#### <u>Greens respond to Reform's £9 million</u> donation

4 December 2025 by Green Party

Responding to news that Reform has received a £9 million donation from a single donor, Green Party leader Zack Polanski said:

"Reform hoovering up vast sums of private donations isn't a sign of political strength, but a sign of a weakness in the foundations of our democracy. When a single party can be bankrolled by a handful of wealthy individuals, it drowns out the voices of ordinary people and tilts the entire system towards the interests of those elites.

"This is exactly why we need a cap on political donations. Democracy should never be for sale. Every party should compete on ideas, not on the size of their donor spreadsheet.

"While Reform pockets eye-watering cheques, Greens are building a movement powered and funded by people through thousands of new members.

"When we win elections, it will be because of the tens of thousands of people volunteered, not the people who donated tens of thousands. If we want a politics that serves the public, not billionaire backers, then capping donations is essential. Let's end the influence of big money and put democracy back where it belongs: in the hands of voters."

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### devolution agenda fallen into utter chaos

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Responding to government plans to delay key mayoral elections, Rachel Millward, Green Party deputy leader, said:

"Labour's whole devolution agenda has fallen into utter chaos. They're running scared of the voters and failing to solve the real problems in local government.

"They are failing to inspire voters and can't delay democracy because they think they won't like the outcome.

"They've seen the Greens rise in the polls and have decided to cancel the voters rather than engage with the issues. People in those areas have the right to vote for mayors the Government has promised them. This weak Labour government is trying to cover up the fact the voters know they are offering no change and are just more of the same."

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# <u>Scrapping juries risks 'damaging politicisation' say Greens</u>

3 December 2025 / 3 December 2025 by Green Party

Responding to the announcement from the Justice Secretary, David Lammy, that jury trials in England and Wales for crimes that carry a likely sentence of less than three years <u>are set to be scrapped</u>, Green Party MP, Siân Berry, said:

"The focus on victims' rights is appreciated, but this Labour Government is taking the wrong steps to try to serve us better, and laying the groundwork for further crackdowns on dissent, whistleblowing and protest if it removes juries from so many charges that have state or corporate victims.

"Juries are also a safeguard against creeping bias and discrimination. Judges are not currently representative of our wider communities and, under these plans, individual decisions will be at risk of damaging politicisation, while individual judges who are women or from minoritised communities risk attacks from the far right.

"More than fifteen years of continuing austerity has caused a backlog in the courts, not juries. Instead of dismantling a centuries-old fundamental legal right, the Government must reverse the neglect and cuts that created this mess in the first place."

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## <u>Green Party reaction to Autumn Budget:</u> <u>Papering over the cracks</u>

26 November 2025 / 26 November 2025 by Green Party

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"And whilst scrapping the cruel two-child benefit cap will be a huge relief to families across the country, it is unforgivable that it has taken 18 months for the Chancellor to acknowledge the terrible harm and distress this cap has caused to so many families. Far more action is needed to end the scandal of child poverty."

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