

PM: New deal or no deal – but no delay

- Government
to make final offer to EU on Wednesday

- ‘A
fair and reasonable compromise’ that all sides can agree and build on

Boris

Johnson will tomorrow (wed) unveil a new Brexit deal during his first Conservative Party Conference speech as Prime Minister.

Mr

Johnson is expected to tell the party faithful details of a ‘fair and reasonable compromise’ that all sides can agree and build on.

After

70 days of negotiations, the fresh legal texts for the new deal will be presented to Brussels tomorrow– but no10 officials have made clear this will be the final offer.

The

PM will use his speech to contrast his position with Jeremy Corbyn’s policy of constant delay on Brexit

He

is expected to say:

‘Voters

are desperate for us to focus on their other priorities – what people want, what leavers want, what remainers want, what the whole world wants – is to move on.

‘That

is why we are coming out of the EU on October 31. Let’s get Brexit done – we can, we must and we will.

‘Corbyn

wants to turn the whole of 2020 – which should be a great year for this country

– into the chaos and cacophony of two more referendums – a second referendum on

Scottish independence, even though the people of Scotland were promised that the 2014 vote would be a once in a generation vote, and a second referendum on

the EU, even though we were promised that the 2016 vote would be a once in a generation vote.

'Can

you imagine another three years of this? That is the Corbyn agenda – stay in the EU beyond October 31, paying a billion pounds a month for the privilege, followed by years of uncertainty for business and everyone else.

'My

friends, I am afraid that after three and a half years people are beginning to feel that they are being taken for fools. They are beginning to suspect that there are forces in this country that simply don't want Brexit delivered at all. And if they turn out to be right in that suspicion then I believe there will be grave consequences for trust in democracy.

'Let's

get Brexit done on October 31 so in 2020 our country can move on.'

Ahead

of the submission of the legal texts, officials have made it clear that if Brussels does not engage with the offer made tomorrow, then this Government will not negotiate further until we have left the EU. They also made it clear that the Prime Minister will in no circumstances negotiate a delay at the EU Council on 17-18 October.

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Senior Number 10 official said:

'The

Government is either going to be negotiating a new deal or working on no deal –

nobody will work on delay. We will keep fighting to respect the biggest democratic vote in British history. The EU is obliged by EU law only to negotiate with member state governments, they cannot negotiate with Parliament, and this government will not negotiate delay.'

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[Priti Patel: Speech to Conservative Party Conference 2019](#)

Priti Patel, Home Secretary, speaking today at Conservative Party Conference at The Manchester Convention Centre, said:

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"Today, here in Manchester, the Conservative Party takes its rightful place as the Party of Law and Order in Britain once again.

We stand with the brave men and women of our police and security services.

And we stand against the criminals.

The gang leaders, drug barons, thugs and terrorists who seek to do us harm.

We say that proudly and without apology.

As the Party that has always backed the forces of law and order, and we always will.

We ask them to do the most difficult of jobs.

To run toward danger, to ensure that we are not in danger.

Being here in Manchester it is impossible to forget that.

Just over two years ago, this city was victim to one of the most sickening terror attacks our country has ever witnessed.

Manchester truly experienced the worst of humanity that night. But, also the best.

That spineless coward met with the heroism of our emergency workers and Britain's finest intelligence agencies.

And as they face up to such danger, they need to know they are not alone.

They need to know they have a Prime Minister,

a Home Secretary,

and a Government that stands beside them.

I am that Home Secretary.

Boris Johnson is that Prime Minister.

The Conservative Party is that Government.

One of my first acts as Home Secretary was to start recruiting 20,000 new police officers.

Giving them the strength in numbers they need.

Giving them new and immediate funding.

And supporting and equipping them with the powers they need to keep us

safe.

Including lifting restrictions on emergency stop-and-search powers for all forces across England and Wales.

Giving police officers the confidence they need to clamp down on violent crime.

These are the powers police chiefs tell me they need.

I have heard their voice.

I am answering their call.

And I want to tell you why.

There are three reasons:

Firstly, because backing the forces of law and order is central to our DNA as Conservatives.

Giving people the security they need to live their lives as they choose is an essential part of our freedom.

We recognise that freedom and security are not opposites, but equals.

And that ensuring people can live their lives free from fear is the essential foundation for a life of liberty.

Because the people posing the threats are ever more callous and the job we ask the police to do is ever more difficult and dangerous.

These are the facts that I never forget.

Almost every day, I pass the gates of the Houses of Parliament.

There stands the memorial to PC Palmer killed in the line of duty on 22nd March 2017, during a terror attack at the heart of our democracy.

His sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Around the corner from my office stands the National Police Memorial, and a book containing the names of 4,000 men and women killed as they went about their work.

Tragically, we must now add a new name to that proud roll of honour.

PC Harper, a 28-year-old newlywed, senselessly and brutally killed in the line of duty on 15th August this year.

He too will always be remembered.

I will always remember visiting Thames Valley police the day after he was killed.

The shock and sorrow was palpable.

But the determination to come together, to carry on and continue the relentless pursuit of justice was inspiring.

Their safety, their dedication and their loyalty are what I think of every single day.

The second reason we must back the police is to remove the grip gangs and organised criminals have on our communities.

They just don't care who they hurt or abuse.

The kingpins of these criminal gangs are exploiting children.

Forcing them to carry crack cocaine and heroin across rural and coastal communities.

Threatening them into carrying guns and knives as "protection".

Manipulating them into killing innocent people.

Faced with this new and growing danger, our police will know that I will back them to get this under control.

If there has been any doubt about that commitment in the past.

Let that end here today.

Recruiting 20,000 police officers is just the start.

I am equipping Police Officers with the kit and tools they need to protect themselves and others from harm.

I have created a new fund to give police chiefs the ability to train and equip police officers with tasers.

It is the job of Chief Constables to make that operational decision.

It is the job of the Home Secretary to empower them to do so.

I am giving them that power.

And today I am announcing a £20 million package to roll up county lines drugs gangs.

To stop them terrorising our towns and villages and exploiting our children.

And a new £25 million Safer Streets fund for new security measures for Britain's worst crime spots.

And as well as giving the police the kit and powers they need, we must do more to recognise their commitment, their bravery, and their

professionalism.

I have been humbled by the officers I have met and the experiences they have shared with me.

This is why I have personally accelerated work to establish the Police Covenant.

This is a pledge to do more as a nation to help those who serve our country.

To recognise the bravery, the commitment and the sacrifices of serving and former officers.

And we will enshrine this into law.

We will also ensure that anyone who assaults a police officer receives a sentence that truly fits the crime, to make the thugs who would attack an officer, think twice.

That's what I mean by backing the police.

And there's a third reason we must back our police.

It is because this is what the people want and what they expect us to do.

This is a Government driven by the people's priorities.

Hardworking, honest, law-abiding people whose needs are humble, whose expectations are modest and whose demands of their government are simple.

They want us to listen.

They ask us to respond.

And they expect us to do what we say.

From crime, to immigration, to leaving the European Union, we are ready to listen and to do what they want.

It's called democracy.

That shouldn't really be a controversial statement.

They are the masters and we are their servants.

Our job is to deliver on their priorities.

But too many people are losing faith in politics and politicians.

And they are questioning the health of our democracy.

Because over three years ago, the British public turned out to vote in

their millions.

They knew what they were voting for. They were told that the final result would be delivered.

But their euphoria and optimism of that referendum day has given way to frustration and anger.

As a group of politicians led by Jeremy Corbyn think they know better.

And have done everything possible to stand in the way of democracy, ignoring the will of the people.

I was proud to be part of the referendum campaign.

A campaign that was electrified by one man.

Who encouraged us to believe in a brighter Britain.

And I am proud to serve in his government as we work as a team and focus on getting Brexit done.

And as Home Secretary at this defining moment in our country's history, I have a particular responsibility when it comes to taking back control.

It is to end the free movement of people once and for all.

Instead we will introduce an Australian style points-based immigration system.

One that works in the best interests of Britain.

One that attracts and welcomes the brightest and the best.

One that supports brilliant scientists, the finest academics and leading people in their fields.

And one that is under the control of the British Government.

Because, let me tell you something.

This daughter of immigrants, needs no lectures from the North London metropolitan liberal elite.

That's what you get with a government that is driven by the people's priorities.

Of course, there will be only two dissenting voices.

Diane Abbott and Jeremy Corbyn.

Because the choice isn't just who the people want to be our next Prime

Minister.

It's also about who the people want to be their next Home Secretary.

Do we really want a Labour Home Secretary who would leave our communities and our country less safe?

A Labour Party who won't even attempt to take back control of our borders.

Because they want to surrender our border control and extend free movement.

And on policing The Labour Party would stop the police from doing their job.

And when it comes to our brilliant intelligence agencies, well – what can I say?

The Labour Party trust our foes more than our friends.

To all of this, I say, no, no no.

Only the Conservative Party is driven by the people's priorities and that means backing our police, our communities and our great country.

That pragmatic approach, grounded in the good sense of the British people, keeps us focused on what truly matters today.

That's the lesson I took from the person who inspired me to join our Party.

A Conservative Prime Minister first elected forty years ago, this year.

Margaret Thatcher knew that if you made the British people your compass. If you took time to understand their lives and their priorities, then your direction would always be true.

"My policies", she said, "are based not on some economics theory, but on things I and millions like me were brought up with: an honest day's work for an honest day's pay; live within your means; pay your bills on time; and support the police"

That advice is as sound today as it was forty years ago.

Support the police we will.

This Party, our Conservative Party, is backing those who put their lives on the line for our national security.

So as we renew our place as the Party of Law and Order in Britain, let the message go out from this hall today:

To the British people – we hear you.

To the police service – we back you.

And to the criminals, I simply say this:

We are coming after you.

We stand for the forces of right, and against the forces of evil.

We stand for the law-abiding majority, not the criminal minority.

We stand by those who seek to do right by themselves, their families and their communities.

And we stand by Britain, ready to give the leadership our great country deserves.

So as Conservatives, we must remind the public what we stand for.

And as the Party of the United Kingdom, we will get Brexit done and deliver on the people's priorities.

Thank you."

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Buckland: Conservatives to end automatic early release at 50 per cent

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Hon Robert Buckland QC MP, Justice Secretary & Lord Chancellor, speaking today said:

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"Good afternoon Conference.

I'm sorry I can't be with you in Manchester for this session.

One of my duties as Lord Chancellor is to attend the Opening of the Legal Year at Westminster Abbey, so that's what I have been doing today.

The Opening of the Legal Year is a great occasion.

A celebration of the Rule of Law.

Ever since Magna Carta, over 800 years ago, the Rule of Law has been the cornerstone of our Constitution.

And our independent, impartial judiciary is renowned throughout the world.

One of the key components of the Rule of Law is openness and transparency.

I've spent a lifetime working in criminal justice.

Firstly as a barrister, part-time judge, and then in politics as Solicitor General, Prisons Minister and now in Cabinet.

As a sentencing judge, I have had to make hard choices: sending people to prison is never easy, but often, it is absolutely necessary.

But time and again, over many decades, I have talked to victims of crime who feel let down by the system.

Victims who just don't see that openness and transparency.

Victims who experience a system that sees rapists getting sentenced to nine years in prison but later automatically released after half that time.

Don't get me wrong – some form of earlier release has its place in the criminal justice system.

It can be used to incentivise good behaviour.

But this is not the system we have, Conference.

There used to be a tougher system.

But in 2005, Labour replaced it with automatic release at the half-way point.

It didn't matter to Labour if prisoners pose a risk to the public.

It didn't matter to Labour if prisoners misbehaved in prison.

It didn't matter to Labour if criminals didn't show remorse.

This is madness.

The Conservatives are going to fix it.

We're going to restore faith in the sentencing system.

Because we Conservatives believe release should be earned.

We have, of course, made great strides in criminal justice in the past nine years of Conservative Government.

But there is more to be done.

And that's why, for the most serious violent and sexual offenders, I'm announcing this Conservative Government will abolish automatic early release at the halfway point.

These criminals will be required to serve two-thirds of their sentence behind bars.

Because keeping the most dangerous violent and sexual offenders in prison for longer means they won't be out on the streets with the opportunity to commit crime.

We owe it to victims to make this change.

And just as it is right that criminals face proper punishment, it is also right that we do our best to support them to go straight.

We need to be tough, but we also need to be humane.

Punishment and rehabilitation are not opposites.

We have to do both.

Conservatives believe in offering a second chance to those who are ready to change.

Prisons simply cannot be giant academies of crime.

So we will do more to improve rehabilitation in prison, and support our probation services in their vital work to supervise and resettle former prisoners.

And we will ask

employers to play their part too.

Conference, only the Conservatives can be trusted on law and order.

You may not have heard of Jeremy Corbyn's Shadow Justice Secretary, Richard Burgon, and you can be forgiven for that.

He's not known for his brilliant ideas about criminal justice.

Rather, he's better known for saying "Zionism is the enemy of peace".

Then he denied using these vile, anti-Semitic words.

Then video emerged.

Then he admitted he actually did say it.

Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell were two of only three MPs to vote against sending people caught carrying a knife a second time to prison.

The fact is, Jeremy Corbyn's Labour is loose with the truth, soft on prisoners and weak on sentencing.

Soft on crime and soft on the causes of crime.

We cannot let that happen.

We must keep the public safe.

That's why, with one of his first acts, the Prime Minister announced we will recruit twenty thousand new police officers.

More bobbies on the beat means more arrests, more victims getting justice.

And an investment of two-and-a-half billion pounds to deliver ten thousand new prison places.

More and better prisons to support our brilliant prison officers, the unsung heroes who day in, day out face huge risks in their workplace.

To help them, we have announced one hundred million pounds for new security measures, such as the scanners at Her Majesty's Prison Leeds, checking people as they go in and out of prisons.

These scanners show us the ways drugs are smuggled in are

often creative.

When we visited HMP Leeds, the Prime Minister wondered what exactly the small plastic container coming up on the body scanner was – I think we all had something of a Kinder Surprise.

The PM then wondered aloud how the small capsule had got to where it was.

Now, there's always that moment with a new boss when you're not quite sure what you can and can't say.

I did think about explaining, but I knew in my gut it was a bad idea.

Much as the prisoner did!

More seriously, Conference, prison is a hugely important tool to tackle crime but it is not the only one.

We must make use of smart technologies to prevent offenders from becoming re-offenders.

Because prison only works if it reduces reoffending.

We want former prisoners to be fully-productive members of society, but they must abide by the law at all times when they are back on our streets.

Many criminals who carry out anti-social behaviour have problems with alcohol.

Get a grip on this, and we can massively reduce crime.

When he was Mayor of London, the Prime Minister piloted putting sobriety tags on offenders.

If criminals drink alcohol, they are instantly detected, brought in front of a Judge and may be sent to prison.

The pilot was a huge success with over 90% compliance.

So, we're going to take that idea and establish it nationally.

I am pleased to announce, Conference, that from next year, sobriety tags will be used across the country to monitor criminals and reduce re-offending.

Conference, in London today I've been taking part in a ceremony almost as ancient as our criminal justice system itself.

I know we must restore public faith in sentencing.

We must be clear only criminals who earn their liberty should have it.

We must keep Britain safe for everyone who lives here.

Thank you.

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[Shaun Bailey: Speech to Conservative Party Conference 2019](#)

Shaun Bailey, Conservative Party Candidate for the 2020 London Mayoral Election, speaking today at Conservative Party Conference at The Manchester Convention Centre, said:

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"Thank you, conference.

Last year, I introduced myself as your next Mayor of London and shared my story with you all.

Well for the last twelve months I have been meeting thousands of other Londoners, working out how I can make their lives better.

And what I've found is simple. Londoners don't want to spend their days thinking about the Mayor of London.

Londoners want to get to work on time, for a reasonable price.

Londoners want more houses so they can have a corner of the city they call home.

Londoners want to breath freely in clean air.

Most of all, Londoners want to be able

to make the most of their city in safety.

Londoners are busy, optimistic,
energetic, ambitious.

It is the Mayor's job to make sure that
London never gets in the way of Londoners.

Conference, I could stand here and talk
to you for hours about how Sadiq Khan is neglecting to do that job.

Since I last stood in front of you last
year, more than 100 people have been murdered in our Capital city.

4k people have been stabbed, 20k people
have been sexually assaulted, 70k homes have been burgled.

In the last few weeks there have been
stabblings in Camden, Wandsworth, Croydon, Harrow, Fulham.

Just two days ago there was a stabbing
in Ladbroke Grove, where I grew up.

These are real people; real families
being torn apart. Every victim is a Londoner who has been failed by their
Mayor.

As the Police and Crime Commissioner, the
Mayor of London should spend his days working to keep Londoners safe.

But Sadiq Khan spends his time building
'Brand Khan' – hosting beach parties, bidding for Labour leadership and
plastering
his own face all over our city.

And even though the clue is in the job
description – POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER – with Sadiq Khan, it is always
somebody else's fault.

He's blamed the Government, he's blamed
parents and he's blamed teachers for the rise in crime.

Meanwhile violent crime is destroying
lives and it is plaguing London.

London is the greatest city on earth –
and Londoners deserve better.

And we have had better. Does anyone remember the
last Mayor of London? Our Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Conference, let's just remind ourselves about what was

achieved the last time London had a Conservative Mayor:

The murder rate – cut by half

Overall crime – cut by 20%

And 11,000 knives were taken off the streets

On his first day in No10, the Prime Minister committed to recruiting 20,000 more police officers.

Our Party gets delivery and safety in a way that the Labour Party simply doesn't.

And Boris showed everyone what could be achieved – making Labour failings even clearer.

And with a Conservative Mayor, who loves and understands our great city, we could achieve so much.

Many of you already know my story.

And those that don't, you already know it too – it's a very London story.

I grew up on an estate in the shadow of Grenfell – not far from the stabbing last week.

Welfare was a lifeline. Work was a life-changer.

I was a youth worker for 20 years – helping young people grab the opportunities our city offers.

And now I have my own family. I have a house. I'm an elected representative. I'm your mayoral candidate.

Everyday, I'm thankful for being born in a city that has allowed me to build the life I wanted to live.

And I know what can be achieved when the barriers are removed and crime is under control.

If our young people are protected from gangs, they can avoid crime.

If our young people can find work, then they have a path out of the hood.

If we support families, then our communities struggle less.

You see conference, what London really needs is a full-time Mayor, someone focused on making the city a safer place

to
live.

Whose ambition is not to improve their own public image, but to lift up millions of people in London and show them that they have another choice.

Because I know that my first duty as Mayor would be to keep Londoners safe.

If we have safe streets, we have safe schools.

If we have safe streets, businesses can invest.

If we have safe streets, communities feel secure.

London needs better transport, cleaner air and far more homes for people to live in.

But if the streets aren't safe, our Capital simply cannot thrive.

And I have a plan to make our streets safe.

To fund a record number of police in London using the money that already exists in City Hall.

To take a zero-tolerance approach to tackling crime.

To call for mandatory sentences for those who carry knives and acid on the first offence.

And I will introduce Operation London Ceasefire, a programme to de-escalate tensions on the streets by providing opportunities to London's young people.

Conference, we need a 'get real' approach. That's what I am offering.

As part of the 'get real approach':

I will launch Homes for London – a City Hall backed developer with a singular goal: to build the homes that Londoners need.

I will electrify London's entire bus fleet – the equivalent of taking a million cars off the roads.

As a start, I'll build five youth zones

across London – to help our young people get the support and learn the skills they need to succeed.

But the first step has got to be to solve London's crime emergency.

So I pledge to you today that I will fight every minute of every day for the next eight months for a safer London.

And WHEN we win in London

WHEN we win in London

I will work tirelessly – so you don't need to spend any of your time thinking about the Mayor of London.

I will make sure that our city always works for us. Keeps us moving. Keeps us secure. Keeps us safe.

So that Londoners can concentrate on seizing the opportunities that London offers.

Conference, please stand with me.

Thank you."

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[Chancellor sets out plan to end low pay in the UK](#)

- **National Living Wage set to reach £10.50 by 2024 with a new target to reach two thirds of median earnings**
- **It will be extended to 23-year olds from 2021 and 21-year olds within five years**
- **This will be a pay rise of £4,000 a year by 2024 for the average full-time worker on the National Living Wage**

- Follows commitments from the Chancellor to a multi-billion infrastructure investment in roads, buses and broadband and a levelling-up of devolved powers across the country

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Chancellor Sajid Javid MP today announced plans to end low pay in the UK with a new target for the National Living Wage and extending it to many more workers.

The

landmark extension to the rules on pay were announced by Sajid Javid in his keynote speech to the Conservative Party Conference today.

He

also unveiled a package of pledges backing “the People’s Priorities”. These include:

- A multi-billion pound **infrastructure investment** in local roads, buses and next generation broadband for hard-to-reach areas.
- A **£500m Youth Investment Fund** to build new youth centres and refurbish existing ones to give young people somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to.
- **Levelling up devolved powers across the country** to support local growth and deliver better public services where you live.
- A **£16.6bn commitment to replace EU funding for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland** up to 2030, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.
- A **Brexit Red Tape Challenge online portal** to give businesses the opportunity to tell government where red tape can be cut to help them boost growth

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National Living Wage applies only to those over the age of 25. But today’s announcement means that within five years two new targets will have been met – raising the value of the NLW to two thirds of median earnings and reducing the age limit to 21. Low pay is widely defined as being less than two thirds

of median earnings.

Today's

announcement will benefit over 4 million people. By 2024, full-time workers on the National Living Wage will see an increase in their annual pay of over £4,000 a year compared to the earnings of a full-time worker on the current National Living Wage. On current projections, it means the NLW is set to rise to £10.50 by 2024.

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Chancellor of the Exchequer Sajid Javid said:

"Growing

up above the shop my mum made clothes for, I know the importance of backing hard-workers earning the lowest wages.

"It's

also important that we support young people starting to build a life for themselves.

"Because

of the hard work of the British people and the difficult decisions of successive Conservative governments we are now moving forward from a decade of recovery to a decade of renewal.

"We

will end low pay, deliver an infrastructure revolution and spread opportunity to every corner of country."

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