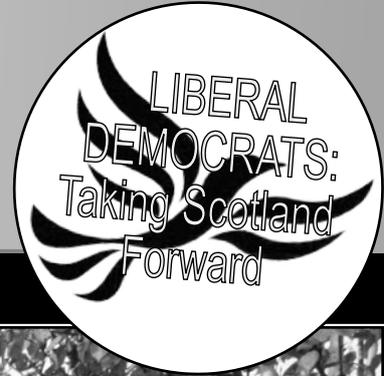


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Sir Menzies Campbell, MP, launching the Home Rule Commission Report.
Pictured, left to right: Willie Rennie, MSP; Sir Menzies Campbell, MP; Jo Swinson, MP; Michael Moore, MP; Charles Kennedy, MP; Alison McInnes, MSP

More Powers For Scotland

As support for independence keeps dropping, Lib Dems launch plan for Scottish Home Rule

The Scottish Liberal Democrats have set out fresh proposals to give the Scottish Parliament more powers while keeping the country inside the UK.

Party Leader Willie Rennie wants the First Minister to agree to work with him to deliver further powers for Scotland if the country says 'No' to independence at the 2014 referendum.

He made the offer after an authoritative survey showed that more than two thirds of Scots want to see additional powers transferred to the Scottish Parliament while remaining within the UK.

Home Rule better for Scotland

The Scottish Liberal Democrats published their 'Home Rule Commission' report in the autumn and set out plans for permanent transfer of major new powers to Scotland.

Under the plan Scots would have the powers to shape our destiny on tax and spending but retain the security and family ties from being part of the United Kingdom.

For more details see www.scotlibdems.org.uk/homerule

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DO YOU THINK SCOTLAND SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT FROM THE UK?

Yes No Don't know

Secret report reveals nationalists fear independence

A leaked Scottish Government report has revealed the SNP have fears about the implications of independence for Scotland. The report from John Swinney expresses private concerns that the volatile, unpredictable and falling income from north sea oil could result in cuts to pensions, public sector jobs and defence.

Following the publication of the report, Willie Rennie said: "This buried document blows a hole in the SNP's independence spending promises. The hidden analysis of an independent Scotland's finances by the SNP's own finance secretary reveals the true cost to Scots of the nationalists' plans.

Lib Dems boost job hopes for young people



Willie Rennie MSP with Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg MP

Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats Willie Rennie MSP is calling on businesses around Scotland to get involved with a new UK government scheme that will help young people take their first step on the career ladder.

The Youth Contract is a £1bn programme that will provide work places for 410,000 young people around

the UK over the next three years.

Commenting, Mr Rennie said, "The Liberal Democrats have made clear that our priority will always be creating a stronger economy in a fairer society. The Youth Contract offers young people across Scotland a real opportunity to get on in life at a time when many are still having a difficult time.

A better deal for our pensioners



Scottish pensioners are to benefit from a new single, simple and decent pension unveiled by the Liberal Democrats in the UK Government.

The pension reform, announced by Lib Dem Pensions Minister Steve Webb recently, will apply to anyone retiring after 2017 and is equivalent to £144 a week.

The basic state pension is currently £107.45, which has vastly increased since the Liberal Democrats introduced the pensions "triple lock". By April this year it will be worth £650 more than the best Labour could offer in 13 years of government.

This means the basic state pension is now at its highest share of average earnings since 1992.

Lib Dem MEP presses for EU action on horsemeat



George Lyon MEP

Scottish Liberal Democrat MEP George Lyon has called for increased European cooperation to address the horse meat scandal.

Mr Lyon, who has been leading work on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy at the European Parliament, was commenting after pressing French President Hollande for action. 'Horse meat has now been found in Scottish schools and the security of our public sector supply chain has been called into question. Action is required to get to the bottom of what is essentially a massive fraud on consumers.'