<u>Andrew Gywnne statement on Douglas</u> <u>Carswell leaving UKIP</u>

Commenting on Douglas Carswell's decision to leave UKIP, Labour's Shadow Minister and Elections Chair, Andrew Gwynne MP, said:

"UKIP are tearing themselves apart. Their ⊡only MP has quit, their biggest donor has fled and their leader was utterly rejected by the voters of Stoke-on-Trent a few weeks ago. Under Paul Nuttall UKIP now has no MPs and no future.

"This episode exposes the truth of UKIP: they've got nothing to offer the voters and they're a divided party with extreme policies, such as privatising the NHS."