

Arundel and South Downs Constituency Labour Party

All Member Meeting

28 March 2026

Policy Briefing: National Policy Forum Consultation

1. Introduction and background.

The Labour Party's National Policy Forum (NPF) consultation ***Delivering National Renewal*** was launched at the beginning of March 2026, It builds on last year's consultation, ***Fixing the Foundations to Deliver Change*** and will inform how the Labour Government continues to deliver change, supports working people to feel more secure and prepares Britain for the future.

The NPF process was brought about through **Partnerships in Power** the last time Labour was in government. Labour's policy-making process was designed to involve as many members as possible and support the relationship between the party in the country and the party in government. This is based on the principles of firstly a rolling programme of policy development for the next manifesto and secondly a year-round dialogue between party and government.

The consultation, which closes on the 11th of June 2026, provides an opportunity for members to shape Labour's next stage of government. It is important our Constituency Labour Party (CLP) and branches provide a forum for discussion, make submissions which reflect a broad consensus and encourage individual members to submit responses. The link to the consultation is:

<https://nationalpolicyforum.labour.org.uk/>

2. The policy commissions

The NPF will consult on the following six policy commissions, each of which has a consultation document:

- Kickstart economic growth <https://nationalpolicyforum.labour.org.uk/growth/>
- Make Britain a clean energy superpower <https://nationalpolicyforum.labour.org.uk/clean-energy/>
- Safer streets <https://nationalpolicyforum.labour.org.uk/safer-streets/>
- Break down barriers to opportunity <https://nationalpolicyforum.labour.org.uk/opportunity/>
- Build an NHS fit for the future <https://nationalpolicyforum.labour.org.uk/health/>

- Britain reconnected <https://nationalpolicyforum.labour.org.uk/britain-reconnected/>

The Government states that the purpose of the commissions is to consider collectively how “we bring back pride in our communities, restore our natural world, support young people to get on in life, bring health services closer to people, secure our borders and restore Britain as a respected partner in the world.”

The convenors of each commission are set out in the table below.

Commission	Cabinet Co-convenor	NEC Co-convenor
Kickstart economic growth	Rachel Reeves	Karen Rose
Make Britain a clean energy superpower	Ed Miliband	Melanie Onn
Build an NHS fit for the future	Wes Streeting	Linda Hobson
Break down barriers to opportunity	Bridget Phillipson	Elsie Greenwood
Safer streets	Shabana Mahmood	Tom Williams
Britain reconnected	Yvette Cooper	David Agbley

Also, there are regional representatives for each commission.

3. Focus of each commission

The focus of the consultation process for each commission is:

- **Kickstart economic growth:** investing in communities to support economic growth, reduce economic inequalities and deliver higher living standards, enabling high streets to thrive, delivering meaningful devolution to strategic and local authorities in England, implementing and taking forward the Make Work Pay plan, supporting people at work, boosting employment and skills and supporting people to start businesses.
- **Make Britain a clean energy superpower:** restoring the natural environment, improving access to nature and green spaces whilst delivering the Plan for Change, identifying the further measures needed to hold water companies accountable, taking additional steps to reduce carbon emissions, supporting families in the transition to green energy, developing the clean energy economy, securing Britain’s energy independence and delivering green jobs across the country.
- **Safer streets:** improving safe and legal entry routes, improving the immigration system and working in close cooperation with international partners to strengthen border security, actions identifying actions to speed up asylum decision-making and reduce the backlog, supporting community cohesion and

improving the UK's criminal courts and legal system to provide swifter justice for victims.

- **Break down barriers to opportunity:** reducing the number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), supporting young people to earn and learn, breaking down barriers to employment for disabled people and people with long term health conditions, identifying ways the youth services can support young people into work meeting the target of two-thirds of young people participating in higher-level learning by age 25 (academic, technical and apprenticeships) and equipping schools and colleges to support young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), so that all our children can achieve and thrive.
- **Build an NHS fit for the future:** strengthening community and primary care, delivering personalised and preventative care through neighbourhood health services, using digital and AI tools and developing integrated health and social care teams.
- **Britain reconnected:** continuing to strengthen national security, building on the improved relationship with the EU, while upholding the commitments set out in the manifesto, developing more resilient economies in the Global South through partnership, boosting defence spending and using digital innovation to help boost engagement with international partners.

In addition, commissions will consider the implications of any proposals:

- On (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.
- In reducing the inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage.
- When collaborating with devolved administrations and local government in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- a) Members submit their ideas on the NPF commission proposals to their branch secretaries and to the CLP Policy Officer.
- b) Members are encouraged to become a CLP lead on one of the proposals.
- c) The NPF proposals should be an agenda item at all meetings.
- d) Following the next All Member Meeting, any proposals agreed by the members will be submitted to the NPF.
- e) Members are encouraged to make individual responses.

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