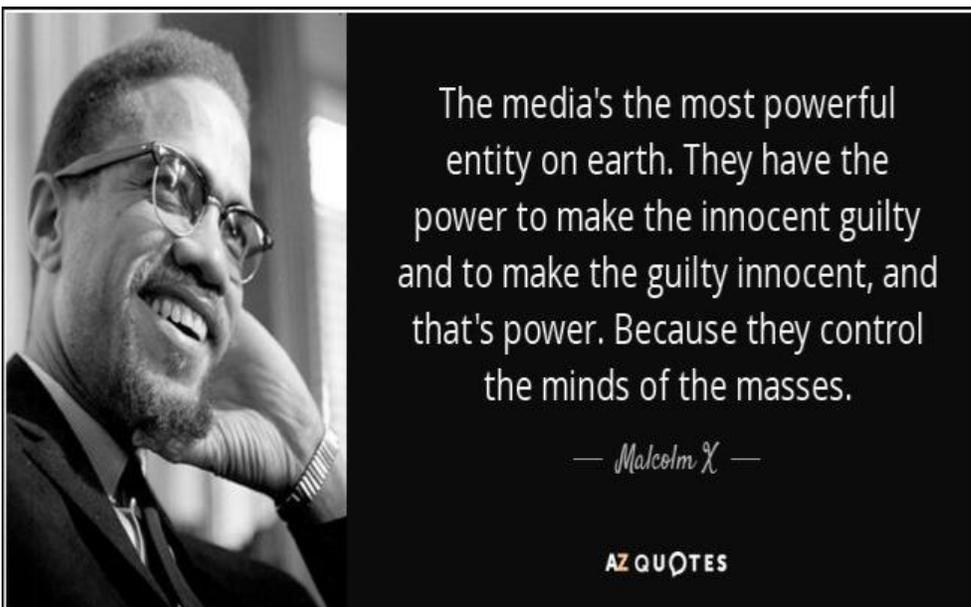


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SPRING NATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

by **Patrick Johnstone (Political Education Officer)**

On Saturday the 24/03/18 Team SNP Helensburgh attended our Spring National Council meeting at the Technology and Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

Team SNP Helensburgh included:

1. Kevin Johnstone (Convener)
2. Michelle van der Stighelen (Vice Convener)
3. Julie Murphy (Equalities Officer)
4. And yours truly!

The Resolutions up for discussion included:

- [Resolution 1 - Climate Change: Carbon Footprint Targets](#)
- [Resolution 2 - Exports of Live Animals for Slaughter or Fattening](#)
- [Resolution 3 - Abolition of Blasphemy Law in Scotland](#)
- [Topical Resolution - Universities & College Union Strikes](#)

All resolutions were passed.

The afternoon was devoted to the Constitutional Consultation which gave the feedback from the 150 branches that participated in the review.

I can confirm that our branch view was well represented in the wider party view.

There were some areas that I noted were the party view differed from our Branch view. For example, the party was for Delegates only voting at Regional Assemblies when our Branch favoured allowing all members attending to vote.

The Constitutional Review itself is ongoing and there will be further opportunities to give feedback to the proposed Constitutional changes in due course.

Meanwhile, in order to increase our Branch participation in future resolution development our committee has agreed to create a dedicated SNP Helensburgh

Resolution Group on Facebook for that very purpose.

If you wish to join you can email me to get added.

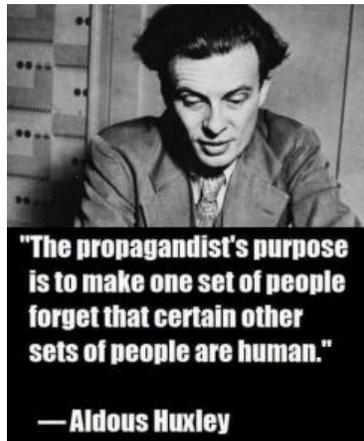
I have uploaded files covering:

- [Resolution Guidance](#)
- [Resolution Results for Annual Conference 2016](#)
- [Resolution Results for Annual Conference 2017](#)
- [Resolution Results for Winter National Council 2017](#)
- [Resolution Results for Spring National Council 2018](#)

These files will be useful in indicating the format of resolutions and the type of resolutions that tend to be passed.

So, if you have any proposals for future resolutions feel free to get in touch and involved in the resolution development process.

QUOTES ON PROPAGANDA



"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by an endless series of hobgoblins, most of them imaginary."

— **H.L. Mencken**

"No honest journalist should be willing to describe himself or herself as 'embedded.' To say, 'I'm an embedded journalist' is to say, 'I'm a government Propagandist.'"

— **Noam Chomsky**

"The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history."

— **George Orwell**

"Propaganda is to a democracy what the bludgeon is to a totalitarian state."

— **Noam Chomsky, Media Control: The Spectacular Achievements of Propaganda**

"You can sway a thousand men by appealing to their prejudices quicker than you can convince one man by logic."

— **Robert A. Heinlein**

"And if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed—if all records told the same tale—then the lie passed into history and became truth. 'Who controls the past' ran the Party slogan, 'controls the future: who controls the present controls the past.'"

— **George Orwell, 1984**

"The point of modern propaganda isn't only to misinform or push an agenda. It is to exhaust your critical thinking, to annihilate truth."

— **Garry Kasparov**

"On the throne of the world, any delusion can become fact."

— **Gore Vidal, Julian**

TORIES THINK THEY CAN DO ANYTHING THEY WANT WITH SCOTLAND AND GET AWAY WITH IT

by Mhairi Black, 02/04/18



During a meeting in Whitehall last week, a senior Home Office official actually said: "We look upon Scotland as the ultimate laboratory." It's absolutely gob-smacking.

The comment, which was made about plans to follow the "Scottish model" on firearm licensing, shows the real contempt of this UK Government.

It's astonishing that three decades after Margaret Thatcher used Scotland as a guinea pig with the Poll Tax, the Tories still seem to think they can do anything they want to Scotland and get away with it.

The attitude on display at this meeting was not a one-off, either

On the same day, a Tory minister taunted MPs by likening the Scottish Parliament to an English county council during a committee meeting in Parliament.

My colleague Pete Wishart MP was discussing the limitations we have on boosting Scotland's economy because immigration is a reserved matter to Westminster and Holyrood have no control over it.

The Minister of State for Immigration, Caroline Nokes, unbelievably, said: "We're not going to grant the ability to the Scottish Government that I might not also be granting to Lincolnshire County Council."

The arrogance of the minister was astounding. The Scottish people voted overwhelmingly for a devolved parliament and Holyrood is now the centre of Scottish political life.

The idea that a national devolved parliament is at all comparable with a county council is as ridiculous as it is offensive – and it shows the complete

contempt the Tories still have for devolution.

As a minister, we can only assume that Nokes was speaking on behalf of the Government.

This sort of attitude is especially worrying when it comes to the UK government negotiating Brexit.

Scotland is currently facing a power grab on devolved powers when the UK leaves the EU.

We have just one year until Brexit but the UK government have so far failed to meet their commitment that the Scottish Government and other devolved administrations should oversee the negotiations, and that objectives should be agreed between the different countries that make up the UK. Brexit is the biggest threat facing us – it will affect livelihoods, local industries and the cost of our weekly food shop.

Yet while the Scottish Government have published their own analysis and are doing everything within their power to protect the Scottish economy, the UK Government are ignoring the devolved administrations and working at a snail's pace.

It's perhaps not surprising that when Theresa May visited Scotland last Thursday, she was here for just an hour, arriving and leaving before lunchtime, apparently keeping journalists at a distance.

This arrogant attitude to Scotland from a Tory Prime Minister is nothing new, but since the EU referendum, it has been the cornerstone of this Government's approach.

And with just one year to go, May still refuses to tell us exactly what Brexit will mean to our everyday lives. This isn't good enough.



A better future for Scotland: decisions made by us, not for us.



This article originally appeared in the [Daily Record](#)

5 TORY POLICIES THAT RUTH DAVIDSON KNOWS ARE HURTING SCOTLAND BUT STILL SUPPORTS

by **Grant Costello, 06/04/18**

At the general election last year, Ruth Davidson told the people of Scotland that her new band of 13 Tory MPs would “forcefully” argue for Scotland’s interests in Westminster – but nothing could be further from the truth.

Ruth Davidson thinks that the Scottish Tories can continue to deflect and divert from their party’s record. But she’s wrong. Here are just five policies Ruth Davidson knows are hurting Scotland but regardless still supports.

Theresa May’s hard Brexit

Despite arguing the case for remaining in the European Union, Ruth Davidson and her band of 13 Tory MPs are now lockstep with Theresa May’s hard Brexit plans that will damage Scotland economy and interests.

Even when presented with the chance to secure a victory for Scotland’s fishing communities, Ruth Davidson showed just how little influence she and her Scottish Tory MPs have, with the UK government once again selling out our fishing communities.

Now the UK government, with its EU Withdrawal Bill, is making a grab for Scotland’s powers. A power grab that could see our NHS opened up to privatisation by the UK government in order to get a trade deal with the United States - and the Scottish Parliament could have no say at all. That is completely unacceptable.

Help us send a loud and clear message to the Tory government – hands off Scotland’s parliament and our NHS.

[Sign here.](#)

The two-child tax credit cap and rape clause

It’s now been over a year since the Tories brutal and callous rape clause came into effect, and the Scottish Conservatives have continued to remain silent on the issue, whilst Ruth Davidson remains in support of the policy.

By 2021, around 50,000 families in Scotland will be worse off due to the Tory decision to limit tax credits to the first two children and the rape clause now requires women to prove they’ve been raped in order to qualify for child tax credits for a third child.

SNP MPs will continue to lead the fight to reverse and abolish this unacceptable policy. Read more about the two-child tax credit cap and rape clause here.

Disability and Benefit Cuts

The UK government are continuing to push forward with their £4.4 billion cut to disability benefits, which could see around 30,000 people in Scotland lose their entitlement to disability benefits.

Scottish Conservative MPs have said and done nothing to challenge this chaotic decision, despite the fact a UK Supreme Court ruling said the changes were unfair to people with mental health conditions.

With the new powers coming to the Scottish Parliament, we will maintain – not cut – disability benefits.

Forcing families to feed their children from food banks through benefit sanctions

Four million children are now living in poverty in the UK, with the Tories’ punitive benefit sanctions regime leaving parents unable to properly feed their children and forcing them to rely on food banks.

The Trussell Trust, the largest providers of food parcels, saw the number of three-day emergency food parcels needed in

Scotland increase by 14 per cent in 2016. The Trussell Trust identified the Conservative government benefits delays and changes, including sanctions, as the main reason people turned to food banks.

The Bedroom Tax

Ruth Davidson has called the UK government’s ideologically driven Bedroom Tax “necessary”, despite the fact it would have negatively impacted around 80,000 homes in Scotland.

The SNP government has fully mitigated the Tory Bedroom Tax, which would otherwise have disproportionately impacted low income families and the disabled, and when as soon as we have the necessary powers we will effectively abolish it.

Read more:

[The Tory cuts that are pushing up poverty](#)

[Tories think they can do anything they want with Scotland and get away with it](#)

[5 reasons why Labour should back employment law devolution](#)

Tory cuts are expected to lead to almost 4 in 10 children in Scotland living in relative poverty by 2030-31



5 REASONS WHY LABOUR SHOULD BACK EMPLOYMENT LAW DEVOLUTION

by Liam Furby, 05/04/18



There's a lot we agree on with other parties when it comes to workers' rights. But many of the powers we need to make a difference are reserved to the UK parliament.

Yet at Westminster, Labour has repeatedly blocked the devolution of employment laws. Rather than getting on with delivering a fairer Scotland now, Labour are promising changes on the never-never.

Here are five ways we could make Scotland fairer now with full employment law powers.

1 Raise the Minimum Wage to a real Living Wage

We support increasing the Minimum Wage to a real Living Wage for all workers aged over 18. That would mean a pay rise for around 460,000 workers in Scotland of almost £5,000 by 2022 compared to today.

2 Ban exploitative zero hours contracts

Far too often zero hours contracts are used to exploit workers. This can mean denying employees regular or sufficient working hours or penalising them for not being available to work. We believe the

exploitative use of these contracts, where they are used just to avoid giving workers the protections they are due, should be banned.

3 Rights and protections for workers in the 'gig economy'

Increasing numbers of people are working in the so-called 'gig economy', where they are paid based on the work they do rather than an hourly rate. This often means they don't get the same workplace protections from their employer as permanent employees. We believe all workers should have appropriate rights and protections, including holiday and sick pay.

4 Ban unpaid trial shifts

Some employers require new recruits to work without pay for a 'trial period'. This is often exploitative to young workers and migrants.

At Westminster, SNP MP Stewart McDonald lodged a Bill, backed by MPs from all parties, that would have required workers to be paid for these shifts. However, the Tories used archaic Westminster procedures to ensure Parliament never got a chance to vote on the Bill.

5 Tough new action on the gender pay gap

The extent to which women are still paid less than men is shocking. That's why we support a change in the law to ensure all businesses with 150 employees or more publish their gender pay gap. And we also support the introduction of sanctions - including fines - for employers that fail to comply with the law.

[Read more about our plan on the gender pay gap here.](#)

Read more:

[Our plan to end exploitative work](#)

[What is Labour's plan on Brexit?](#)

[Our plan to close the gender pay gap](#)

Youth unemployment in Scotland is **lower** and youth employment is **higher** than the UK average



Scotland's economy has **grown** for four consecutive quarters, with growth **higher over 2017** than in 2016



People getting help to find a job through Scotland's employment services **will not face the threat of sanctions**



POWER GRAB PUTS THE TORIES ON THE WRONG SIDE OF HISTORY - AGAIN

by Michael Russell MSP, 09/03/18
(Minister for UK Negotiations on
Scotland's Place in Europe)



More than 20 years ago, the people of Scotland voted overwhelmingly for a national parliament.

The result of the 1997 referendum was resoundingly in favour of devolution, and Holyrood is now firmly established at the heart of our national life.

At the time, the only mainstream party to campaign against self-government for Scotland were the Conservatives. Two decades on, and it is that self-same Tory party which now finds itself on the wrong side of debate when it comes to defending the powers of the Scottish Parliament.

The finer points of detail around Brexit are often complex, but the underlying principles are clear.

The Scottish Government and the SNP do not back Brexit – in line with the majority of Scottish opinion, we do not want to turn our back on our friends and neighbours across Europe.

But if we are leaving the EU then we have to make sure that we take sensible steps to ensure any transition is as seamless as possible and that, crucially, no gaps in the law emerge as a result.

That's where the UK Government's EU Withdrawal Bill – and our own Scottish Continuity Bill – come into play.

We have made clear that we cannot agree to the Tories' Withdrawal Bill because as currently drafted it represents a power grab over Holyrood.

It would mean that in significant areas of the parliament's devolved powers, including areas like farming, fishing and environmental protection, Westminster would hold a veto.

UK ministers say they need this power because they want to ensure common UK-wide frameworks in certain areas, and so that Scotland will not be able to stand in the way of future trade deals by applying different standards.

To be clear, we are not against common frameworks where they make common sense – in areas like food labelling, for example.

But those frameworks must only come about through a process of mutual consent and agreement – they cannot be imposed in the way the Conservatives are currently suggesting.

That would ride roughshod over the devolved settlement people voted for in 1997.

But, as with so much else where Brexit is concerned, the Tories seem determined to press ahead regardless of the consequences.

We are supported in our opposition to the power grab by the Welsh Government, and together we met with some of our UK Government counterparts in London yesterday.

It was another attempt to make progress, and while we remain willing to do a deal there was no breakthrough in yesterday's talks.

If Holyrood were to vote against the EU Withdrawal Bill it would not stop Brexit, but for the Tories to then impose their version of Brexit on Scotland would be an utterly unprecedented move.

Overall, the Conservatives' approach to the biggest peacetime challenge in living memory has been woeful.

Brexit and how it is handled matters hugely for people the length and breadth of Scotland, but we still don't know what

Brexit will mean for our farmers, crofters and fishermen.

That latter group were once, infamously, described as "expendable" in European negotiations by the Tories, and nothing that has happened in recent days gives any comfort that things have changed.

The Scottish Government's Continuity Bill – which we need if the EU Withdrawal Bill is not agreed by MSPs – passed its first stage at Holyrood this week.

And, contrary to desperate Tory spin, it was not "rammed through" by the SNP, rather it was passed with the support of all parties except the Conservatives.

Let's not forget – every single one of Scotland's 32 local council areas voted to remain in Europe. The Tories ignore that stark democratic reality at their peril.

Just like two decades ago, when they arrogantly thought that they knew better than everyone else when it came to devolution, now they think they can do whatever they want to Scotland and get away with it.

We are absolutely determined not to let them, and the Scottish Government will defend Scotland's vital national interests at every turn.

When it comes to protecting Holyrood's powers, the Tories are on the wrong side of the argument, the wrong side of reason and will ultimately find themselves – just as they did in 1997 – on the wrong side of history.

Michael Russell MSP is Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe. This article originally appeared in the Press and Journal.

Read more:

[Scotland's Brexit plan: protecting jobs and living standards](#)

[Scottish EU Continuity Bill and UK Withdrawal Bill: in 200 words](#)

[What is the Scottish Continuity Bill?](#)

BUILDING A BETTER SCOTLAND: OUR INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

by Liam Furby, 16/03/18



In government, the SNP has prioritised investment in infrastructure to improve public services, enhance connectivity, create jobs and grow our economy.

From new hospitals, schools, affordable homes to the longest new domestic railway line the UK has seen for 100 years, we're building a better Scotland. Here's just ten ways we've been doing just that.

🌉 We have delivered the £1.4 billion Queensferry Crossing. The new bridge is the longest three-tower, cable-stayed bridge in the world.

🏥 Over £5 billion has been invested in Scotland's health infrastructure since 2007, including the South Glasgow Hospitals and Emergency Care Centre in Aberdeen.

[And nearly £500 million of new hospitals and healthcare facilities are expected to open in Scotland in 2017-18.](#)

🏫 751 schools have been rebuilt or refurbished between 2007 and 2017 – more than twice as many as the previous Labour-LibDem administration.

🏠 We have delivered almost 72,500 affordable homes - including nearly 50,000 housing association or council homes. Over this parliament, we'll deliver at least 50,000 - 35,000 of which will be for social rent.

🚆 We're investing in our railways. The Borders Railway was completed on time and on budget - the longest new domestic railway built in Britain for a century. And, £742 million is being invested in improvements to the Edinburgh to Glasgow railway line, including widespread electrification of the network between the two cities and to Stirling and Dunblane.

🚗 We're transforming Scotland's road network. We're upgrading Scotland's motorways and have connected Glasgow and Edinburgh with continuous motorway for the first time. The first section of our £3 billion project to dual the A9 from Perth to Inverness has been completed and dualling of the A96 between Inverness and Aberdeen is in preparation. And the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route is under construction too.

We're also taking forward the Maybole bypass on the A77 and improving other sections south of Girvan, further improvements to the A75, and exploring

how to better connect Dumfries and the M74.

💻 We will invest £600 million to deliver superfast broadband to all by 2021. We've already achieved our target to deliver broadband to 95 per cent of properties in Scotland by the end of 2017.

🌊 Our £420 million ten year flood protection plan will benefit 10,000 families, with grant funding going to local authorities to fund 40 new flood protection projects.

🎓 We're supporting a further £300 million of investment to deliver new campuses at City of Glasgow, Inverness and Ayrshire Colleges. And Forth Valley and Fife Colleges will share £140 million for new campuses too.

Read more:

[The SNP is set to deliver 250 km of new roads](#)

[Improving our rail services](#)

[Scotland's colleges: get the facts](#)

In government we have now delivered nearly **72,500 affordable homes** since 2007



STANDING UP FOR SCOTLAND: FIGHTING FOR PROGRESSIVE CHANGE AT WESTMINSTER

by Grant Costello, 16/03/18

In the last Westminster Parliament, SNP MPs passed the first ever SNP Private Members Bill - aimed at combating violence against women and domestic violence.

In 2017, we promised that by re-electing a strong group of SNP MPs, we would continue to use our influence to help deliver more progressive change.

So, working with campaigners and other parties from across the UK, that is exactly what SNP MPs have been doing.

Here's how:

Refugees Family Reunion Bill

Angus Brendan MacNeil MP



Angus Brendan MacNeil MP has led the campaign to end the UK government's harsh and regressive immigration rules that all too often split up refugee families and denies them the right to be reunited in the UK.

The Bill would also reintroduce legal aid, so refugees who have lost everything have the support they need to navigate the complicated legal processes.

The Bill has already secured cross-party support from MPs of every party in the House of Commons, and has also been backed by the Refugee Council, the UN Refugee Agency, Amnesty International, the British Red Cross and Oxfam GB.

In Scotland, the Scottish Government has repeatedly called on the UK government to step up to its responsibility and to take in its fair share of refugees to resettle. At the end of last year, the Scottish Government welcomed its 2,000th Syrian refugee to the country – meeting our target of resettling refugees three years ahead of schedule.

Ban Unpaid Trial Shifts

Stewart McDonald MP



The use of unpaid trial shifts is growing in the UK and some employers now require new recruits to work without pay for a 'trial period'. This is often exploitative to young workers and migrants.

Stewart McDonald MP's Bill, would ban these exploitative unpaid trial shifts and require that all workers be paid for the work they do during trial periods, regardless of whether or not a full offer of employment is provided at the end of them.

The proposed ban has received cross-party support from MPs and has also been backed by Unite, the STUC and the Good Law Project.

Read more:

[Leading by example on social security](#)
[Ruth Davidson has lost control of a Tory party that is letting Scotland down](#)
[Only Nordic-style deal can protect trade and jobs](#)

Universal Credit Assistance Bill

Philippa Whitford MP



Dr Philippa Whitford MP has used her Private Members Bill to try and address one of the major problems facing the roll-out of Universal Credit - the UK government's insistence on single payments.

The policy of paying Universal Credit into one bank account per recipient household has seen domestic violence charities raise real concerns that Universal Credit could keep women or men trapped in abusive relationships. In addition, paying the combined benefits of a couple into a single bank account could prevent funds reaching those who need it, such as children.

Philippa Whitford's Bill would compel the UK government to make Universal Credit payments to the individual and force them to carry out detailed equality impact assessments on their welfare changes; something they have recklessly chosen not to do, despite research showing women have borne the brunt of 86 per cent of their cuts.

The Scottish Government's Social Security Minister, Jeane Freeman MSP, has repeatedly said that we want to make these changes immediately in Scotland, but we lack the powers to do so as they are reserved to Westminster. If the UK government aren't willing to make these changes, then they should devolve the powers so we can do it for them.

SNP REACTION TO THE UK SPRING STATEMENT

by **Liam Furby, 13/03/18**

Today the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer has set out the first Spring Statement on the economy and public finances. It's a statement that failed to change course on the economy - we face yet more damaging cuts to public services and a job-destroying Brexit, outside the Single Market. Here's the SNP response.

Derek MacKay MSP

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution

This statement has shown, once again, that the UK Government is intent on pursuing austerity by choice. The Chancellor had an opportunity to invest in public services and reverse these trends, but chose not to take it, which means that the Scottish Government will continue to see real terms cuts to its discretionary budget over the next two years.

The forecasts included in the Chancellor's Spring statement show growth to be lower in each of the next five years relative to 2017. It is clear the shadow of Brexit continues to loom large over the UK economy.

We are just over 12 months away from formally exiting the EU without a clearly agreed path in terms of our on-going access to key EU markets - this remains the biggest uncertainty hampering economic growth and investment and dragging our economy down.

The UK Government have indicated they will allocate £3 billion over 2018-19 and 2019-20 for expenditure on Brexit preparations, but that the Scottish Government will only receive 2.5%, or £37 million, of the funding allocated in 2018-19. No details on 2019-20 funding have been provided.

It is deeply frustrating that money we are receiving is significantly short of a full Barnett share of the funding allocated at the UK level. Scottish Ministers will now carefully consider how these resources should be allocated to meet priority areas of expenditure and whether they are sufficient for the challenge ahead. We will not allow spending on Scottish public services to be diverted to meet the cost of a damaging UK Brexit.

Today we also received no clarity on public sector pay across all workforces the UK – again the Chancellor has missed an opportunity to follow our lead and support public sector workers.

Ian Blackford MP

SNP Westminster Leader

Philip Hammond had an opportunity today to tackle some of the biggest threats facing the economy. Instead, the Chancellor has his head firmly in the sand, as he chose to remain wedded to his government's disastrous austerity agenda.

Make no mistake that a hard Brexit is going to hit the pockets of families, it will lead to a loss in tax revenue expectations, and is therefore going to affect spending on our public services.

We still have no clarity for people and business over the process of the UK exiting the EU, including the future of EU funding and the wider threat facing the economy.

Aside from Brexit, this UK government has also overseen the most callous approach to benefits and continues to punish working households by failing to scrap the public sector pay cap.

The Scottish budget passed last month illustrates the real divergence in political choices across the UK. In Scotland, the

SNP Scottish Government has chosen to stand by its outstanding public sector staff and give them the pay increase they deserve. It's time the UK government followed suit.

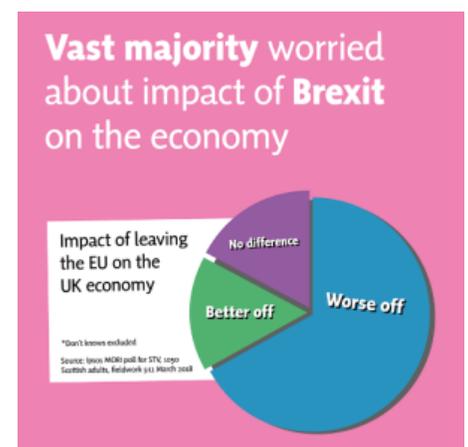
The choices are clear and the opportunities obvious. The Chancellor must wake up to the economic injustices his government has overseen and he must set out urgently how the UK government will protect the economy in the face of Brexit.

Read more:

[Scotland's Brexit plan: protecting jobs and living standards](#)

[The Scottish budget: what you need to know](#)

[The UK budget: what it means for you](#)



INDYPOSTERBOY MEMES



Scotland currently builds more space satellites that any other country in Europe, employing more than 7,000 people and expected to employ many more in the years ahead.

The industry now fears that, due to Brexit, contracts worth hundreds of millions of pounds may be lost to France.

An independent Scotland means decisions made by us, not for us.



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In 2016 Scottish vessels landed 453,000 tonnes of sea & shellfish worth £557million, supporting 12,000 jobs and dozens of coastal and island communities.

1970: Westminster Tories traded away the "expendable" Scottish fishing industry to join the Common Fisheries Policy, in exchange for a better EU deal for the South East and London.

2018: The Tories are doing it again.

Isn't it time to do what's best for Scotland?

A better future for Scotland: decisions made by us, not for us.



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“ They are leaving 750 international agreements. 750! The UK has work to do to re-establish relations with all those partners. ”

Michel Barnier, European Chief Brexit Negotiator

An independent Scotland in the EU/EFTA would have automatic EU trade deals with the rest of the world, including any new EU/rUK deal.

An independent Scotland means decisions made by us, not for us.



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“ I doubt whether we will ever have been more popular, or in a better position to dictate terms, than if we vote to stay. ”

J. K. Rowling, Author

SEPTEMBER 2014

“ I wouldn't grant any powers to the Scottish Government that I wouldn't grant to Lincolnshire county council. ”

Caroline Nokes
Minister of State for Immigration

MARCH 2018

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WHAT SHE SAID . .

“ The interests of Scotland and the UK will be deeply damaged. That will be the Tory legacy . . I think future generations will never ever forgive them. ”

WHAT BBC NEWS SAID SHE SAID . .

“ The First Minister said . . those who supported (Brexit) would never be forgiven. ”

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“ Let me be clear: nobody, not me, not anyone, is expecting the SNP to give up on independence. That's what it believes in and it's a perfectly honourable position to take. ”

Ruth Davidson MSP, 9th June 2014
Conservative Party, Scottish branch

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<http://www.helensburghcommunitycouncil.co.uk/>

<http://www.rhuandshandoncommunity.org/>

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<http://www.allofusfirst.org/>

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