repairs. The politically correct brigade have run riot creating non-jobs for “cheerleading development officers” and “Twitter czars”, while cutting care for the elderly. EU directives, such as how

to throw away rubbish, leave bins unemptied for weeks. You pay. You suffer.

For more than 10 years, UKIP has argued that power and money should be taken from politicians and bureaucrats in Westminster and Brussels and given to you and your councils. Leaving the EU while keeping free trade with it would be a good start. We’d save £48 million a day and put power and wealth back where it belongs – in your hands, not theirs. We are the only party honest enough to say how we’re going to pay for our spending commitments.

In the last General Election, almost a million people voted for UKIP. In the last European Election we came second, beating the then Labour Government and the Liberal Democrats. With your help, we can do it again. UKIP makes one pledge. The people come first.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Farage'.

Nigel Farage MEP

## Democracy first. We, the people, shall rule

**We will –**

- Empower local people by giving you the right ... to call binding referenda on local issues
- Let you, the people, decide major planning ... schemes like supermarkets by referendum
- Grant no right of appeal from the people's ... decisions on planning schemes
- Introduce election for county health, ... education and police boards
- Expect your councillors to put the people's ... needs first, ahead of party dogmas
- Make councils, schools, police, hospitals, ... planning and social care put local people first
- Keep central government out of local government
- Abolish regional government
- Restore our ancient county, borough and ... parish councils
- Let councils control their own finances by ... keeping half of local business rates
- Replace VAT with a Local Sales Tax, with a ... proportion going direct to councils

## Council services: No front-line cuts

To maintain and improve front-line council services, **we will –**

- Halt all cuts to front-line council services
- Keep police on the beat to protect the people ... from anti-social behaviour
- Improve health care for the elderly
- Develop youth services
- Maintain the roads properly
- Give rates relief to local businesses
- Increase provision of free parking
- Invest in high-quality state education

- Preserve our public libraries
- Improve public transport
- Energise the voluntary sector
- Devolve budgets, not burdens
- End aspirational waffle about local ... communities. The Big Society is a big mistake

To pay for these commitments, **we will –**

- Cut councillors' allowances and expenses
- Audit councils' performance externally
- Slash fat-cat pay deals for senior council staff
- Limit the number of high-paid council ... employees
- Restrict councils' advertising and ... self-promotion budgets
- Sell surplus council land
- Abolish non-essential and "politically-correct" ... services
- Leave the EU
- Drop the EU Landfill Directive, which costs ... each council £3 million a year
- Control immigration and the costs of ... immigration

## Protecting local people from crime

To keep the people and the streets safe, **we will –**

- Oppose votes for prisoners
- Halt the scrapping of police jobs
- Refuse to tolerate any antisocial behaviour or ... petty crime
- Build more prisons
- Make sentences mean what they say
- Elect county police boards to let local people set ... police priorities
- Cut police form-filling and free officers for real ... police work
- Crack down on nuisance neighbours

To pay for these commitments, **we will** –

- Scrap council non-jobs
- Close unnecessary central government ... departments and quangos

## Immigration: Britain for the British first

To cut immigration and the heavy cost of immigration, **we will** –

- End Labour's immigration free-for-all, which let ... in three million in 13 years
- Withhold all State benefits from immigrants for ... five years
- Introduce proper border controls
- Increase UK Border Agency staff as needed
- Freeze permanent immigration for five years ... until we sort out the system
- Deport all illegal immigrants
- Target working visas only on those with the ... skills we need

To pay for these commitments, **we will** –

- End benefits in cash or in kind for all ... non-Britons

## Planning for our green and pleasant land

To put the people in charge of the decisions that affect our countryside, **we will** –

- Put people's wishes above central government ... and big business with planning referenda
- Ban new windfarms and subject existing ones to ... democratic local planning procedures
- Protect with new Conservators

- Annul the Localism Bill's right to build on ... green belt
- Direct new housing and business developments ... to brown-field, not green-field, sites
- Build new nuclear and clean-coal power plants ... to secure our energy supply
- Use existing houses more efficiently by ... encouraging rentals

To pay for these commitments, **we will** –

- Close the Climate Change Department, saving ... up to £18 billion a year
- End wasteful EU and UK subsidies to ugly, ... cost-ineffective "renewable energy" scams
- Stop all payments to the IPCC and other UN ... climate-related agencies

## Health: Sorting out the National Health Service

To keep the health service safe and protect our elderly and disabled people, **we will** –

- Let the people elect county health boards to ... oversee vital services
- Halt all cuts in front-line NHS doctors, ... surgeons, dentists and nurses
- Axe failing, surplus NHS management
- Reintroduce proper matrons to run clean ... hospitals
- Make specialist care available as needed, to save ... lives now lost through delay
- Cut waiting lists to European levels – Poland ... treats cancer patients faster than we do

To pay for these commitments, **we will**–

- End free access to health care for non-Britons
- Require all visitors to exhibit adequate health ... insurance at the port of entry
- Introduce lifelong private insurance against ... the costs of long-term care



## Education: Put pupils and parents first

To bring Britain's education up to international standards, **we will** –

- Let the people elect county education boards ... to make our schools better
- Scrap useless paperwork and trust teachers to ... do their jobs
- Build more Grammar Schools
- Insist that schools teach the 3 Rs
- Close colleges using bogus courses as a back ... door into Britain for foreign students
- Reinstate the student grant and educational ... maintenance allowance
- Encourage vocational apprenticeships
- Give parents the right to choose where their ... children go to school
- Protect rural schools
- Encourage home schooling

To pay for these commitments, we will –

- Let head teachers decide whether a qualified ... teacher is fit to teach
- Encourage major universities to pay their way ... by offering online degrees

## Housing: Local British people first

To address the housing shortage caused by three million immigrants in 13 years, **we will** –

- Restore proper controls on immigration to ... ease the demand for housing
- Incentivise re-use of 970,000 empty houses, ... equal to eight years' English house-building

To pay for these commitments, we will –

- Audit all council-owned and State-owned property
- Sell most surplus or disused State-owned property

## Transport: Keeping our communities on the move

To keep Britain moving, **we will** –

- Let the people decide on local transport ... infrastructure by calling binding referenda
- Reopen local railway lines where needed
- Preserve wayleaves of disused railway lines in ... case they are needed again
- Halt widespread over-zealousness in parking ... enforcement
- Remove all speed cameras, except those ... proven to reduce accidents or demanded by ... the community
- Provide free parking at all hospitals
- Protect free parking for Blue Badge holders
- Protect rural bus services

To pay for these commitments, **we will** –

- Tax foreign lorries using British roads
- Put all road maintenance out to compulsory, ... independently-assessed tender
- Sell Network Rail to the private sector

## BUT, whatever we, the people, want or decide...

UKIP would like to point out that unelected EU bureaucrats set overall policy in –

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| ● Foreign affairs | ● Economic affairs |
| ● Public health   | ● Transport        |
| ● Justice         | ● Energy           |
| ● Employment      | ● Environment      |
| ● Police          | ● Farming          |
| ● Social affairs  | ● Fisheries        |
| ● Immigration     | ● Law enforcement  |

And They won't stop there. That is why we want our national and our local democracy back. If you want it too, vote UKIP with pride.



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