

## Shadow Cabinet Reshuffle

The reshuffle is still taking place and this briefing is up to date as of 4pm, 8<sup>th</sup> April.

- **Leader of the Party** – Keir Starmer MP, formerly held by Jeremy Corbyn MP
- **Deputy Leader** – Angela Rayner MP, formerly vacant
- **Shadow Chancellor** – Anneliese Dodds MP, formerly held by John McDonnell MP
- **Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury** – Bridget Philipson MP, formerly held by Peter Dowd MP
- **Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster** – Rachel Reeves MP, formerly vacant
- **Shadow Business Secretary** – Ed Miliband MP, formerly held by Rebecca Long-Bailey MP
- **Shadow Communities Secretary** – Steve Reed MP, formerly held by Andrew Gwynne MP
- **Shadow Housing Minister** – Thangam Debbonaire MP, formerly held by John Healey MP
- **Shadow Environment Secretary** – Luke Pollard MP\*
- **Shadow International Development Secretary** – Preet Kaur Gill MP, formerly held by Dan Carden MP
- **Shadow Transport Secretary** – TBC but confirmed that Andy MacDonald will not continue in the role MP

\* MP's who have retained their position

## Individual Briefings

Below are individual briefings on:

- Keir Starmer MP – Leader of the Opposition
- Angela Rayner MP – Deputy Leader
- Ed Miliband MP – Shadow Business Secretary
- Anneliese Dodds MP – Shadow Chancellor
- Steve Reed MP – Shadow Secretary for Communities (MHCLG)
- Luke Pollard MP – Environment Secretary

## **Keir Starmer – Leader of the Opposition**



When it comes to climate change, the environment and energy, Mr Starmer was the least qualified of his opponents. Despite this, SERA (the party's environmental body) endorsed Mr Starmer as being the candidate most aligned with their views on the environment.

In a recent interview in the Guardian, Mr Starmer stated that climate change should be a "guiding thread across all policy areas: from foreign policy to local government, from transport to housing." Mr Starmer also claimed that as leader, he would "encourage bottom-up solutions through supporting climate assemblies and green cooperatives".

In terms of power generation, Mr Starmer supports existing nuclear power plants and recognises them as an important part of the energy mix, but going forward believes "our overwhelming focus must be on increasing the energy share of renewables including solar, wind and tidal energy, and with decentralised energy."

Mr Starmer has long been an advocate for environmental standards in his role as Shadow Brexit Minister and has cited soil as being key to meeting our carbon targets.

Mr Starmer is an advocate of building a "more sustainable, affordable, accessible and integrated transport system". Mr Starmer is also very vocal about the need to introduce a new Clean Air Act to tackle air pollution through clean air zones and more sustainable transport.

## **Angela Rayner – Deputy Leader**



Angela Rayner has proven to be a rising star in the Labour Party climbing the ranks, becoming a household name and a favourite amongst the left of the party. Angela Rayner has gained a reputation for being forthright and passionate about a number of topics including climate change.

Ms Rayner showed support for climate strikes, voiced her endorsement of Labour's Green Industrial Revolution and spearheaded Labour's policy to make climate change part of the core curriculum for Primary Schools in her role as Shadow Education Secretary.

Despite openly supporting the fight against climate change, Ms Rayner seldom comments on individual technologies or policies beyond referencing the Green Industrial Revolution. Ms Rayner is a strong advocate for social justice and has claimed her motivations for becoming an MP was “to secure jobs for local people... take action to make work pay, and end job insecurity”. Considering this, it is likely that Ms Rayner will take a keen interest in the just transition aspect of climate change.

### **Ed Miliband – Shadow Business Secretary**



Former Party Leader Ed Miliband brings a breadth of experience to the role having held the position as Energy and Climate Change Secretary in 2008.

During his time in this role, Mr Miliband is most well known for introducing the Climate Change Act which committed the UK to reducing their emissions by 80% by 2050. Mr Miliband continued to take a keen interest in climate change and energy issues following Labour’s election loss.

In a 2015 interview, he described climate change as the “ultimate challenge” to politics and proposed an energy price cap as Labour Leader that was later implemented by Theresa May’s government. Mr Miliband also helped launch the IPPR’s Environmental Justice Commission and has in recent times called for war-time mobilisation to tackle the climate crisis.

### **Anneliese Dodds – Shadow Chancellor**



The new Shadow Chancellor is not the most outspoken about climate change, but she has made reference in the past. Most notably, Ms Dodds spoke out about the VAT rises on solar reported last year.

In the run up to the election, Ms Dodds also published a blog on her website and an interview in the local newspaper that elaborated on her views. Ms Dodds claimed that she is proud to represent a city which is leading the way with environmental innovation and action but wants to create this across the whole country, and world, is making similar progress.

Ms Dodds she was committed to ensuring parliament doesn't return to business as usual in the next parliamentary session and that the climate is front and centre of our politics.

### **Steve Reed – Shadow Secretary for Communities (MHCLG)**



Mr Reed brings a lot of experience to his role as Shadow Secretary for MHCLG having been awarded an OBE for his services to Local Government.

As well as this, Mr Reed has a positive track record on climate change and renewable energy having been cited climate change as an existential threat, established 'Repowering' the UK's biggest sustainable energy generation co-op and advocating for his constituency to adopt a target of generating up to 20% of its own energy making it the greenest borough in London.

Despite this, in the run up to the election, Mr Reed's green credentials came under fire when it came to light that he had missed a lot of votes on climate change and voted against airport taxES and regulation on fracking.

### **Luke Pollard – Environment Secretary**



Mr Pollard is one of the few Shadow Ministers to retain their position in the reshuffle. Having only been appointed in December following Sue Hayman's election loss, Mr Pollard was thrown in the deep end with his first major task being the scrutiny of the Environment Bill.

Mr Pollard's objections revealed a lot about his views on the environment; he claimed the Bill to be weak, not reflective of the scale of crisis and indicative of kicking the climate change can down the road.

Mr Pollard stood on the Friends of the Earth manifesto in the general election, is vocal about his support of the Green Industrial Revolution and strongly supports bringing the Net Zero target forward from 2050 to 2030.