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### [Financial Times] Tories 'getting act together' after Jenrick defection, says Badenoch

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 15:40:56 GMT*

Conservative leader thanks Reform's Nigel Farage for doing her 'spring cleaning' for her

<https://www.ft.com/content/b0ae5cc8-f112-48d8-8c87-0dfcea763e4f>

### [Independent] 11 Tory MPs on defection watch list over fears more could join Farage's Reform

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 15:39:16 GMT*

Senior figures within the Conservatives are concerned that Robert Jenrick's defection could trigger others to follow

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/robert-jenrick-reform-uk-tories-badenoch-farage-b2901926.html>

### [Daily Mail] Ministers bid to quell alarm over Nigel Farage's vow to unveil a LABOUR defector to Reform next week

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 15:38:27 GMT*

Reform have paraded two switchers from the Tories in recent days - first former chancellor Nadhim Zahawi and then ex-leadership hopeful Robert Jenrick.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470683/Ministers-alarm-Nigel-Farage-LABOUR-defector-Reform.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470683/Ministers-alarm-Nigel-Farage-LABOUR-defector-Reform.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

### [BBC] Millions of people to see their local council elections delayed

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 15:28:33 GMT*

Most wanting a delay are Labour-led but two are Tory councils and one is a Lib Dem authority.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cd7z892jzdeo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cd7z892jzdeo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

### [The Guardian] Jenrick says he hopes his defection to Reform UK will 'unite the right' after Badenoch says he 'tells a lot of lies' – UK politics live

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 15:10:45 GMT*

Reform UK's newest MP said he made the decision to leave the Tories over Christmas 'Enough already': Jenrick's defection gets mixed reception from Reform members Kemi Badenoch said Robert Jenrick is now "Nigel Farage's problem" and that he creates "instability" wherever he goes. The Conservative party leader told the P

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/16/uk-politics-live-robert-jenrick-defection-conservatives-labour-latest-news>

**[Daily Mail] Meet Robert Jenrick's fiercest supporter: Reform defector's 'force of nature' wife who put MP on Ozempic - but let the mask slip and revealed fury when Kemi pipped him to top Tory job**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:52:54 GMT*

Michal Berkner is said to be a powerful driver of his political career, with former Conservative colleagues describing her as a 'force of nature'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470037/Meet-Robert-Jenricks-fiercest-supporter-Reform.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470037/Meet-Robert-Jenricks-fiercest-supporter-Reform.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**[Daily Mail] Kemi Badenoch says she is '100% confident' there won't be more major defections to Reform as she trades blows with Robert Jenrick over his 'lies'**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:50:39 GMT*

Kemi Badenoch dismissed the prospect of any more of her shadow cabinet switching sides as she mocked Nigel Farage for 'doing my Spring cleaning'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15469629/Tories-Jenrick-Badenoch-defections-Reform-Slytherin-House-politics.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15469629/Tories-Jenrick-Badenoch-defections-Reform-Slytherin-House-politics.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**[BBC] Jenrick claims he is 'uniting the right' by defecting to Reform UK**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 13:46:21 GMT*

The former Conservative minister denies the move was about personal ambition, in an exclusive BBC interview.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgl8n7zw0wko?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgl8n7zw0wko?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**[The Guardian] Tory 'arsonists' still in charge of party, says Jenrick as he hits back at Badenoch**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 13:45:35 GMT*

Former Conservative minister who has joined Reform responds to allegations of lying from his former leader UK politics live – latest updates The “arsonists” who tanked the reputation of the Conservatives are still in charge of the party, Robert Jenrick has said as he and the Tory leader, Kemi Badenoch, trade blows a da

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/16/robert-jenrick-tells-lies-says-kemi-badenoch-conservative-nigel-farage-reform-uk>

**[Financial Times] Disloyalty and defection: the Tory-Reform psychodrama**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 13:03:08 GMT*

Robert Jenrick's accelerated leap to Team Farage. Plus, Labour's U-turns fuel cabinet discontent.

<https://www.ft.com/content/0ae1e452-acb7-44d6-a84e-623be1d4082c>

**[The Guardian] At the root of all our problems stands one travesty: politicians' surrender to the super-rich | George Monbiot**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 13:00:59 GMT*

There are many excuses for failing to tax the ultra-wealthy. The truth is that governments don't tackle the problem because they don't want to There is one political problem from which all others follow. It is the major cause of Donald Trump, of Nigel Farage, of the shocking weakness of their opponents, of the

polarisa

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/16/super-rich-inequality-politicians-extreme-wealth>

**[BBC] 'We'd been on high alert' - How Jenrick's dramatic sacking and defection unfolded**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:43:49 GMT*

The secret discussions, bombshell leak and sacking which led to Robert Jenrick defecting to the Reform party.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce3ejzz78gx0?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce3ejzz78gx0?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**[BBC] No action against Reform councillor over 'punch him' text**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:38:47 GMT*

Kent County Council cabinet member Peter Osborne is not facing sanction for the message.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyn1r7kd05o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyn1r7kd05o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**[Independent] Farage 'couldn't run a five-a-side team', Jenrick says in leaked audio**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:34:58 GMT*

Robert Jenrick can be heard criticising his new boss and dismissing Reform UK as 'not a serious party' in leaked audio

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/robert-jenrick-nigel-farage-reform-uk-leaked-audio-b2901702.html>

**[The Guardian] Mystic Nigel has seen the future: a country run by his cabinet of taxidermied Tories | Marina Hyde**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:33:44 GMT*

By welcoming 'Honest Bob' Jenrick into the fold, the Reform seer is embracing the uniparty chaos he claimed to be seeing off Like a 1970s rust-belt serial killer, Nigel Farage is painstakingly assembling around him the political corpses of Boris Johnson's final, terrible cabinet. Think about it. You never see Reform's

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/16/nigel-farage-cabinet-tories-robert-jenrick>

**[BBC] This is uniting the right, says Jenrick in BBC exclusive**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:32:50 GMT*

In an exclusive interview with the BBC, the former shadow justice secretary says Reform UK are the only party who can fix Britain.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/c5y2k71jqlo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/c5y2k71jqlo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**[Independent] 'Jenrick will always be known as a Tory traitor, I know because it happened to me,' says Michael Gove**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:08:27 GMT*

Reform plots turning it into the 'Slytherin house' of politics, says ex-Tory minister

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/robert-jenrick-reform-michael-gove-conservatives-boris-johnson-b2901812.html>

**[The Guardian] Nigel Farage tricked into paying tribute to Lostprophets singer Ian Watkins**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:06:13 GMT*

Reform leader calls the child sexual abuse offender 'a good man, a really good guy' in 27-second Cameo video clip Nigel Farage has been targeted with another prank on the paid video service Cameo, this time paying tribute to the child sexual abuse offender Ian Watkins. Cameo allows fans to pay celebrities to make perso

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/16/nigel-farage-tricked-tribute-lostprophets-singer-ian-watkins>

**[Financial Times] Nigel Farage to attend Davos conference he derided as 'jaunt' for 'globalists'**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 11:37:56 GMT*

Reform UK leader due to appear at World Economic Forum next week

<https://www.ft.com/content/aed4270b-60f9-4f4f-bc49-7d09fac340db>

**[Daily Mail] Nigel Farage is warned Reform risks becoming the 'Slytherin House' of British politics and a 'succession battle is looming' for the leadership after Tory defections**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 11:28:56 GMT*

Nigel Farage welcomed Robert Jenrick into the fold last night, hours after he had been summarily sacked by Kemi Badenoch for plotting a betrayal.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470077/Nigel-Farage-warned-Reform-risks-Slytherin-House-British-politics-succesion-battle-looming-leadership-Tory-defections.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470077/Nigel-Farage-warned-Reform-risks-Slytherin-House-British-politics-succesion-battle-looming-leadership-Tory-defections.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**[Independent] No action against Reform councillor over threat to punch colleague 'in the jaw'**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 10:50:50 GMT*

Reform UK saw the complaint as 'vexatious'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/reform-kent-county-councillor-peter-osborne-b2901815.html>

**[The Guardian] 'Enough already': Jenrick's defection gets mixed reception from Reform members**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 10:00:53 GMT*

Some supporters are concerned about the number of Conservatives being welcomed by their party, and fear it could alienate voters If Reform UK was officially celebrating Robert Jenrick's defection to Nigel Farage's party , the reaction of the rank-and-file was an altogether more complicated one – ranging from jubilation

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/16/enough-already-jenricks-defection-gets-mixed-reception-among-refo-rm-members>

**[Independent] Everything Nigel Farage and Robert Jenrick said about each other before his dramatic defection**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 09:36:26 GMT*

The Reform UK leader had described the Tory MP as a 'fraud' as recently as last summer

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nigel-farage-robert-jenrick-reform-defection-b2901097.html>

**[Daily Mail] I respect Kemi, but there is no chance she can win the election... Farage is the way forward, says Robert Jenrick**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:53:32 GMT*

Robert Jenrick burned all bridges with the Conservatives on Thursday as he rounded on Kemi Badenoch and other senior figures just 24 hours after sitting around the Shadow Cabinet table.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468755/Kemi-win-election-Farage-Robert-Jenrick.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468755/Kemi-win-election-Farage-Robert-Jenrick.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**[Daily Mail] Our economy's moribund, borders are broken, armed forces depleted and the PM's an ocean-going Socialist dud. So as Jenrick's defection rocks the Right, our message to Reform and the Tories: Stop fighting each other - and end the Labour nightmare**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:14:29 GMT*

On a dramatic day at Westminster, the former Conservative leadership contender became the highest-profile defector to Nigel Farage's insurgent party.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468547/Our-economys-moribund-borders-broken-armed-forces-depleted-PMs-ocean-going-Socialist-dud-Jenricks-defection-rocks-Right-message-Reform-Tories-Stop-fighting-end-Labour-nightmare.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468547/Our-economys-moribund-borders-broken-armed-forces-depleted-PMs-ocean-going-Socialist-dud-Jenricks-defection-rocks-Right-message-Reform-Tories-Stop-fighting-end-Labour-nightmare.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**[Daily Mail] Is this the woman who can finally topple Sadiq Khan? ANDREW PIERCE on why 'feisty' lawyer Laila Cunningham is London's best bet**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:14:02 GMT*

I think there's a realistic prospect we can kick out of office the dreadful, appalling Sadiq Khan. Reform UK have picked a brilliant lawyer, she is clever, feisty and determined.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15466331/video-woman-finally-topple-Sadiq-Khan-ANDREW-PIERCE-feisty-lawyer-Laila-Cunningham-Londons-best-bet.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15466331/video-woman-finally-topple-Sadiq-Khan-ANDREW-PIERCE-feisty-lawyer-Laila-Cunningham-Londons-best-bet.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**[BBC] Jenrick defects to Reform UK after being sacked by Tories**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 06:39:53 GMT*

The former minister says the Conservatives "broke Britain", as Nigel Farage welcomes him to his party.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyrpdy42n1o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyrpdy42n1o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**[The Guardian] Say what you will about Trump, but unlike Starmer he knows his own power – and how to use it | Aditya Chakraborty**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 06:00:01 GMT*

The right is unafraid to show its might on the world stage – meanwhile the prime minister is tinkering with potholes. That just about sums up the centre-left Last weekend, as the world wondered whether Donald Trump would swipe Greenland, Keir Starmer made his own big geographic intervention: he published a map of which

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/16/trump-power-right-starmer-potholes>

**[Financial Times] EU 'membership-lite' plan for Ukraine spooks European capitals**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 05:00:31 GMT*

Reforms under discussion would tear up accession rules used since cold war to allow Kyiv to join in a potential peace deal

<https://www.ft.com/content/a42ea7ba-af22-4133-b1d3-e2fdf561c7ba>

**[BBC] Chris Mason: Is Farage's Reform really Conservatives 2.0?**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 02:19:35 GMT*

Reform UK is showing 'momentum and magnetism', but faces a familiar critique of being dubbed the Conservatives 2.0, the BBC's political editor writes.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c20d9dlypnzo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c20d9dlypnzo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**[Daily Mail] 'Fur coat-wearing' Robert Jenrick and Nigel Farage are turned into rappers in AI video after ex-Tory was sacked over rumours he was defecting to Reform**

*Fri, 16 Jan 2026 01:44:46 GMT*

The video, which has circulated widely on X, shows Mr Jenrick and Mr Farage reimagined as rap stars standing at the lectern where Mr Jenrick delivered his defection speech earlier today.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468491/Fur-coat-Robert-Jenrick-Nigel-Farage-rappers-AI-video.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468491/Fur-coat-Robert-Jenrick-Nigel-Farage-rappers-AI-video.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)