

London Manifestos 2016 – Immigration and Migration Round Up

As the London Mayoral election comes just a few weeks before the EU Referendum, the candidates have introduced clear policies on migration in order to establish how they differ from national party policy.

Zac Goldsmith's manifesto does not directly deal with migration issues, whilst his rivals tackle the issue head on. On the campaign trail Goldsmith advocated a 'Londoner's first' policy when it comes to housing. He has recently called the Government's current immigration policy "perverse" and "political more than anything", Goldsmith has also said the UK needs to "rethink free movement of people within Europe" in order to have a "less inward-looking immigration policy". UKIP advocate returning immigration policies back to the UK, from the EU, in order to have more control over those allowed to work in the country.

The Greens would call for a full review of the impact of the Immigration Bill on Londoners, and the Lib Dems would look to ensure any Government targets do not deprive London of the skills it needs to develop and grow. Both Sadiq Khan and Caroline Pidgeon pledge to examine the visa system for London; Pidgeon advocates a London Visa to make it more straightforward for non-EEA workers to receive third party sponsorship, whilst Khan has pledged to challenge 'unfair' visa regulations.

Both the Greens and the Lib Dems propose measures to help destitute EU migrants sleeping rough on London's streets, the Green Party would increase financial support whilst the Lib Dems would like to expand the 'No first night out' pilot scheme and use TfL advertising space to promote housing advice and the financial support available for migrants.



Whilst there is no mention of migration or immigration in the manifesto itself, Goldsmith has previously gone on the record [as saying](#), "One of the things that I would like to see in the European Union reforms is that I would like us to be able to have control over our borders so that we can have a more outward looking immigration policy instead of having free movement, unrestricted within Europe, which then restricts people moving here from outside of the EU."



Labour will challenge **unfair visa rules** which make it harder for London businesses to bring in the world's best talent. (p13)



The Liberal Democrats will combat homelessness by expanding the pilot '**No first night out**' project, use TfL advertising space including on buses to publicise housing advice, and campaign for European Aid funds to help destitute EU migrants. (p16)

The party will lobby government to ensure **migration targets** based only on numbers don't deprive London of the skills it needs in the global economy. (p52)

It will seek government approval for a **third party sponsorship route** (London Visa) for established sector specific organisations to support non-EEA worker visas on behalf of recognised small businesses. (p55)



The Green Party would increase support for asylum seekers and EU migrants at risk of destitution and **homelessness**. (p5)

The party would set up a task force to review the impact of the **Immigration Bill** on Londoners. (p5)



UKIP want to leave the EU so they can **introduce controlled immigration** policies and welcome migrants from anywhere in the world, if they have skills London needs. (p18)

UKIP will not back calls for private rent caps but will **look to decreasing market demand to end high rents through the controlling of immigration**. (p5)

UKIP will **oppose calls for any amnesty for illegal immigrants**. (p15)