



## OLD BEXLEY AND SIDCUP BY-ELECTION on THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

# VOTE JOHN POYNTON FOR UKIP

### ABOUT UKIP

UKIP was founded in 1993 to get Britain out of the European Union, with members coming from all different backgrounds, genders and races united behind this common objective.

Today we see ourselves as a centre radical social libertarian party positioned between to the two traditional parties with a view to maintaining a fair balance between the interests of rich and poor, to offering a libertarian alternative to their totalitarian and corporatist policies, and to protecting Britain's traditional values and culture including the right to free speech and protest. We have no problem with diversity but do object to displacement.

Our party constitution commits us to upholding the principle of equality under the law and to opposing all forms of discrimination. None of our policies has ever been discriminatory in any way, nor will they become so.

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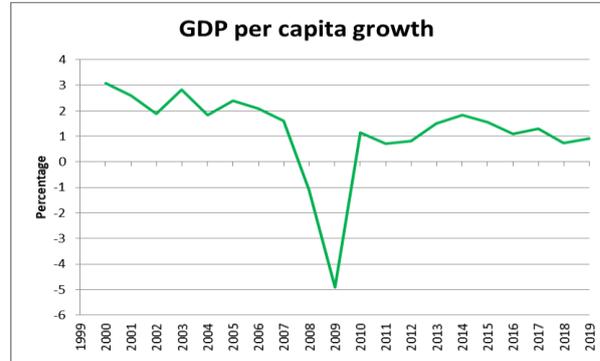
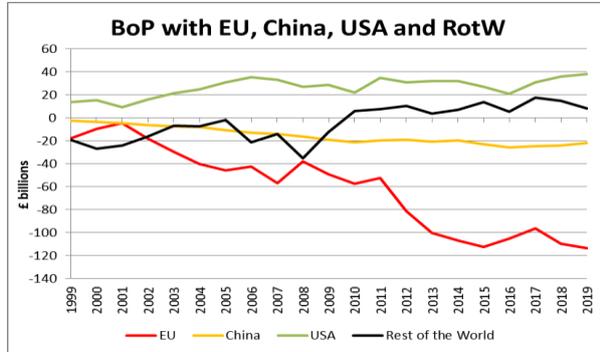
John was born and brought up in Croydon and was educated at Marlborough and the University of Edinburgh where he read physics and economics. He qualified as a chartered accountant and as a management consultant with Price Waterhouse in London before moving on to become finance director for two medium-sized organisations.

As a consultant he spent a year managing the accounts department for an oil company in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, and as a line manager he has recruited and worked with staff from many different backgrounds, genders and races.

He joined UKIP in 2014, stood as their candidate in Southall, West London in 2015 and 2017 and is now a member of the party's National Executive. He is married and has four grown-up children.

## BREXIT IS NOT DONE – THE TORY BRINO IS CATASTROPHIC

When we say Brexit is not done we are not just referring to the so-called residual issues of Northern Ireland, fishing and human rights, important though they are. We are referring to something much more fundamental – sovereignty over our economy and future prosperity. Look at these two graphs.



These show how, over the past twenty years, both our trade with the EU and our rate of economic growth have plummeted to around 6% GDP and to 0.7% respectively, whilst our trade with the rest of the world has moved firmly into surplus. This is no coincidence. An increasing deficit presents British business with a contracting market, undermining jobs, investment and growth. We also now have record levels of national and personal debt as government has stimulated heavily to replace the lost jobs. We are living on borrowed money, and that is not sustainable.

But why the divergence with the rest of the world? The only logical explanation is that Brussels has been deliberately, maliciously, persistently but surreptitiously blocking our exports with non-tariff barriers, presumably as revenge for our not joining the Euro, and our dozy officials in Whitehall haven't even noticed. **The EU have been stealing from us under our noses!**

So what do the Tories go and do? They lock us into this ever-increasing deficit so that now there is nothing we can do to reverse and eliminate it. Whose side are they on? Effectively they have handed Brussels the keys to our safe, lain down legs akimbo and declared us open season! There is only one way out. **SCRAP THE WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT** and revert to trading at arm's length on WTO terms where we will have the protection of the most-favoured nation principle.

Once again UKIP stands alone in the defence of our sovereignty, our values and our prosperity.

**WE SHALL NEVER SURRENDER**

## IMMIGRATION IS OUT OF CONTROL

The Tories claim they have introduced a 'new' points-based system. In fact Tony Blair introduced one in 2006 and it has NEVER worked and is not going to start doing so now. The reason is that it is not even designed to reduce the total number of immigrants. Its only purpose is to reduce the number who may end up on benefits. The Australian system is no different, it being a vast, sparsely populated continent, whereas we are a tiny sardine tin floating off the coast of Europe already sinking and dangerously waterlogged. And the points are regularly corrupted by Big Business.

Open borders have caused immense damage to this country in many various ways – economic, environmental, housing shortages, collapsing public services as well as cultural displacement. It is not enough simply to reduce immigration to the tens of thousands. We must actually reverse the process by targeting net zero immigration or even less, perhaps 50,000 a year fewer than emigrated each previous year, if we are to repair the damage.

For **medium-term immigration** (one to four years) UKIP wants an **AUCTION QUOTA** system whereby British sponsors must pay the going rate for a place in a monthly quota. They must also insure for health, benefits and bad debts. No restrictions will be placed on the reason to come other than security. Only children joining one or two British parents or other dependants can come in free.

For **longer term immigration** (replacement visas) the same process will apply provided the holder has not been detained in prison so far. 25% discounts will be available after each four-year visa, and citizenship after sixteen years. Legacy periods will count. Discounts may also be available to those with British ancestry (in sixteenths) – regardless of race!

For **short term immigration** (visitors, seasonal workers, students etc.) UKIP seeks no limit but will introduce a smart-card system so we know immediately if anyone has not left at the end of their visa. UKIP wants British people to have permanent jobs, normally unavailable for temporary work.

For **refugee and illegals** we will offshore them and treat them well using part of the aid budget.

## DON'T PANIC OVER CLIMATE CHANGE

Now that data are coming in from so many different and independent sources there can be no doubt that the climate is having devastating effects around the world, whether or not this is something new or man-made. But there are also serious cost and independence issues to consider as well, and protection from the changes that are already upon us. A panic reaction is likely to make matters worse.

UKIP does not take a view on the science itself but concludes that both natural and man-made forces are at work. Either way we must act, but we must act in a measured and balanced fashion. UKIP opposes the imposition of artificial deadlines but supports further research into more economic ways of producing green energy. There is abundant tidal energy all around us and huge expensive estuary barrages are not the only way to harness it.

So far government has been panicked into investing into the most inefficient ways of producing green energy with a cost that has resulted in the greatest transfer of wealth from poor to rich in living memory. We will

- downgrade artificial deadlines to aspirations and repeal the 2008 and subsequent Climate Change Acts which have caused so much economic devastation,
- place a cap on the annual rate of increase in energy bills to 1% above inflation,
- ensure that benefit levels reflect the higher charges,
- invest in research into more economic ways of producing green energy,
- not close down existing power generation or ban existing utilities such as cars and boilers until economic green generation is on stream. Don't forget, electric cars use electricity from the grid, which is hybrid when it goes into the grid in the first place. And with the exception of hydrogen so-called green fuels still have to be burnt, which produces CO<sub>2</sub>,
- apply cap and collar profit regulation to all power generation businesses both to safeguard investors and to protect consumers and taxpayers from profiteering,
- carefully investigate and develop fracking and our remaining oil reserves as backup,
- repeal the inherited EU restrictions on dredging our rivers and build by-pass flood sewers and coastal protection as necessary and where possible,
- finance all the above (and much more) by taxing multinationals on the basis of their global profits rather than their national ones, and recovering our £120bn trade deficit from the EU, worth possibly £40bn year to the exchequer.

## WE MUST PROTECT WOMEN BETTER THAN WE DO

It is completely unacceptable that women are afraid to walk out at night. Rape is a heinous crime which can also lead to murder. We must do everything we can to stamp it out.

The criminal justice system is clearly not up to the job, and many do not want to ruin two lives as well as one anyway. I do not believe that many cases are pathological. It is much more likely they are the result of ignorance, confusion, misunderstanding or frustration. It is extraordinary that here we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and still young people are having to reinvent the wheel when it comes to forming and maintaining personal relationships. Indeed, as the Facebook whistle-blower has pointed out, social media may well be making matters worse rather than better.

Schools are up to their eyeballs in other responsibilities and many families dysfunctional. We need a new forum where young people can go at any time to get the advice they need in a format that suits them, which will vary. Access could be either free and voluntary or compulsory as a response to an accusation - to remove their name from a public register perhaps which would otherwise show patterns of behaviour – a progressive approach with the courts still there as a last resort. The same system could also be used for other forms of abuse such as bullying and threatening behaviour.

## MAKING THE PUBLIC SECTOR MORE EFFICIENT

As libertarians we want smaller government, lower taxes and a limited scope of the law, leaving as much as possible of the domain of morality to the discretion of the individual and minority groups. This is only possible in an educated and relatively prosperous society, and tends to be promoted by those who can take care of themselves. The poor and disadvantaged tend to place greater value on a supportive community and solidarity and are generally prepared to sacrifice individual freedom to get it. Notice how the North happily accepted extensive restrictions over the pandemic for instance.

**At UKIP, however, we believe we can replace totalitarian socialism with social libertarianism.** By supporting a reliable welfare state and first-class public services for all, local solidarity is not necessary but provision is still expensive. It gives people a choice. The key is to focus on alternative sources of finance and greater efficiency if both sides are to be satisfied.

First a **Sovereign Wealth Fund** (SWF) to hedge our now ginormous national debt and in due course to take over the funding of debt interest and the state pension, currently costing the taxpayer over 13% of the entire central government budget. This should have been started ten years ago when interest rates first hit the floor after the banking crisis, and I regard it a matter of gross negligence that the Tories did not start one then. However, 30-year money is still available for less than 3% simple and any half decent fund manager will get you well over 5% compound in return, which will quadruple your money over that period. You don't even need to do the maths – it's obvious! Let's get started! Better late than never, though an increase in interest rates means the window of opportunity may be limited. Funding would cut out automatically when so, and back in again when safe to do so.

Second a **National Credit Card**, operated and funded by the SWF for 5%, enabling anyone to use the private sector on a means-tested basis for their essential services instead of the monopoly public sector. Freedom of choice. Not unlike the old voucher system for education but brought up to date. The taxman would recover your share of the cost through the tax system thereby reducing the burden on the taxpayer as well. This way for example any parent however poor could consider a private school education for their child. Let us celebrate our independent schools rather than persecuting them as the socialists do. They are amongst the best in the world and it is a tragedy that so few British children are now able to attend them.

Third **Break up the Spending Departments**, allowing the Civil Service to return to its traditional purely advisory role of advising ministers on current events and future legislation. All executive functions can then be hived off to professional managers with a National Chief Executive for each service reporting directly to the relevant minister side by side with the permanent secretary.

Have you ever noticed how none of our public services actually has any top management? They are just a plasma of expensive middle managers running around in circles like headless chickens. Now I am not going to fall into the usual trap here of trying to reorganise the NHS myself. It is a game we all play and few of us are qualified to do so. I am reminded of one of Arnold Weinstock's principles when he said that "you do not buy a dog and bark yourself". If your dog does not bark you just replace him and feed the new one. So just appoint a national chief executive and let him get on with the job. Simple, and the same philosophy should ripple down through every layer. I believe we could save billions in efficiency improvements in this manner as well as ensure better delivery.

## WELFARE REFORM, HOUSING AND REGIONAL POLICY

The Tory housing policy of cramming everyone into the South East, on the grounds that that is where the jobs are, is stupid. People have feet, they can move, as can jobs, and will do so if they are provided with the right opportunities and incentives. If the jobs and houses are up North people will migrate accordingly, especially if there are tax discounts involved. Our policy is to build where the brown field sites are, which are mainly up North, and also where existing population density is below a certain cap, thereby avoiding pollution, and to provide the jobs to match through managing relative demand.

Unfortunately the Tory method of reporting unemployment is pure window-dressing. Just a claimant count. No account is taken of those living off savings, and none of self-employed people not making a living wage. We must formulate a composite unemployment rate first before feeding it into a regional policy based on local tax discounts, directly and automatically linked to that rate, post code by post code across the whole country so no-one is left out. Free trade zones are all very well but selection is political and scope is minimal. Rates per post code could be published annually for the following year.

I am proposing we introduce **pre-vetting and self-assessment for benefits** so that pre-vetted claimants can receive a payment instantly on submitting an online time and income report. These reports would also then provide the data on hours available and worked for calculating un- and under-employment. Anyone could pre-vet even without a claim, and anyone could submit reports for a small reward. Other than for un-vetted claimants, the massive waiting times for receipt of benefits at a particularly stressful time would be a thing of the past, and the effect of reducing unemployment where it is highest would benefit the taxpayer by reducing claims and increasing tax revenues.

## ELECTORAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Our policy is to hold referenda on all aspects of our constitution including the abolition of regional and devolved government and the House of Lords, as well as proportional representation. However, we will first consult and produce a considered list of options and alternatives.

One alternative to devolution could be an opt out arrangement whereby any self-defining part of the UK could opt out of specific laws provided no-one outside its boundaries would be adversely affected.

There are also arguments for an independent but democratically selected revising chamber. Provided we kick out the cronies and ensure that in future Prime Ministers do not do the selecting. This could lead to a written constitution managed by a separate elected Constitutional Council responsible for all matters in which Parliament has a vested interest, such as MPs' pay and expenses, the judiciary, the boundaries commission and the Royal Assent. UKIP supports the monarchy and the Union.

# TEN TASTY MORSELS OF POLICY TO WHET YOUR APPETITE

## ALL UNIQUE TO UKIP

**1. Abolish Sleaze:** By prohibiting ANY donor to ANY political party from benefiting from ANY government contract, either directly or indirectly through connected persons, for at least ten years.

**2. End Fat Cat Pay:** By requiring all recruiters in the public and public (quoted) company sectors to put at least five competent names on their short-lists and then requiring them to bid for the job. Lowest bidder gets it. It works for contractors so it will work for executives. Other pay increases will be limited to the average increase across the whole organisation.

For quoted companies we would also introduce **shareholder supervisory boards to improve corporate governance**, typically the six largest shareholders on the register at any given time plus a smaller number of execs and a non-exec, with possibly a government representative as well where substantial government contracts are involved, so they can take quick decisions during the year on specific issues, including the final choice on recruitment as well as take-overs and mergers, capital reconstructions, major contracts and appointment of auditors, and agree resolutions to be put to general meetings.

**3. Guarantee no-one has to sell their home to pay for care:** This can be done by using our Sovereign Wealth Fund as working capital to pay the bills until death. At that point the costs are recharged, plus the 5% the SWF needs for itself, to the deceased's estate before inheritance tax. The taxpayer only takes a hit if there are insufficient funds in the estate.

**4. Rescind the Tory Employer national insurance and NHS tax increases:** By taxing multinationals on the basis of their global profits rather than their national ones (so they cannot hide profits in tax havens through transfer pricing) and by recovering our £120bn trade deficit from the EU, worth possibly as much as £40bn to the exchequer each year. Note: We strongly oppose Joe Biden's proposal for a global minimum rate of corporation tax at 15%, just as we oppose all moves towards international government. Under my proposal global taxable profits are apportioned by turnover and each country can then apply whatever rate of corporation tax they want, if indeed they choose to use the system at all. We can do it unilaterally just for ourselves or in co-operation with other countries as may be agreed.

**5. Relief for small companies:** By introducing a permanent cap on indirect taxes such as business rates and NI at a low combination rate of profits and turnover. This would be funded by a 5% VAT uplift on all online sales except click and collect, which would also give the high street a boost. We would also reinstate marginal relief for corporation tax abolished by the Tories in 2015.

**6. Allow speeding fines and parking tickets** and all other court fines to be paid on our National Credit Card, **so richer people pay higher fines than poorer people.** Equality of deterrence!

**7. Reinstate the triple lock increase for the state pension and extend it to all non-housing welfare benefits.** Welfare increases have their own Laffer curve, technically known as a fiscal stabiliser, as they increase local demand which in turn reduces unemployment which in turn reduces benefit claims and increases tax revenues. It should pay for itself.

**8. Introduce a cash alternative for housing benefit:** End the dependency trap by allowing anyone who qualifies for HB but cannot take it up because they do not have a tenancy agreement to make their own arrangements with cash in their pocket. As libertarians we oppose the patronising attitude that they may abuse the privilege by spending it on booze and drugs. If they do become vagrant they can be made wards of court and a volunteer guardian appointed to look after them with power of attorney. Many of our homeless are veterans. What a way to treat them; it's embarrassing.

**9. End Breeding for Benefits:** It is ludicrous that our perverse welfare system is still paying people to have babies when we are suffering from such population pressures. The Tories partially addressed the problem by reducing entitlement to child tax credits to 2 children but, being the nasty party, they treated it as an arm of austerity. We would not do that. We would wrap up all child benefits, allowance and credits into the adult benefit so that for a 2 parent 2 child family the total income would remain exactly the same, but the financial incentive to breed would be completely removed. DWP figures have shown that parents on benefits breed at roughly double the rate of those not on benefits. Larger families would stay on the old basis for existing children, and single parents and adults would get a once-off uplift.

**10. End Fly-tipping:** One of the many ludicrous and counterproductive directives we have inherited from the EU is the introduction of charges at the local tip. No wonder people are avoiding them by fly-tipping. It is costing local authorities millions to clear up the mess, not that they are doing so. Use the money instead (preferably centrally funded) to pay people to take stuff to the tip. We would become a nation of scavengers overnight and the rubbish would simply vanish. Theft can be combated by taking photos and keeping records of payments.

## A WORD ABOUT NATIONALISM AND FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE

The word 'nationalist' appears to have acquired a disreputable meaning during the twentieth century, possibly because it was associated with totalitarian regimes such as communism and fascism. To us it simply means independence and patriotism; love for your country, its values and heritage.

As any physicist will tell you, a cellular structure is far more robust than a unitary one. Democracy has only survived because when it has been wiped out in one country it has continued to shine like a beacon elsewhere. The global cellular structure of nation states means that mad dictators can be contained with their own or just a few until they are forcibly removed if they transgress recognised borders.

But stability is also required in matters of trade and migration. Our national borders act like the bulkheads within an ocean-going oil tanker. They prevent the ship from sinking if all the oil rushes up to one end in a storm.

Of course people want to move about freely and live and work where they please, and if these migration patterns can be kept in balance that is fine. However experience shows that migration is unstable and you get massive and overwhelming imbalances developing. That will just destroy the very benefits they seek to enjoy. I quite understand that countries on the continent which have experienced totalitarianism will value the freedom to escape such regimes, which may well be the motivation behind the EU's implacable commitment to free movement, but that is not our experience or problem.

Likewise trade must be kept in balance or, as we have seen, wealth is dissipated in favour of the surplus countries. All the most successful, high-growth economies in recent history have run substantial balance of payments surpluses, as did the UK before the second world war, and since then Germany, Japan, China and the Asian tiger economies have done the same. Globalisation has created a huge increase in these imbalances, making global free trade agreements impossible, and to the detriment of the deficit countries such as the US and Britain. That is why it is so important we recover our trade from the EU. We will not see significant economic growth again until we do.

Size matters for defence but not for prosperity. Britain is probably in the goldilocks zone of being big enough to defend our international interests but small enough to afford effective regional policies. All free market economies are geographically unstable and require intervention to keep them in balance. That is not cheap and probably beyond the capability of larger countries. Let us be thankful as we are.

## WHY VOTE FOR A SMALL PARTY?

Your ballot paper is not a betting slip. There are no prizes for voting the same way as everybody else. I am proud of the fact that in over 50 years of voting in elections, not once have I voted for the party that won the election. It reminds me that I still have a few grey cells upstairs I can call my own! Do you?

As UKIP demonstrated over Brexit, once a head of steam builds up within a small party the Dinosaur parties take fright and change is possible. It is much easier to forge change from within a small party than within a big one. So often it is the total number of votes you can deliver nationally that matters. And who knows, that small party may well go on to replace a larger party!

Today UKIP is the only significant libertarian party on the British political spectrum; a libertarian rose surrounded by a thicket of totalitarian thorns. Socialism has always been totalitarian, but the Tories have had pretences towards libertarianism in the past. That surely is now completely traduced by their submission to Big Business - witness HS2, Help to Buy, Points-based immigration, Priority phone-lines, Fat Cat pay, Sleaze – the list just gets longer. With the Tories now clearly under the thumb of Big Business they have firmly become totalitarian corporatists. The two middle parties are Remainers, so by association with the EU that makes them totalitarian also.

Many of the Splinter parties do have similar values and aspirations to ourselves, but stop short of offering practical solutions.

**ONLY UKIP offers you practical, problem-solving libertarian policy solutions.**

Please see our website at [UKIP.ORG](http://UKIP.ORG) for more, and on how to join.

**Nothing will change if you do not change the way you vote**

**It's your vote and democratic right to vote for what you want and for what you believe in, regardless of those around you**

**Say YES to UKIP  
on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**Let's unite to put the backbone back into Britain**

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