

And, instead of choices on most aspects of our welfare system remaining at Westminster, the full devolution of the welfare state would give us the ability to halt the cruelest and most damaging welfare changes and instead develop a system that supports people and families in their time of need.

It is only with the more extensive devolution of welfare, wages, taxation and the economy that we can deliver greater prosperity for more of our citizens and for Scotland as a whole.

Powers for a Purpose

Our focus, therefore, will be securing specific new economic and social powers, over and above those set out in the Smith Commission proposals, so we can tailor policy to make much more of the country's strengths and finally address the challenges that we face as a society.

Scotland should have the opportunity to establish **its own constitutional framework, including human rights, equalities and the place of local government**. The Scottish Parliament should also have the ability to directly represent its interests on devolved matters in the **EU and internationally**.

With more meaningful tax powers, we could provide more **incentives and support for businesses to invest in Scotland and enter new markets overseas**, encouraging inward investment and boosting our international exports. We could also use targeted changes in business tax allowances to encourage higher levels of investment in capital or Research & Development, and encourage the growth of SMEs.

Proper economic powers would enable a **fully cohesive industrial strategy** focused on strengthening manufacturing and boosting innovation, allowing us to revitalise Scotland's industries and rebalance our economy.

Full control over social protection would allow the Scottish Parliament to tailor a new and fairer welfare system for Scotland. For example, no Scottish Government would have introduced **the Bedroom Tax** in Scotland and, looking forward, we would be able to protect people from any future ideological attacks from Westminster on the very essence of our social security system.

Devolving employment policy would allow us to take progressive action on low pay in order to tackle poverty and inequality, with the power to **raise the minimum wage**, regardless of the political balance at Westminster, and we could more closely integrate skills and employment policy to support people in their search for rewarding work.

Securing Home Rule

We will use the influence of SNP votes at Westminster to ensure that the promises made to Scotland during the referendum are delivered.

We will demand, firstly, that the proposals of the Smith Commission are delivered quickly and in full.

However, we believe that the proposals of the Smith Commission do not go far enough to honour the promises made during the referendum.