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“Something big is happening. Across England and Wales people are finally saying: we deserve better”.

With those words, Zack Polanski launched the Green Party’s fundraiser for the local elections on 7 May, where the Green Party will take on the big money of Labour and Reform and look to build on recent record of winning across the country.

Hannah Spencer’s win in Gorton and Denton and Rob Yates defeat of Reform in Kent have shown that the Green Party can take on both Labour and Reform and win.

Zack’s message: now we need your help to urgently scale up for local elections in just over two weeks’ time.

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Mandelson’s mates and Trump wannabees? We deserve better

As Zack said, from Manchester to Margate, people around the country are already saying ‘we deserve better’.

And if you needed any more evidence that we do, Labour and Reform have provided plenty this week.

The intrigue around Peter Mandelson's vetting failure should not distract from this simple fact: Keir Starmer chose to appoint Mandelson as ambassador to the US despite knowing of his close relationship with notorious paedophile Jeffrey Epstein. This is a mess entirely of Starmer's own making and exposes the rot that runs right through Labour.

Reform meanwhile are taking their cues from another former Epstein associate: Donald Trump.

Farage's party this week announced their own ICE-inspired plans to rip up the rights of refugees in the UK – with the intention of copying Trump's deportation policies that have torn communities in the US apart.

The Green Party is clear: we deserve better than Mandelson's mates in Labour and Reform's Trump tribute act.

People power vs billionaire backers

The Green Party is standing thousands of candidates at these elections. And as Zack said: "When the community come together, the Green Party can and do win."

We can win big in May – but we'll need your help.

Labour and Reform are both backed by billionaires and take money from oil and gas, private healthcare, gambling and arms companies.

As Zack pointed out, that means two things: 1) They work for them – not you. And 2) they have a lot of money.

We deserve better – and that's where you come in.

The local elections on 7 May are just two weeks away and there is still all to play for – every extra pound you can spare will help us challenge Labour and take the fight to Reform.

Donate to the Green Party and on 7 May let's show Starmer and Farage that we deserve better.

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Responding to [the latest poll that puts The Green Party level pegging with Labour on 15%](#), Green Party Leader Zack Polanski said,

“When I was elected, I said we weren’t here to be disappointed in Labour, we’re here to replace them. And I meant it. Our membership is surging – already over 115,000, up 70% from when I was elected last month. We’re about to overtake the Conservatives in membership size and watch this space, we are about to overtake Labour in the polls. British politics is changing, Greens are giving Britain hope again.”

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‘Starmer’s last conference’ say Greens as they double down on their goal to replace Labour

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Ahead of the Labour Party conference opening Zack Polanski, Leader of the Green Party, said:

“When I said we intend to replace Labour, I meant it. As another Labour conference comes round, it’s another emergency government reset. It just confirms what we already know: Labour has failed. By his own standards, Starmer has broken the promises he was elected on, ditched the principles he claimed to stand for, and his government has made inequality worse, ignored the climate crisis and contributed to arming a genocidal Israeli government.

And for all the talk, this conference isn’t a vision for the future. It’s a desperate attempt to rewrite the past.

People are crying out for bold leadership, not cautious tinkering. This will probably be Starmer’s last conference. Labour’s future candidates aren’t offering any of the solutions we need. The Green Party is offering these solutions. A wealth tax on the super rich, investment in public services and action to protect our climate. We are ready to turn this country around by offering a bold, positive alternative to a crumbling Labour government.”

[Tory claims on strengthening the border through Brexit deal groundless – Diane Abbott](#)

Diane Abbott, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, responding to comments by Priti Patel on Brexit and border security, said:

"Tory claims to be strengthening the border through their sell-out Brexit deal are groundless. By quitting the entire system of EU security and justice, we will no longer have real-time access to a host of critical databases or access to the European Arrest Warrant.

"This will undermine the ability of our police and border agencies to apprehend terrorists and organised criminals, and could even make us a safe haven for fugitives fleeing the justice systems in the EU."

[Boris Johnson lied about the Tories' child poverty record – Ian Lavery](#)

Boris Johnson lies about Tory record as over four million children will spend Christmas in poverty

Boris Johnson has lied about the Conservatives' record on child poverty, telling the Andrew Marr Show that "there are 400,000 fewer children in poverty than there were in 2010", despite figures showing an increase of half a million.

In 2016 the Conservatives abolished the Child Poverty Act and scrapped targets to reduce poverty. 4.1 million children – that's 30% of all children – now live in poverty in the United Kingdom.

A report by the Resolution Foundation found that Boris Johnson's own manifesto, which preserves the coalition's benefit cuts, risks child poverty rates rising to a 60-year high – to 5.2 million.

The Trussell Trust expects foodbank demand this Christmas to be even higher than last year, when it provided 186,185 three-day emergency food parcels, with almost 80,000 of those going to children.

Child poverty reduced dramatically under the last Labour government, which lifted around 900,000 children out of poverty.

The next Labour government will provide:

- free school meals for all primary schoolchildren and a Right to Food to end the scandal of children and their families relying on foodbanks
- an end to in-work poverty, abolishing zero-hours contracts and the public-sector pay freeze, and introducing a real living wage of at least £10 an hour
- the expansion of free childcare and the opening of 1,000 new Sure Start centres
- reforms to social security, scrapping Universal Credit, the Two-Child Limit and the Benefit Cap
- a million homes over a decade to tackle the housing crisis
- proper investment in local public services after a decade of Tory neglect

Ian Lavery, Labour Party Chair, said:

“Boris Johnson claimed the number of children living in poverty in our country has gone down, when the exact opposite is true.

“He cannot seem to open his mouth without telling a lie. You cannot trust a word he says.

“Labour will end foodbank Britain and lift children and families out of poverty. We’ll end in-work poverty, scrap Universal Credit and the immoral two-child limit, we’ll bring in a Real Living Wage of at least £10 an hour for all workers 16 and over, end zero-hours contracts and strengthen trade union rights.

“This is the real change our country needs.”