

# Jo Swinson appoints Shadow Cabinet

Leader of the Liberal Democrats, Jo Swinson MP, has today announced her first Shadow Cabinet, declaring that she has built a team that will provide “the real alternative our country needs”.

The Liberal Democrat Shadow Cabinet is 50/50 gender balanced and has a membership of 15% BAME and she includes Edinburgh West MP Christine Jardine as Deputy Chief Whip and Shadow Minister in the areas of Home Department, Justice and Women and Equalities.



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Ms Swinson said: “I am proud to announce my new Liberal Democrat Shadow Cabinet to stop Brexit.

“Given the threats from nationalism and populism, more than ever before, people are crying out for a new vision for our country.

“This new team will take the fight to this right wing Conservative Government and provide, where Jeremy Corbyn’s Labour party have been absent, the real alternative our country needs.

“This is also a team ready to offer the solutions to the big issues people face, to lead the Liberal Democrats as the strongest remain party into a General Election, and to win a People’s Vote.”

	<b>Liberal Democrat Shadow Cabinet</b>
Jo Swinson	Leader
Ed Davey	Chancellor of the Exchequer Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Chuka Umunna	Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs International Development International Trade
Christine Jardine	Home Department Justice Women and Equalities Deputy Chief Whip
Tom Brake	Exiting the European Union Duchy of Lancaster
Jamie Stone	Defence Scotland
Vince Cable	Health and Social Care
Layla Moran	Education Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
Wera Hobhouse	Climate Change and Environment Transport
Tim Farron	Housing, Communities and Local Government Work and Pensions North of England (Northern Powerhouse)
Alistair Carmichael	Chief Whip Northern Ireland
Jane Dodds	Wales Food & Rural Affairs
Catherine Bearder	Europe

Siobhan Benita	London
Willie Rennie	Scotland
Kirsty Williams	Wales
Dick Newby	Leader of the House of Lords
Sal Brinton	President of the Liberal Democrats