

Regeneration Across the Political Spectrum: A 2026 Manifesto Analysis

	Greens	Conservatives	Labour	Lib Dems	SNP	Reform
Deliver Affordable Housing	Build at least 15,700 more social homes over course of parliament Multi-year funding and RSLs to have first right of refusal for ex-RTB properties back on the market 2,700 new social homes in rural and island communities and tackling long-term empty properties to prioritise local housing needs over second homes and holiday lets.	80,000 affordable homes over the next five years. New planning hubs to reduce waiting times for planning applications.	Build 52,300 affordable homes (and 125,000 across all tenures). A planned overhaul of the planning system to create a new national planning agency, with housing designated as critical infrastructure. Consolidating rural housing funds – but no detail provided on what means. Expanding the use of rural housing burdens to allow	25,000 homes built annually. Modernise planning system. Prioritising the building of communities. 10,000 homes for key workers. Reform planning. Supporting the use of rural housing burdens. Increasing acquisitions budget for public housing stock.	£4.9 billion investment in affordable house building over four years, targeting 110,000 affordable homes by 2032. Continuing £75 million RIHF. Simplify planning system. Rural Renewal Bill with specific policies for rural Scotland, including planning reform.	Aim to build 15,000 affordable homes per year for five years.

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	Support for community led housing.		communities to buy back homes and prevent them from being sold as second homes.			
Resource Local Democracy	Introduce a community right of appeal in planning where decisions depart from agreed plans or officer recommendations. Create a decentralised Design Academy for Communities. Support communities to develop LPPs where none exist. Embed the use of citizens' assemblies in	Stop Ministers from being able to overturn planning decisions made by local people.	Giving people more of a say over regional services with a Local Democracy Act – which would also lead to regional Mayors. Statutory consultations whenever a LA decides to shut a local service.	Offering local communities the opportunity to establish a burgh or island council to serve their area, established by a charter defining its functions, to give a truly local democratic focus to services.	Take forward actions in the CWB bill.	Review planning laws and build on Local Place Plans to give local people more say on the design of their communities.

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	<p>public decision making.</p> <p>Strengthen grassroots democracy, supporting new forms of citizen participation and decision making, including more participatory budgeting.</p> <p>Complete the Local Governance Review and Democracy Matters process, culminating in primary legislation to embed local democracy by default</p>					
Commit to Fair Funding	<p>Multi-year funding for active travel delivery mentioned.</p> <p>Sustained, long-term funding for</p>	<p>Will assess 'all government grants paid to campaigning organisations' –</p>	<p>Will deliver fair funding for local services, with a new funding formula agreed for local</p>	<p>Multi-year funding for councils, but no reference to third sector.</p>	<p>New agreement with Third Sector, which will include multi-year funding.</p>	

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	community organisations.	although this is not defined clearly.	government, in addition to a statutory new deal for the third sector, with multi-year funding guaranteed.			
Invest in Public Transport	Expand free bus travel for all residents of Scotland (under a transition period this will initially be free for residents under 30, with a £2 bus fare cap more broadly). Municipalisation of Scotland's buses. Increase financial support for community-designed and owned bus services. Introduce an integrated ticketing system,	Establish a Small Town and Rural Bus Services Fund. Work with disability charities to explore improvements for disabled passengers. Regional coordination with LAs for better transport integration. Finish the rollout to R100.	Plan to place local bus services under public control as well as fast-tracking bus franchising. Deliver integrated smart ticketing across Scotland. Prioritise access to full fibre broadband.	Introduce a Transport for London-like model that puts communities in charge of when and where their buses go, as part of a complete revamp of ailing local bus services. Working with the UK Government to ensure fast and reliable broadband through programmes including Project Gigabit	£2 pound bus fare cap. Accelerate rollout of full fibre broadband.	Support and invest in bus corridors in major cities. Investing in rural infrastructure including broadband.

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	with zonal price caps. Commitments around ensuring all public transport is fully accessible for all.					
Employability	New publicly funded retraining programme for oil and gas workers 40,000 green energy jobs in 5 years. New deal for apprenticeships.	Launch 'Jobs for Life' training and resources to help adults learn skills for future roles. Invest in employability schemes to support the disabled and those living in poverty. Merge business and skills organisations into one new body – Growth Scotland.	Creating regional employability hubs, 9,000 new apprenticeships.	A new skills strategy, mapping out where gaps are, and more funding and emphasis on apprenticeships.	Increase apprenticeships to 150,000 over course of parliament. 500 million Just Transition Fund.	Launch a new Scottish Skills Strategy for technical education, an adult re-skilling taskforce, and a First Job passport for school leavers.
Creative Regeneration	Multi-year funding for the arts. Support greater community	Introduce a new Culture Act to guarantee multi-	Reforming Creative Scotland to improve transparency and	Removing bureaucracy for those applying for	Additional £100 million annually for culture by 2028-2029.	

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	involvement in the management of Scotland's historic and cultural sites, through the creation of community oversight boards, particularly in rural and island communities.	year funding for cultural bodies. Amalgamate some of Scotland's cultural quangos. Promote access to the arts.	put more funding into the hands of artists, and designate a creative capital fund for venues across the country.	Creative Scotland funding.	Pilot a Scottish Artists Minimum Income.	
Community / Other	Deliver at least 1GW of new community-owned energy projects. Increase Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) funding. Establish a Scottish Community Wealth Fund. Establish a Community Cohesion fund for LAs to invest in	Invest in Men's Sheds – a SURF award winner – to support men's wellbeing.	Refocusing enterprise agencies on delivery, with policy and strategy devised within SG. Redefine community benefit and establish a community energy fund of at least £100m.		Expand CARES to £15 million. Invest further in Business Improvement Districts. £10 million for recovery from the Union Street fire in Glasgow. Setting up an Urban Development Company in Glasgow. Embed Architecture and	

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	<p>core services and grassroots community engagement programmes in communities which host New Scots.</p> <p>Support councils to revive town centres by repurposing empty commercial property into workspace, cultural and community uses.</p>				<p>Design Scotland within More Homes agency.</p>	