

Reform

Plaid Cymru is a pro-European party but we are critical of many aspects of the European Union and that is why a debate is needed about its future.

We will work towards a 'New Social Chapter' reflecting the realities of the European Union after the economic recession and the need for Europe to support its population, not international neoliberal economic corporations who have no responsibility to people.

We will push for the UK's 2017 European Union Presidency to work in the best interests of Wales, including hosting a major international summit in Wales and shared discussions over priorities between the UK and devolved governments so that the Presidency period is in the Welsh national interest.

We will continue to press for the closure of the un-necessary second European Parliament in Strasbourg that costs £120m per year to operate and uses 19,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually.

We also continue to oppose the EU-US free trade agreement, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. We are concerned that it puts too much power

into the hands of international corporations, threatens to weaken our democratic institutions and undermine hard-earned improvements in public services, intellectual property, food safety, health and environmental standards. We oppose any part of this deal that may lead to the privatisation of the NHS.