

## The political vision that we need to manage Brexit

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It would be all too easy this morning to feel overwhelmingly despondent, but I have already done with that.

There could be some quiet satisfaction that Cameron and Osborne are going, but without a general election I can have none.

What we have got is a country in a mess. And that requires responsibility, including the obligation to deliver a very clear narrative for an alternative Britain that can provide the future that the people of this country very obviously think is being denied to them.

What is that vision? I could spend hours, weeks, months and years working on that, but I think it's needed now. So this is it.

I want a country that puts people, and not money, first.

That means a country that invests in each person providing them with the skills they need for the job they're doing, the job they want and the one that they may have no choice but take for the time being.

This means a country where we deliver education free from cradle to grave.

It means no more student debt.

It means writing off the debt there is.

It means access to learning.

It means real training.

It means that anyone coming to the UK has to commit to this programme. And learn English and have or learn a skill we need, and do it where that work is required in exchange for the opportunity given. That means a country where migration is welcomed for what migrants offer and not just what they have as yet, but which has to

be of real value.

And I want a country where we can house people well at prices they can afford.

Markets are not delivering that so government, local authorities, mutuals and others must do so.

In this country I want sustainability to offer my children a future: the vision of every building a power station has to be delivered.

And I want a country where people have a say. Through unions. In their workplace. In a democracy where every vote counts.

To achieve this I want finance to be a servant, not a master, in an economy where risk can be contained by appropriate regulation.

If this is to work there must be tax justice.

And a respect for each person that requires the reversal of so much that has hit our poorest and our disabled people so hard.

But most of all I want a vision of a country where we do not see people as commodities in a market place where flexibility can be demanded so that each and every one of us can be exploited. Instead I want people and their hopes and aspirations to be at the epicentre of every policy.

We have not had an economics like this for decades.

It is what we need now.