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### **No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPf):**

The cost-of-living crisis has been particularly challenging for those on low incomes and even more so for those with no recourse to public funds.

Following a survey undertaken in April 2023, Praxis reported that 50% of people subject to this policy report turning to food banks and charities to meet their basic needs, compared to 3% of the general population.

The High Court has now ruled that the NRPf policy is unlawful for the fifth time, most recently on the basis of it failing to consider disability as grounds for accessing public funds. I believe that we need to review this policy and ensure that people with NRPf are free to fulfil their potential and can play a full and fruitful role in a thriving Britain.

The Government has re-iterated its belief that safeguards are in place to protect migrant households. However, without having genuine access to adequately paid work, I remain concerned that financial independence will inevitably stay out of reach. I believe the high number of migrants experiencing in-work poverty is indicative of economic mismanagement. I am particularly concerned by the conditions of the low-paid and precarious work that these workers often face. To counter this, I believe the Government should finally bring forward a single labour market enforcement body to tackle exploitation and poor conditions.

More widely, alongside the need to invest first and foremost in skilling up home-grown talent, I recognise the vital contribution that migrant workers play in supporting Britain's economy to strengthen and our people to prosper. I believe that this should form part of a firm, fair and well-managed immigration system.

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