

Model submission for CLPs and Branches to the National Policy Forum *Safe and Secure Communities* Policy Commission

The *Safe and Secure Communities* commission is responsible for police and crime, the criminal justice system, online safety, local government, local transport, high streets, the Constitution and civil rights. The first part of our model submission – in response to Question Five – calls on Labour to commit to the repeal of the inhumane Nationality & Borders Bill, and the authoritarian Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act. The second part of the submission – in response to Question Six – calls for the reform of the Gender Recognition Act such that it treats trans people with the respect they deserve, as well as for the scrapping of *Prevent*.

Model submission

Question Five: In what ways can devolution and constitutional reform empower people and bring our communities closer together?

- *The inhumane Nationality & Borders Bill serves to criminalise asylum seekers while attacking the rights of British citizens. Labour should therefore commit to repealing this disgraceful attack on human rights and bringing about an asylum system that prioritises the welfare of every individual.*
- *The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act is a disgraceful attack on the long-fought right to protest, it undermines a fundamental cornerstone of our democracy, and is a deeply authoritarian measure that would rightly be criticised were it to be introduced in other parts of the world. Labour should therefore commit to its repeal immediately upon taking office.*
- *In recent years the Tory Government have introduced many bills which divide our communities and bolster bigotry - as such, Labour should scrap the hostile environment and repeal legislation criminalising GRT communities.*

Question Six: What are the specific implications of policy proposals in this area for (a) women, (b) Black, Asian and minority ethnic people; (c) LGBT+ people, (d) disabled people and (e) all those with other protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010?

- *Labour must fully commit to expansive reform of the Gender Recognition Act, including the introduction of self-ID from the age of 16. The UK's current system for legally changing gender identity is medically intrusive and bureaucratically onerous, leaving trans people in the lurch for years while they wait for a GRC. The simplification of the UK's gender reassignment*

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process would allow trans people to live as their authentic selves, with dignity and respect.

- *Scrap Prevent, a failed programme which serves to stigmatise Muslims and fails to tackle far-right political threats.*