



UKIP Mini Manifesto April 2010



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Introduction

UKIP wants Britain to regain three essential freedoms by leaving the EU: Freedom of Action, so we can control our borders and no longer have to grovel to the EU for permission to save our Post Offices, factories, etc.; Freedom of Resources, by keeping the £16.4bn p.a. in cash (£45m a day) currently sent to Brussels and spending that money in the UK; Freedom of the People, with real power returning to British citizens from remote EU bureaucrats.

The full UKIP manifesto is available to download from the 'Policies' section of ukip.org. Also available for download are UKIP's 17 'Pocket Policies'. In summary, UKIP will:

1 The Economy: Tax, Budget & Regulation

- Make massive savings by leaving the EU. No British jobs or trade will be lost
- Take tax off the minimum wage by raising the tax threshold to £11,500
- Reduce everyone's taxes with a 31% flat tax
- Abolish the 'tax on jobs': phase out employers' NI contributions over five years
- Axe Britain's gigantic quango mountain and public sector non-jobs to reduce UK national debt
- Release businesses from 120,000 EU laws
- Replace VAT with a 'Local Sales Tax' to help councils and local businesses

2 The Economy: Jobs, Enterprise & Skills

- Create one million new skilled jobs with public and private investment in a five-point public works programme to provide defence equipment, nuclear power stations, flood and coastal protection, transport infrastructure including high-speed rail lines, and new prisons
- Abolish costly EU schemes such as carbon capping, emissions trading, and landfill taxes
- Amend the UK Takeover Code to prevent foreign interests from gaining control of strategic British companies

3 Immigration & Asylum

- End uncontrolled mass immigration
- Introduce an immediate five-year freeze on immigration for permanent settlement
- Regain control of Britain's borders to stop foreign criminals from entering our country
- End abuse of the UK asylum system and expel Islamic extremists
- Introduce a strict new points-based visa system and time-limited work permits
- Triple the number of UK Borders Agency staff engaged in controlling immigration (to 30,000)

4 Law & Order/Crime

- Enable voters to set policing priorities through locally-elected County Police Boards
- Demand zero tolerance on crime and double prison places to assure this
- Make sentences mean what they say: life must mean life
- Scrap the Human Rights Act that benefits criminals and not their victims. No votes for prisoners
- Introduce a 'Three Strikes and You're Out' law to lock up career criminals for good
- Abolish the Crown Prosecution Service and return to county police prosecutions

5 Defence

- Boost the military budget by 40% so our armed forces are properly equipped
- Demand one clear achievable mission for Afghanistan or seek a negotiated exit
- Keep Britain's independent nuclear deterrent strong
- Look after our service heroes with better pay and conditions



- Expand the Army by 25% and double the TA
- Provide more RAF helicopters and aircraft
- Expand the Royal Navy to its 2001 strength, guaranteeing the future of Plymouth, Portsmouth and Rosyth ports

6 Healthcare & the NHS

- Keep the NHS free at the point of delivery and make no cuts to frontline services
- Replace overlapping tiers of NHS bureaucracy (SHAs/PCTs) with locally-elected County Health Boards
- Introduce private sector 'franchise partnerships' to run NHS healthcare services better, while assets remain in public hands
- Introduce 'Health Credit Vouchers' to allow people to opt out of the NHS if they wish
- Re-examine community care and support congregate communities for people with learning disabilities
- Restore free NHS dental check-ups and eye tests

7 Education & Training

- Bring back the 'three Rs' to provide children with a proper educational foundation
- Encourage the creation of new grammar schools, but make the 11-plus vocational as well as academic
- Give parents 'School Vouchers' so they can choose between schools - state or private
- Raise standards by franchising state schools to private organisations, such as charitable trusts
- Re-introduce student grants ('Student Vouchers' and 'Training Vouchers')
- Re-examine the policy of 'inclusion' and support special schools for children with learning disabilities

8 Pensions

- Roll all existing state pensions and benefits into a non means-tested minimum £130pw 'Citizen's Pension'
- Reinstate dividend tax credit at 20%
- Reduce the annual limit for tax-relievable pension contributions to £10,000, from £255,000
- Bring public sector final salary pensions back into line with typical private pension provision
- By leaving the EU, avoid having to pay for unfunded EU pensions

9 Welfare & Social Security

- Reform the ridiculously complicated welfare system (currently more than 70 different benefits)
- Help families by rolling childcare benefits and credits into one enhanced benefit
- Allow part-time workers to continue claiming 'Basic Cash Benefit' until their wages reach £11,500
- Introduce council-run 'Workfare' projects to improve local communities
- Ensure UK benefits are only available to those who have lived here for at least five years

10 Foreign Affairs & International Trade

- Take Britain out of the EU and sign a Free Trade Agreement to keep our European trade and jobs
- Establish a Commonwealth Free Trade Area with the other member countries
- Regain Britain's currently dormant seat at the World Trade Organisation
- Promote democracy, genuine human rights and free determination around the world

11 Energy & the Environment

- Invest in nuclear power and clean coal to avert Britain's impending energy crisis
- Oppose wind farms in general and regulate them to be funded by the market
- Establish a Royal Commission to determine the truth about man-made global warming
- Encourage and incentivise the reduction of waste, effective methods of recycling and use of electric road vehicles and more electrified rail



12 Transport

- Invest an extra £3 billion p.a. in the UK's road and railway system
- Introduce three new high-speed rail lines, and re-open some lines closed by Beeching
- Shelve plans for the sixth Heathrow terminal and third runway in favour of a Thames Estuary airport
- Make foreign lorries pay to use British roads with a 'Britdisc' and ban the EU's 'superlorries'
- Subject parking charges and revenue-raising devices, e.g. speed cameras to greater democratic control

13 Housing & Planning

- Build more social housing and encourage the use of 800,000 empty homes
- Scrap the pointless Home Information Packs (HIPs)
- Introduce binding local planning referenda for major developments, except when there is overriding national interest
- End undemocratic regional planning in favour of county-based decision making
- Introduce conservators to help preserve green belt land

14 The Constitution & How We Are Governed

- Give the British public a right to demand binding local and national referenda on major issues
- Introduce proportional representation into national and local elections. UKIP favours the Alternative Vote Plus system
- Abolish layers of regional government
- Give voters a right of recall over corrupt MPs, enabling them to force by-elections

15 Culture & Restoring Britishness

- End support for multiculturalism and promote one shared British culture for all
- Be fair to England by introducing an 'English Parliament', ending the discriminatory Barnett Formula and making St George's Day a national holiday in England
- Ban the burka and veiled niqab in public buildings and certain private buildings
- Require UK schools to teach Britain's contribution to the world and celebrate cultures, languages and traditions from around the British Isles
- Scrap political correctness in public affairs

16 Food, Farming & the Countryside

- Support the new supermarket Ombudsman to ensure farmers receive a fair price from supermarket chains
- Introduce labelling schemes to support British farmers and high animal welfare standards
- Support GM foods research but continue to oppose GM food production and listen to evolving scientific research
- Guarantee farmers no sudden loss of CAP payments on leaving the EU
- Allow county referenda to reverse the hunting ban at local level
- Legalise more producer co-operatives to put food producers on a more equal footing with supermarket buyers

17 Fishing

- Immediately withdraw from the Common Fisheries Policy and take back control of British waters up to 200 nautical miles from the UK to save the British fishing industry and resurrect our territorial rights
- Return £2.5 billion a year in fish sales to the UK economy
- Ban shameful discarding of fish and abandon all EU quotas