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Economics Debate

Vision 2050: The Liberal Party by creating the conditions of a fair, sustainable and prosperous economy aims to create a country whereby the UK is ranked as being not only one of the best places to live but also as an innovation-led place to do business by 2050. In addition, the party is committed to making a success of Brexit; harnessing the green technology revolution; and investing in infrastructure in every part of the country thus spreading opportunity to everyone.

We primarily aim to do the above by the following:

- Investing £1 trillion in infrastructure (approximately £250 billion a decade) – upgrading our transport and energy systems, building schools, hospitals, and homes, empowering all regions and nations of the UK and developing the climate-friendly infrastructure of the future.
- Enabling an adaptable, future-focused workforce – empowering individuals through a new skills wallet worth £10,000 for every individual, having employee representation on corporations

Fiscal Policy:

The focus of any fiscal policies we take will always prioritise those on the lowest end of the income-spectrum first as well as the millions of SMEs up and down the country which form the backbone of our economy:

Taxation

- NI/Income Tax merge together: merge income tax and both employee and employer National Insurance contributions into a single system rate to boost transparency.
- Tax brackets (0-20k = 0%, 20-30k = 20%, 30-40 k = 30%, 40-100k = 40% and 150k+ = 45%) - reviewed on an annual basis.
- Reform inheritance tax abolish extensive exemptions other than ones current home: Progressive tax on lifetime gifts and limit inheritance tax reliefs.
- Free up to 1.2 million SME's from paying Corporation Tax rate (over 80% of companies) by lifting minimum threshold to £100,000. Raise rate from 19% to 20%:
 - £100,000-£250,000: 20%
 - > £250,000: 25%
- Full expensing – letting businesses deduct the cost of any investment they do from their corporation tax bills straight away.
- Remove VAT from housing repairs maintenance

Defence Debate

The Liberal Party recognises that to any government must ensure security and this can only be done by having a adequate defence security framework

- Increase the number of offshore patrol vessels
- Maintain Britain's membership of NATO and observe the NATO target of spending a minimum of 2% of GDP on defence.
- Recognise the expansion of warfare into the cybersphere by investing in our security and intelligence services and acting to counter cyberattacks.
- In keeping with our membership of the UN Security Council, Britain shall play a full part in fully authorised UN peacekeeping missions.

Develop an Israeli 'missile shield'

Carry out a critical supply chain analysis in order minimise any disruption to key industries

Support engagement with the EU defence framework as a supplement to NATO

Look to Commonwealth developing countries to support with economic and educational investment to reduce vulnerability to Chinese expansion