#### Scottish National Party (SNP) (Link to full manifesto here)

# SNPO

**Note:** As this is a UK government election, Scottish housing matters tend to get limited mention in parties' manifestos because Scottish housing legislation is devolved to Holyrood and not within the control of the Westminster government.

Although there is no mention of it in their manifesto, the SNP still intend to proceed with their Housing Bill which, if approved by the Scottish parliament, would introduce a national system of rent controls and other measures affecting the private rented sector which are set out here.

## Housing

- Introduce an annual uplift to the Local Housing Allowance and ensure that rental costs are considered as part of it.
- Combine the Warm Home Discount and Energy Company Obligation to create a fuel poverty scheme in Scotland.
- Introduce a fair energy pricing and rebate scheme for the Highlands and Islands.
- Reintroduce a simplified Help to Buy ISA scheme for first-time buyers

#### **Economy**

- · Fully devolve taxation, including national insurance and windfall taxes on business.
- Create a windfall tax and clamp down on tax avoidance and evasion.
- Introduce fiscal rules on public sector investment, debt servicing, and spending.
- Bring forward an emergency budget aimed at reversing spending cuts.
- Create a statutory social tariff for energy, broadband, and mobile charges.
- Create an essentials guarantee for basics such as food and utilities.
- Cut standing charges and remove standing charges for prepayment meters.

#### **Energy and Climate Change**

- Match the £500m North-East Transition Fund with UK Government funding.
- Take an evidence-based approach to oil and gas while ruling out new nuclear power plants.

#### **Constitution and Europe**

· Rejoin the European Union as an independent country.

## Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party (Link to full manifesto here)



#### Housing

- Increase the threshold for LBTT from £145,000 to £250,000.
- Restore funding for the Affordable Housing Supply Programme.
- Pilot a rent-to-own model which would see the government give renters back a quarter of their rent to help them purchase the property that they live in.

## **Economy**

- Keep the VAT threshold under review and explore options to smooth the cliff edge at £90,000.
- Improve access to finance for SMEs including through expanding Open Finance and by exploring the creation of Regional Mutual Banks.
- Take more companies out of the scope of burdensome reporting requirements.
- Making use of freedoms granted by Brexit, we will lift the employee threshold allowing more companies to be considered medium-sized.
- Introduce a 'regulation handbrake' to pause new business laws during times of weak economic performance if the regulations are harmful to the Scottish economy.
- Increase public spending on R&D to £22 billion a year, up from £20 billion this year.

## **Energy and Climate Change**

- Treble our offshore wind capacity, to deliver low-cost, home-grown energy and support the development of vibrant industrial clusters in Scotland.
- Progress the carbon capture and storage cluster in Aberdeenshire.
- Invest £1.1 billion into the Green Industries Growth Accelerator to support British manufacturing capabilities, boost supply chains and ensure our energy transition is made in Britain.
- Where there is local support, we would give planning consent for a new generation of nuclear power stations in Scotland.

#### **Constitution and Europe**

• Oppose a second referendum on Scottish independence and rejoining the European Union.

#### Scottish Labour Party (Link to full manifesto here)



## Housing

- Strengthen the requirements for affordable homes in new developments.
- Ensure discounts for low-income buyers are retained when homes are sold.
- Increase the supply of affordable homes in partnership with local authorities.
- · Regulate rents and drive up standards in the rented sector.
- Introduce a new permanent comprehensive mortgage scheme to support first-time buyers struggling with large deposits.
- Relaunch the Scottish Mortgage to Shared Equity Scheme.
- Buy up neglected and empty homes and sell them on.
- Improve building standards and remove dangerous cladding from buildings as a matter of urgency.

#### **Economy**

- Institute fiscal rules mandating that debt must fall as a share of the economy by the fifth year of a Labour Government and that the UK achieves a day-to-day balanced budget.
- Modernise HMRC and tackle tax avoidance by changing registration and reporting requirements and increasing the power of HMRC to investigate.
- · Ensure Scottish representation on the Industrial Strategy Council.
- Publish a roadmap for business taxation for the next UK Parliament.
- Cap corporation tax at 25 per cent, the current rate.
- · Review Universal credit and may work pay to tackle poverty
- · Reduce fuel poverty and introduce a real living wage and improved support for jobseekers
- Review the state pension to make it fit for purpose.

#### **Energy and Climate Change**

- Headquarter GB Energy in Scotland to create jobs.
- · Create 69,000 new high-quality clean energy jobs.
- £1billion investment in carbon capture.
- £500million investment in green hydrogen.

#### **Constitution and Europe**

• Oppose a second independence referendum and rejoining the European Union.

## Scottish Liberal Democrats (Link to full manifesto here)



## Housing

- Develop a new National Housing Plan for Scotland to deal with the housing emergency.
- Increase the building of new homes to 380,000 per year, including 150,000 in social homes, by working in partnership with the Scottish Government and local communities.
- Bring thousands of long-term empty homes back into use.
- Put the construction sector on a sustainable footing with skills, training, and technology investment.
- A ten-year emergency upgrade programme for warm homes.
- · Remove dangerous cladding from all buildings.
- Exempt groups of homeless people from the Shared Accommodation Rate.
- Encourage cooperation between the Scottish Government and local authorities to address skills shortages.

#### **Economy**

- Provide support to manage the cost of living by cutting bills, tackling food prices, and getting mortgages under control.
- · Invest in green infrastructure, innovation, and skills.
- Properly fund HMRC.
- Reform tax to remove the burden from individuals and place it into big banks and a windfall tax on the oil and gas giants.
- An industrial strategy to give business certainty and incentivise investment.

#### **Energy and Climate Change**

- Make homes warmer with a ten-year emergency upgrade programme.
- Drive forward rooftop solar expansion.
- Invest in renewables to reach 90 per cent of all generation by 2030.
- Appoint a Chief Secretary for Sustainability in HM Treasury.
- Return international development spending to 0.7 per cent of national income.

## **Constitution and Europe**

Repair the UK's relationship with Europe to improve investment and the job market.

## Scottish Green Party (Link to full manifesto here)



## Housing

- Phase out the installation of gas boilers by 2035 and consider an end date for the use of gas boilers.
- · Rule out the future use of hydrogen for heating.
- Properly fund boiler and petrol/diesel vehicle scrapping schemes.
- · End standing charges on domestic electricity bills.

#### **Economy**

- Tackle tax avoidance and evasion through increased scrutiny of business.
- A windfall tax on oil and gas.
- A more progressive income tax system, charging higher earners more.
- · Merge national insurance and income tax.
- Reform inheritance tax to take into account the circumstances of the recipient.
- Reform corporation tax and scrap VAT on green products.

## **Energy and Climate Change**

- Phase out fossil fuels by dropping the Offshore Petroleum Bill and recently issued oil and gas extraction licences in the North Sea.
- Develop a long-term plan for decommissioning oil and gas fields.
- Support an international fossil fuel non-proliferation treat.
- End tax breaks for fossil fuel companies.
- · Nationalise and upgrade the National Grid.
- Enhance support for renewable energy through secure development and ending unfair charges.
- End support for new nuclear power stations.

#### **Constitution and Europe**

• An independent Scotland as a full member of the European Union.

#### Alba Party (Link to full manifesto here)



## Housing

- Make more land available for housebuilding to reduce costs.
- Reverse £200 million in housing budget cuts and use £20 billion from pension fund capital to build 100,000 houses.
- Intervene when housing associations act "like private corporates" by designating housing for demolition rather than renovation.
- Create a target of 200,000 new houses in five years.
- Attract 50,000 new people into the construction workforce.
- · Appoint a Cabinet Secretary for Housing.

## **Economy**

- A monetary policy that views interest rates as an objective rather than a policy instrument.
- A "new economic prospectus for Scotland" seeking comparative advantage.
- Adopt a pro-immigration stance.
- · Public ownership of cross-border rail services.
- Demand an increase in Scotland's capital budget to bring forward the duelling of the A9.

## **Energy and Climate Change**

- · Keep the refinery at Grangemouth open.
- A sustainable future for North Sea oil and gas workers.
- · Support new oil and gas licenses with carbon-neutral requirements.
- A national energy company to take a stake in all offshore wind projects called, "Alba Energy the Power of Scotland."
- Champion carbon capture as a part of a transition to net zero.

## **Constitution and Europe**

· An independent Scotland in EFTA and the European single market.

## Reform UK Scotland (Link to full manifesto\* here)

\*Reform UK has published a UK-wide manifesto, which they call a "contract"



## Housing

- Review the Planning System with fast-track planning and tax incentives.
- Reform social housing law to prioritise local people over foreigners.
- · Scrap s24 for landlords.
- · Abolish the Renters' (Reform) Bill.
- · Protect leaseholders.
- · Incentivise the use of new construction technologies.

## **Economy**

- Lift the Income Tax Start Point to £20,000 Per Year.
- Cut Energy Taxes
- Cut Residential Stamp Duty.
- Abolish the VAT Tourist Tax.
- Abolish Inheritance Tax (IHT) for all Estates Under £2m.

# **Energy and Climate Change**

- · Scrap Net Zero and related subsidies.
- Scrap Annual £10 Billion of renewable energy subsidies.
- Cheap, secure energy for Britain through fast-track North Sea oil and gas and shale gas licenses.
- · Cleaner energy from new technology.

## **Constitution and Europe**

• Reform UK is opposed to rejoining the EU.