

transparent and accountable. We will continue to back the principle of 'open data by default', releasing public sector performance data wherever possible.

A better politics

We will give 16 and 17-year-olds the vote by May 2016, and improve the curriculum for citizenship education, so young people have the knowledge they need to play a full part in British society. We will encourage young people's volunteering and social action by supporting the #iwill campaign of 'Step up to Serve', and the National Citizens Service.

Drawing on the work of the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee, we will take steps to ensure that the move to individual electoral registration does not leave millions unregistered, nor lead to constituencies that fail to take into account the people who live in them. This will include block registration by universities and care homes, extending Northern Ireland's successful Schools Initiative, and exploring the scope for an automatic system of registration. Labour remains committed to reforming political party funding and taking the big money out of politics by capping individual donations to parties.

We will safeguard our democracy by repealing the Lobbying Act, which has gagged charities, and replace it with a tougher statutory register of lobbyists. We will ban MPs from holding paid directorships and consultancies. And we will reform the legislative process to strengthen the public's voice and to better hold the government to account.

The United Kingdom

Labour believes in the historic union of our nations working together for the common good. But as devolution has continued to gather pace, our union now needs to evolve. As a priority, we will set up a people-led Constitutional Convention to directly address this and to drive political reform of Westminster.