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FINALLY STARMER COMES CLEAN: HE'LL SOAK MIDDLE CLASS

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SIR Keir Starmer has been accused of plotting a tax raid on the middle classes after he admitted that the looming Budget will be 'painful'.

During a doom-laden speech from the Downing Street rose garden yesterday, the Prime Minister warned that the country must accept 'short-term pain' for 'long-term good'.

Paving the way for hikes to capital gains tax, inheritance tax and a possible raid on pensions, he said those with the 'broadest shoulders' should bear the brunt.

Last night Sir Keir was accused of 'breaking his promise' after repeatedly vowing not to raise levies on working people during the General Election campaign.

The PM insisted he was being 'honest' about the tough decisions needed to fill what he claimed was an unexpected £22billion 'black hole' in the public finances.

But his claims of a 'dire' inheritance have come as his ministers caved into trade union demands for inflation-busting pay deals.

Last night Tory leadership contender Kemi



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