

[Green Party responds to Reeves' mega pension plans](#)

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Responding to briefings on Chancellor Rachel Reeves' Mansion House speech on pension funds reform, Green Party Co-Leader Adrian Ramsay MP said:

"Chancellor Rachel Reeves needs to quickly set out the details of her headline-grabbing plans to create mega-pension funds to ensure that they provide the investment we need to urgently transition our economy beyond fossil fuels, as well as offering members who rely on them full financial, environmental and ethical protections.

"The legal changes being proposed are aimed at freeing up billions to invest in infrastructure. We need to ensure that this is directed towards the climate-resilient infrastructure we so urgently need, particularly renewable energy, the national grid, the electrification of our railways and nature restoration.

"Many local authority pension schemes have developed sophisticated ethical policies aimed at protecting members' money from being invested in environmentally harmful industries. The new megafunds must enshrine these existing policies as minimum standards.

"If and when different schemes are brought together, legislation must ensure that merged schemes deliver stronger environmental and other ethical protections and are not dragged down into investments in climate-damaging infrastructure such as airport expansions or fossil fuel companies' greenwashing schemes.

"We will also be looking for security for all the pensioners who rely on these funds. We must remember that pension funds are essentially made up of people's hard-earned wages deferred to retirement. We cannot afford to have a handful of so-called mega-funds that increase risks."

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Green reaction to government's 81% emissions reduction target

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Reacting to Keir Starmer's public address at COP29 where he announced a new climate target for the UK to [reduce the country's emissions by 81% by 2035](#) against 1990 levels, Green MP Ellie Chowns said:

"The announcement of an 81% cut in emissions by 2035 is welcome – we need to remove fossil fuels from our economy as rapidly as possible.

"However, the transition to clean energy needs to be matched by moves on energy reduction. We need a mass home insulation programme and large-scale investment in public transport and active travel. Instead, we have seen Labour downgrade the retrofitting of homes, fail to make solar panels on new builds mandatory, hike bus fares by 50% and offer only loose change for walking and cycling.

"Keir Starmer says he will not tell people how to live their lives, but he can put in place policies to support us to make changes that reduce emissions, cut bills and improve our health and wellbeing. This must involve every government department being laser focused on achieving our climate targets."

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Greens call on Starmer to lead international action at COP29

Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer MP urged world leaders to attend COP29 next week to underline its critical importance:

"COP29 has set itself the goal of "deep, rapid and sustained emission reductions now to keep temperatures under control and stay below 1.5°C, while leaving no one behind".

"But it won't achieve that without the international leadership needed from

Heads of State, Presidents and Prime Ministers.

"I welcome the fact that Sir Keir Starmer will attend. The UK has the opportunity and responsibility as the first industrial nation on Earth to provide the leadership for a just transition.

"We need the Prime Minister to show leadership on the world stage, by ensuring COP29 commits to:

- Urgently transition away from fossil fuels
- Provide the equitable and just finance promised for adaptation and mitigation, and to fund the loss and damage many are already experiencing as a result of climate impacts

"Unfinanced is unprepared and we are both.

"Of course, these are incredibly difficult times internationally, with the European Union stalling on its actions and President-elect Trump, a climate crisis denier, once again stalking the world stage.

"But that is why it is so important that the UK steps forward to remind the world what is at stake if co-ordinated international action does not take place now.

"New scientific evidence shows global average temperatures are on track this year to end up more than 1.5C above pre-industrial levels, making 2024 the first calendar year to breach this crucial target. (1)

"We need international leadership now more than ever to tackle the climate crisis. We are getting leadership from the scientists, but too many of the world's political leaders are ducking their responsibility."

Among national leaders not attending the UN conference in Baku, Azerbaijan from 11- 22 November are those from the US, China, France, Brazil, South Africa, Japan and Australia, and EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

NOTES TO EDITORS

(1) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cldpnxnv2go>

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[US Elections: Trump is a "climate](#)

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Responding to the [US elections](#), Green Party Co-Leader, Carla Denyer, said,

“A dangerous bigot, bully, and liar is once again set to become the leader of the most powerful country in the world. A climate change denier, a proud racist and misogynist, and a man who has sought to subvert elections and incite insurrection.

On this dark day, we stand in solidarity with all U.S. citizens who fear a convicted criminal and a fascist in the White House. And we stand with all those around the world who dreaded this moment and must now live with its consequences, including those in Gaza and Ukraine.

Together, those of us who believe in democracy must work together to overcome authoritarianism and the politics of hate.”

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Greens urge Rachel Reeves to deliver real change

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Greens call on chancellor to:

- Raise taxes on the very wealthiest to help fund a better future for everyone
- Avoid more austerity by another name

Ahead of today’s Budget, co-leader Carla Denyer said:

“We need to see Labour use this opportunity to make some bold decisions.

“Fourteen years of Tory underinvestment in our NHS, our schools, care for our

elderly loved ones have left our public services crumbling around us and in a state of crisis. We deserve better. We demand better.

“It’s clear that the country just can’t afford more austerity under a different name. Labour campaigned on a manifesto of change – so now it’s time to deliver.

“Real change that people will see around them in a tangible way – in the hospitals they visit when they’re ill, in their kids’ education, in affordable and reliable bus services to get around.

“Real change is a political choice. The money to fund our public services is available. By taxing the very wealthiest a little more we can fund a better future for everyone.

“Let’s see if Labour can deliver.”

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