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# Party Leaders' Foreword: Our Pledge to Voters

The Alliance has a shared vision for Sweden. We want a Sweden that is cohesive; a Sweden that puts people first. A Sweden where everyone who is willing and able to work has a job to go to. Where everyone with a dream can realize it, dare to start a company and watch it grow. A Sweden where we create a safety net together to provide support if we fall on hard times, become ill or are unable to cope on our own for the time being or longer. A Sweden where everyone enjoys the same opportunities to develop their abilities; where we all can feel safe and secure. Our society is built by people acting together – in the family, among friends, school companions, workmates and in civil society at large. Fellowship and trust create meaning, participation and belief in the future. All this is necessary if we are to enjoy good welfare that we fund together.

We're proud of what we've achieved. But we want to do more. We aim to carry on building Sweden through major investments in infrastructure and homes. We will create conditions for jobs and growth throughout the country. We will create a world-class business climate and support our workforce so that more people are able to find jobs. Our goal is for more than five million people to have jobs by 2020

We will continue promoting knowledge-based learning in school. All parents should rest assured in the knowledge that their children are well treated, learning a lot and getting equipped for adult life. We aim to improve the quality and availability of healthcare. We will make Sweden a safer place by reducing crime and strengthening national defence. We want our children and youth to enjoy a good upbringing. We will ensure people can grow old without worry and that the power to make decisions over their own lives is not limited just because they're getting older. We will carry on combining a growing economy with reduced emissions.

The alliance has shouldered the responsibility for Sweden for eight years. We have invested our way out of a difficult financial crisis. Today

there are over 300,000 more people with a job to go to than in 2006. People have more take-home pay after tax. This means a greater ability to stand on our own two feet and create a good life for ourselves and others. Thanks to our freedom-of-choice reforms, decision-making has shifted from politicians to private individuals. We have increased support to people with little financial leeway. We have improved the business climate and reintroduced knowledge-based learning in schools. Never before has welfare enjoyed such great resources. We have made major investments in infrastructure and research. We have expanded renewable energy and reduced harmful emissions. We have strengthened Sweden's defences and assumed great responsibility by providing refugees with a new, brighter future. A greater number of women are working more and enjoying higher pay, improving equality.

We live in an age that is characterized by unrest and conflict in the world at large. More and more people from Europe's neighbours are fleeing war, oppression and persecution. Some of them choose to come to our country in the hope of a better life. The Alliance stands for a welcoming community characterized by respect, tolerance and openness. People who move to Sweden become part of our community and over time they help make Sweden a better country through their work, enterprise, wide-ranging experience and cultural diversity. Together, we will build tomorrow's Sweden.

The Moderates, Liberal People's Party, Centre Party and Christian Democrats are jointly seeking the support of voters for the next parliamentary term. We have shown we can shoulder responsibility. We want to go on building Sweden and make our country even better. We are clear about what we want to do and we keep our promises.

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# Employment Goal – more than 5 million in work by 2020

- » **We will** not reduce the earned income tax credit.

## CONSTRUCTION SWEDEN FOR JOBS, GROWTH, INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOMES

- » **We will** build new trunk lines for high speed trains on the Stockholm-Gothenburg and Stockholm-Malmö routes.
- » **We will** study the feasibility of an additional fixed link between Sweden and Denmark.
- » **We will** study the feasibility of expanding railways in northern Sweden with a substantial degree of co-financing from trade and industry, municipalities and the regions.
- » **We will** invest in public transport and other infrastructure in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Skåne to kick-start housing construction. We will follow up on the Stockholm agreement concerning an expanded metro and more homes by holding negotiations on additional metro lines and other rail traffic. We will build a bypass around Stockholm. We will also investigate conditions for a financial solution to an eastern link connecting road traffic routes around Stockholm without encroaching on the National City Park.
- » **We will** not introduce a kilometre tax, which would hit rural companies in particular.
- » **We will** allow higher truck weights in order to improve the ability of the forestry and mining industries to transport their goods.
- » **We will** not close Bromma airport.
- » **We will** investigate measures to shorten the planning permission and construction process by up to a year.
- » **We will** introduce new, shorter case management time limits in municipal and county administrations.
- » **We will** increase the availability of approved building land through more flexible noise regulations.
- » **We will** reduce construction costs by making better use of the economies of scale.
- » **We will** speed up the construction process by enhancing the ability to appeal planning decisions, the right to private planning initiatives, enabling comparisons between municipalities and relaxing mandatory planning requirements. We will also enable local building committees or municipal executive committees to approve more development plans. We also want to see time-limits applied to planning regulations concerning outward appearance and design.
- » **We will** remove planning permission requirements from several measures to make works easier for individual property owners.
- » **We want** to see planning application fees reduced if municipalities exceed case time limits.
- » **We want** to make the need for more homes an important priority when drafting regulations concerning vital national interests.
- » **We will** make changes to cultural requirements and regulations regarding archaeological surveys to facilitate construction.
- » **We want** the construction of homes, besides environmental benefit, to be the governing factor in the prioritization of land for clean-up.
- » **We will** render shore protection regulations more appropriate nationwide with the aim of improving conditions for

construction and living in shore locations, as well as agricultural and other commercial activities. For example, conditions for extending eligibility for exemptions for rural developments in shore locations should be reviewed. In the most exploited areas, shore protection regulations should continue to be stringent.

- » **We will** appoint a student accommodation negotiator to enable a great number of student homes to be built quickly.
- » **We will** study further adjustments to accessibility regulations and examine other relaxations to building regulations for student housing.
- » **In addition** to the simplifications already introduced, we will examine a type of accommodation intended solely for the young with limited rental periods aimed at increasing the supply of affordable flats. As is the case with student accommodation, greater departures from noise regulations should be allowed. We will also study further simplifications to regulations with the aim of building smaller, more versatile apartments.
- » **We want** Akademiska hus to contribute to more student housing by making clear that the company's focus includes the construction and management of student accommodation.
- » **We will** provide educational institutions with the permanent ability to allocate accommodation.

## A WORLD-CLASS BUSINESS CLIMATE

- » **We will** invigorate the business climate and our ambition is to improve regulations for personnel options and generational changes and study conditions to allow more companies to escape auditing obligations.
- » **We will** reduce the time it takes to start a company in Sweden by more than half.

- » **We will** reduce the requirement for share capital to lower thresholds for starting joint-stock companies.
- » **We will** create a digital service portal for company disclosures and thus simplify company contacts with the public sector and limit the number of contact points with authorities.
- » **We will** charge the Swedish Tax Agency with the task of measuring and assessing the time companies devote to tax administration in order to propose measures to reduce said administration.
- » **We will** raise the maximum amount threshold for simplified invoices to make it easier for companies to process value added tax.
- » **We will** strengthen strategic commercial management of intangible assets by companies through continued assignments to the Patent Office and Vinnova.
- » **We will** require all public authorities and municipalities to set clear time limits for handling cases.
- » **We want** more viable companies suffering payment difficulties to get a second chance. Accordingly, we will carry out a review of the Company Reorganisation Act.
- » **We will** reduce case handling times in civil disputes.
- » **We will** render dispute settlement mechanisms more efficient by reviewing the Arbitration Act.
- » **We will** reduce company sick pay costs through a new cost ceiling that is especially advantageous to small and medium-sized companies.

## BROADER ROUTES TO JOBS

- » **We will** introduce employment matching as a complement to the employment phase in the job and development guarantee.

- » **We will** improve opportunities for re-training by allowing individuals receiving unemployment benefits to participate in short courses without losing benefits.
- » **We will** extend the trial employment period from 6 to 12 months.
- » **We will** provide the Public Employment Service with resources to combat long-term unemployment and enhance matching through a greater number of employer contacts.
- » **We will** introduce simplified labour market policy regulations with the aim of improving efficiency and reducing costs over time.
- » **Will provide** introductory vocational support for those who have been unemployed for extended periods. This means employers will receive financial support for taking on the long-term unemployed, i.e. provide introductory vocational employment for the long-term unemployed.
- » **We will** allow Samhall to offer temporary positions in order to give the young in particular support in taking a position with another employer, without harming job security of those currently employed by Samhall.
- » **We will** provide the young who lack basic eligibility for higher education or high school diplomas and who suffer from disabilities that entail reduced capacity for work, the opportunity to participate in adult education high school courses for up to five months.
- » **We will** enable individuals transferring from the job and development guarantee to regular studies with the aim of completing their school or high school studies, to re-enter the job and development guarantee on completion of their studies at the same level of benefits as before.
- » **We want** to ensure more people deemed at high risk of long-term unemployment receive early programme initiatives from the Public Employ-

ment Service such as work experience and enhanced support.

- » **We will** set aside funds for expanded research efforts to develop and disseminate new and better treatment methods for people suffering mental ill health.

The issue regarding general unemployment insurance is under review by the Parliamentary Social Committee. When the committee submits its proposal the Alliance will take a position on it.

## EQUALITY IN OUR WORKING LIVES

- » **Vi kommer** att behålla RUT-avdraget.
- » **We will** retain the domestic employee deduction.
- » **We want** to see the equality bonus enhanced for parents who split their parental leave equally.
- » **We will** develop a tool to help employers survey whether men and women are exposed to different degrees to risk factors in the workplace that can lead to sick leave.
- » **We will** make sure the Work Environment Authority continues its efforts to protect women from having to leave the workplace prematurely because of occupational health and safety-related problems.
- » **We will** study whether it is possible under the pension agreement to modify the pension system so that more of an accrued pension, or parts of it, can be shared between spouses unless they expressly request otherwise. Any changes must take place so that the total pension for men and women is not affected to an unreasonable degree or that women's labour market participation is affected negatively.

## MORE JOBS FOR THE YOUNG

- » **We will** lower social security contributions further for young people below the age of 23 to 10.21 per cent and scrap



the reduction for people aged 25 and older, thus increasing the effectiveness of the reduction.

- » **We will** increase employer responsibility for apprenticeships so that they can be better adapted to suit labour market needs. The first step will be to conduct pilot projects in high school vocational training in which industries and employers have greater influence and responsibility in so-called industry apprenticeships.
- » **We will** introduce on-the-job training and enhanced on-the-job training as initiatives within the jobs guarantee for the young.
- » **We will** raise apprentice pay with the aim of enhancing the appeal of apprenticeships further. We will study whether or not such remuneration should go to the employer in cases where apprentices are permanently employed.
- » **We want** more young people to complete their high school education; accordingly, we will extend their eligibility to obtain a higher subsidy level under educational grants.
- » **We want** to ensure young unemployed below the age of 20 are also able to get Start-up grants.
- » **We will** increase, and make permanent, support to those who foster entrepreneurship in schools, high schools and vocational high schools through Ung Företagsamhet and Drivhuset. In this way we will promote the ambition to create new businesses among Sweden's pupils and students.
- » **We want** Drivhuset's activities also to include students in vocational high schools.

## IMPROVED CONDITIONS FOR WORKING LONGER

- » **We will**, under the pension agreement, increase the motivation for a longer working life through such measures as reviewing withdrawal thresh-

holds for earnings-related pensions, for the earliest withdrawal of guaranteed pensions, income support for the elderly and pensions based on tax deductible contributions.

- » **We want** the right to remain in employment to be extended to 69 years of age rather than the current 67 years.

## INTENSIFIED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR INCREASED KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETITIVENESS

- » **We will** present a research bill during the next parliamentary term to further enhance the quality of research.
- » **We will** invest SEK 800 million over ten years in more research and places in educational programmes within production and logistics in Södertälje together with AstraZeneca and Scania.
- » **We will** adopt a Life-Science strategy during the next parliament and continue to increase support to Swedish research in this field, both through resources and a clear government commitment.
- » **We will** analyse the need for a patent pool linked to the Patent Office to streamline the granting of sub-licenses.

## SECURE ENERGY SUPPLY IS IMPORTANT FOR JOBS

- » **We stand** firmly by the alliance's energy agreement to provide consumers and industry with a secure energy supply, ecological sustainability and excellent competitiveness.
- » **We will** safeguard long-term energy policy ground rules by expanding renewable energy production, phasing out fossil fuels and providing conditions for a controlled generation shift in Swedish nuclear power.

# Greater Cohesion

## A NEW DEVELOPMENT METRIC

- » **We will** create a life quality index to monitor developments in Sweden more broadly.

## BOLSTERED INITIATIVES IN VULNERABLE AREAS

- » **We will** double the pay supplement for lead teacher positions in social exclusion areas (Urban 15 areas) to SEK 10,000 per month.
- » **We will** earmark additional career positions for social exclusion areas, to enable a doubling of the number of lead teachers.
- » **We will** relocate authorities thereby creating more jobs and raising the status of the areas.

## STRONGER PROTECTION FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN

- » **We will** appoint a national coordinator for children's and youth welfare. The coordinator will support social services through such things as the dissemination of best practices.
- » **We will** introduce a knowledge centre for information on violence and other child abuse.
- » **We want** to ensure that social services more often raise the issue of whether or not children in foster care should be the subject of transferred guardianship or adoption.
- » **We will** carry out a review with the objective of strengthening protections against visitation sabotage.

## INITIATIVE TO COMBAT MENTAL ILL HEALTH AMONG CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG

- » **We will** invest a total of SEK 1 billion between 2016 and 2018 in order to prevent and reduce mental ill health among children and the young. This initiative will contribute to raising understanding about mental ill health among children and the young, increase the availability of support and care and improve collaboration between schools, healthcare and social services in dealing with children and the young suffering from mental ill health.
- » **We will** introduce a requirement for municipalities to offer parents participation in at least one parental support programme during a child's upbringing.

# An Open Sweden

- » **We want** countries that are in breach of the EU's common asylum rules to be brought before court by the Commission.
- » **We will** consider how planning conditions in municipalities for receiving asylum-seekers can be improved.
- » **We will** study measures for achieving a more even reception of new arrivals to the nation's municipalities while also protecting links to the labour market. More municipalities must shoulder their responsibility.
- » **We will** give the Migration Board the ability to run its own immigrant accommodation.
- » **We will** review and simplify the system for government reimbursement to municipalities for costs associated with asylum-seekers and the reception new arrivals, to improve the system's efficiency and transparency.
- » **We will** improve the entire chain from reception to entry into the labour market. We will appoint a commission of inquiry whose purpose will be to ensure a sustainable, flexible system for the reception of asylum seekers and new arrivals to promote rapid entry into the labour market for those granted residence permits. Among other things, the commission will review housing during the period prior to the residence permit together as well as the settling in of new arrivals.
- » **We will** develop efforts to attract foreign know-how and expertise by reducing the administration time required to employ foreign labour.
- » **We will** strengthen our work with refugee guides to more successfully involve civil society in the integration process.
- » **We will** allow refugees with residence permits to study Swedish even while they are in immigrant accommodation.
- » **We will** allow studies at Komvux in parallel with an entry-level job.
- » **We want** Swedish for Immigrants (SFI) adapted to suit target groups to a greater extent, and the establishment of individual curriculums. SFI should be made part of Komvux to avoid offering overlapping syllabuses and courses.
- » **We will** strengthen conditions for people learning Swedish to improve their educational and professional knowledge at the same time.
- » **We want** to make it easier to sit some grundvux exams early and that unnecessary duplicate studies are avoided by ensuring that Swedish as a second language at grundvux no longer overlaps SFI courses.
- » **We will** take initiatives to improve the quality of high school introductory programmes, in particular in the introduction to languages.
- » **We will** strengthen the current initiative in preparatory labour market courses at adult education high schools.
- » **We will** extend the temporary investment in enhanced student grants for unemployed youths between 20 and 24 to also include newly arrived immigrants in the same age group who have completed their set-up plan.
- » **We will** improve validation through e.g. higher allocations to reduce administration times.
- » **We will** continue to add supplementary university courses so that foreign university graduates can more easily get jobs, above all in professions with skills shortages such as healthcare.
- » **We will** strengthen Almi's advice and guidance to business owners with foreign backgrounds, so-called IFS consulting.



# Education Makes Sweden Stronger

## MORE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

- » **We will** invest in more trained teachers.
- » **We will** invest in more career positions in schools. Special initiatives will be taken in social exclusion areas.
- » **We will** invest in more remedial teachers.
- » **We will** reduce the size of classes in junior schools.
- » **We will** continue to invest in the maths initiative.
- » **We will** continue to invest in the reading initiative.
- » **We will** introduce compulsory 10-year schooling so that even the youngest pupils have the right to support and incentives for learning the three Rs.
- » **We will** introduce more mathematics lessons in senior-level classes.
- » **We will** increase teaching time in the elementary school subject sport and health by 100 hours, equivalent to an increase of twenty percent.
- » **We will** establish a new goal in the comprehension of simple texts and introduce a mandatory assessment support in the three Rs as early as the first school year.
- » **We will** introduce examinations from year four.
- » **We will** increase teaching time in Swedish for newly arrived pupils and other pupils with similar needs.
- » **We will** make sure that knowledge levels among newly arrived pupils are assessed without delay and that pupils are quickly placed in a suitable year and study group.
- » **We will** clarify the regulations concerning preparatory classes, among other things in order to avoid pupils' remaining in them too long and to increase the ability for new arrivals to focus more on Swedish as a subject for a while.
- » **We want** to see the introduction of obligatory reading support, i.e. a duty for

municipalities and independent principals to provide additional tuition in order to ensure that all pupils have good chances of success.

- » **We will** introduce a duty for individual principals to offer summer school for pupils in years eight and nine who are at risk of failing upper secondary eligibility requirements.
- » **We will** extend mandatory schooling by one year for pupils currently in year nine who lack upper secondary eligibility.

## THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE SCHOOLS – STRICTER QUALITY CONTROLS

- » **We will** retain free school choice.
- » **We want** people who run educational establishments to take long-term responsibility of ownership.
- » **We want** the Schools Inspectorate to examine the suitability of independent principals before set-up or change of ownership takes place.
- » **We want** to increase insight into independent and municipal school finances and we will improve openness by introducing whistle-blower protection for employees in independent schools. The principle of public access to official records will also apply. This should take place in a manner that does not unnecessarily increase the administrative burden for schools and principals.
- » **We want** relevant information about all schools and the independent and municipal educational courses on offer in the municipality to be accessible to make it is easier for parents and pupils to choose a school.

## STUDYING IN PEACE AND SECURITY

- » **We want** schools to be able to provide upper secondary and senior students with a written behaviour assessment.

The behaviour assessment will not form part of a final grade.

- » **We will** promote student health under the initiative to combat mental ill health among children and the young.

## AN UPGRADED TEACHING PROFESSION AND STRONGER SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

- » **We will** expand training for preschool teachers, teachers and remedial teachers.
- » **We will** introduce a bonus for remedial teaching degrees or special education degrees as well as teaching degrees in the subjects mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics or technology.
- » **We will** create more routes into the teaching profession for those who already possess subject knowledge by expanding supplementary training courses.
- » **We will** increase the number of lead teachers in schools.
- » **We will** introduce digitalized national exams with external marking as far as appropriate and possible, to free up more time for teaching and to improve consistency in marking.
- » **We will** scrap obligatory individual development plans in years four and five once exams have been introduced in these years in order to reduce administrative burdens for teachers.

## UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR JOBS AND HIGHER EDUCATION

- » **We will** make technology and health-care programs more attractive through more distinct professional qualifications such as secondary school engineer and assistant nurse.

## RECREATION CENTRES FOR SECURITY, LEARNING AND COHESION

- » **We will** reduce the size of children's groups in after-school recreation cen-

tres through performance-based support to principals with small children's groups or who reduce the size of large children's groups.

## QUALITY IN PRE-SCHOOLS CHILD CARE

- » **We will** strengthen the School Inspectorate's supervision of preschools with a focus on quality and goal achievement. Current supervision will be supplemented with frequent random inspections through visits to a number of preschools in each municipality.
- » **We want** the School Inspectorate to introduce a special three-year quality review. In particular, the size of children's groups will be analyzed.
- » **We will** reduce the size of children's groups in pre-schools through performance-based support to principals with small children's groups or who reduce the size of large children's groups.
- » **We will** permanently increase the number of places in preschool teacher training.
- » **We will** extend the preschool initiative until the end of 2018 with a focus on such things as natural sciences, technology, native languages and multilingualism.
- » **We will** introduce a preschool principal initiative between 2015 and 2018 to advance educational leadership in preschools.

## HÖGRE UTBILDNING FÖR KUNSKAP OCH BILDNING

- » **Vi vill** öka antalet platser för bl.a. lärare, specialistsjuksköterskor och barnmorskor och göra en särskild satsning för att vidareutbilda förskollärare till att bli behöriga också för lågstadiet. Totalt kommer det att bli en ökning med ca 10 000 studenter per år.
- » **Vi vill** höja studiemedlet så att studenterna får 1000 kronor extra i månaden.

# Quality and Accessibility in Healthcare for all

## BETTER ACCESSIBILITY, BETTER QUALITY

- » **We want** the backlog billion (kømiljarden) to be developed into a coordination and accessibility fund. In addition to promoting accessibility and reducing the length of queues it will also improve conditions and incentives for principals to create more cohesive care chains and increase the overall responsibility of caregivers toward the patient.
- » **We will** invest SEK 500 million per year between 2015 and 2018 in cutting waiting times within cancer care and to improve quality in general. The investment should also lead to quick diagnoses and prophylactic measures.
- » **We will** concentrate certain advanced cancer care to a smaller number of hospitals in order to raise quality.
- » **We will** set up a national knowledge guide for healthcare personnel.

## STRENGTHEN ELDER CARE

- » **We will** introduce a performance-based incentive subsidy payable to county councils and municipalities that enter into regional collaborative agreements for improved health and social care for the elderly.
- » **We will** create a national dementia plan in order to promote enhanced understanding and the dissemination of knowledge regarding dementia illnesses. It should also contribute to a more efficient use of existing resources e.g. through collaborative research, the creation and spread of better tools for working on such things as investigations, diagnostics, health and social care or in support of relatives.

## TRAINING MORE DOCTORS AND NURSES

- » **We will** take measures to enable county councils to make better plans regarding skills supply.
- » **We will** increase the number of training places for midwives.
- » **We will** increase the number of training places for specialist nurses.

## PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- » **We will** raise the tax on alcohol.
- » **We will** raise the tax on tobacco.
- » **We will** develop and improve healthcare and medical services for people with chronic illnesses through continued work under the national strategy.

## STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF PATIENTS

- » **We will** further strengthen the position of patients by establishing a digital service – my health – that allows the individual to simply gather and save information about his or her own health.

# A Good, Safe Country to Grow Old in

## HEALTHIER, SAFER, MORE REWARDING LIVES

- » **We will** survey the current state of knowledge and create directions and educational material that focuses on keeping the elderly active and the early detection and treatment of mental ill health.
- » **We will** survey the current state of knowledge regarding rehabilitation and home healthcare among the elderly.
- » **We will** promote the participation of the elderly in cultural life through the Culture for the Elderly initiative.
- » **We want** every municipality to have the ability to offer sheltered housing or special accommodation without means testing.
- » **We want** all municipalities to be required to offer a place in sheltered housing – an elderly housing guarantee – for everyone over 85 years of age who has had home-help service approved.
- » **We want** investment support for sheltered housing and special housing to be extended and strengthened to promote the availability of elderly housing.

## A MEALS INITIATIVE FOR ELDER CARE AND PRESCHOOLS

- » **We will** implement a national meals initiative aimed at elder care and preschools with the major part reserved for elder care. The initiative will enable municipalities and independent operators who run elder care facilities or preschools to apply for incentive grants to develop and improve the quality of meals and enhance participation.
- » **We will** continue to support the competence centre for meals in health care, social care and schools.

## THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE, AND THE RIGHT TO DECLINE

- » **We will** introduce a requirement for municipalities to provide freedom of choice for the elderly, either through procurement, general agreement or LOV (Act on Free Choice Systems).
- » **We will** further strengthen the individual's influence over the content of social care through simplified assistance assessments.
- » **We will**, together with principals, develop a system for strengthening the self-monitoring of operations in both municipal and private management, thus strengthening supervision and control.
- » **We want** the Health and Social Care Inspectorate to develop its supervision to also cover how municipalities execute self monitoring.
- » **We will** improve quality and follow-up by developing better assessment tools such as eHälsa (eHealth) open comparisons and support for case handlers in order to better identify the needs and circumstance of relatives during assistance assessments.
- » **We will** introduce the right to so-called future powers of attorney.

## STRENGTHEN ELDER CARE EMPLOYEES AND MANAGERS

- » **We will** extend the care initiative in order to continue strengthening both basic expertise and specialized competence among elder care personnel.
- » **We will** continue leadership training for elder care managers.

# A Safer Society

## UNEQUIVOCAL RESPONSES TO CRIME

- » **We will** increase the penalties for homicide, grievous bodily harm, actual bodily harm, robbery with violence, blackmail, threats, coercion.
- » **We will** introduce the new crimes aggravated rape and criminal negligence relating to rape.
- » **We will** review rape as a crime and consider the issue of the lack of consent.
- » **We will** intensify the penalties for drug crimes.
- » **We will** intensify the penalties for the purchase of sexual acts by children.
- » **We will** intensify the criminalization of crimes committed within a framework of organized criminal activities.
- » **We will** intensify penalties for human trafficking and procuring.
- » **We want** to make it easier to confiscate the assets of criminals.
- » **We want** to make it more difficult and more expensive to apply for multiple passports in order to combat passport trading.
- » **We will** increase criminal responsibility for failure to disclose and prevent crimes for people who are linked to the criminal activities in which a crime was committed.
- » **We will** test measures, including further criminalization, against preparations for travel with the intention of participating in combat or weapons training abroad with terrorist organizations so labelled in lists approved by the EU or UN. In this context we will review the possibility of confiscating passports in order to stop such planned journeys.
- » **We will** carry out a review as to whether criminalization can be strengthened fur-

ther in regard to participation in armed activities in Sweden or abroad with organizations labelled terrorist.

- » **We are** of the opinion that individuals who relapse into crime and are sentenced to new terms of imprisonment must serve at least three quarters of the new term.
- » **We want** individuals who relapse into crime following their release from prison to forfeit all of their conditionally granted freedom in substantially more cases than today.
- » **We are** of the opinion that a defendant who has disclosed significant information for an investigation into his own crime should receive a shorter sentence than would otherwise have been the case.
- » **We will** further limit the possibilities to conditional release where an inmate has misbehaved or not actively participated in activities.
- » **We want** to see new types of cooperation with the Prison and Probation Service and other operators in order to improve the chances of rehabilitation to a life free from criminality.
- » **We will** task the Prison and Probation Service with increasing and developing work on special prison release measures in order to prepare inmates for life after serving time in prison.
- » **We will** improve the availability of vocational training in prisons.

## A GOOD START IN LIFE

- » **We want** weekend restrictions with electronic tags to be used as a punishment for youths in the 15 to 18 age group. Youths subject to weekend restrictions should spend certain periods



at home or another designated place at specified times.

- » **We will** continue to support social initiative groups to ensure that collaboration between police and the relevant local operators becomes a natural part of everyday activities.
- » **We want** the police and social services who discover youths in the risk zone to contact parents to provide 'cautionary advice'.

## SAFER LIVES

- » **We will** introduce a new crime classification – theft through breaking and entering – with a minimum penalty of one year in prison.
- » **We will** reduce remission for multiple crimes.
- » **We will** criminalize identity theft.
- » **We will** raise standards for ID cards and bank cards.
- » **We will** intensify the criminalization of systematic invoice fraud, so-called phony invoices.
- » **We will** criminalize attempted receipt of stolen goods.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- » **We want** electronic tags to be used in the case of multiple restraining orders.
- » **We will** evaluate the effects of harsher penalties in regard to gross violations of women's integrity. If the reform does not have the intended effect the Alliance is not against increasing the harshness of the penalty.
- » **We will** provide county administrative boards with funds for initiatives that seek to combat male violence towards women, children witnessing violence, honour-related violence, oppression, prostitution and human trafficking.
- » **We will** take further measures to prevent arranged marriages against the wills of the couple.

- » **We want** the women's and girls' hotlines that provide indispensable services by offering protection and assistance to women who are threatened and exposed to violence, to have their long-term financing secured.
- » **We will** grant continued support to activities that seek to prevent violence and abuse.

## SECURITY AND EQUALITY FOR THE YOUNG

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## STRONG, KNOWLEDGEABLE CONSUMERS

- » **We want** to prevent companies who sell their own products or receive commissions for sales to consumers from calling themselves independent advisers.

# World Leaders on the Environment and Climate

## A LONG-TERM CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICY

- » **We will** introduce a checkpoint for climate and energy policies in 2015 in order to analyse how the energy system has developed in relation to the goals set for 2020.
- » **We will** reduce the tax for propriety production of renewable electricity.
- » **We will** streamline the permit process for connecting new customers to the electrical grid.
- » **We will** continue our efforts to promote Swedish environmental technology exports.

## SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

- » **We will** ensure renewable fuels continue to enjoy good, long-term conditions and provide special incentives for fuels with major climatological benefits by freeing second generation bio diesel HVO from tax.
- » **We will** introduce a system in which vehicles that are more eco-friendly are rewarded at the time of purchase via discounts, while vehicles with high carbon dioxide emissions pay higher vehicle tax in a so-called bonus-malus system.
- » **We will** extend and strengthen the super eco-car discount while waiting for the bonus-malus system to come into force.
- » **We will** also raise vehicle tax by raising the carbon dioxide charge.
- » **We will** introduce a government subsidy for the construction of charging points for electric cars.

## A GLOBAL CLIMATE AGREEMENT

- » **We want** Sweden to be a driving force in international climate efforts in order to achieve an ambitious global climate agreement in which the major emitter nations shoulder substantial responsibility.
- » **We want** Sweden to work to ensure that the EU takes an early decision on a climate and energy framework agreement for 2013.
- » **We will** continue to provide and strengthen resources to Swedish climate investments in other countries.

## A TOXIN-FREE ENVIRONMENT

- » **We will** help municipalities place environmental and health demands in municipal procurements by providing better procurement support. Special efforts will be made to support municipalities in making toxin-free procurements for their preschools.
- » **We will** introduce a tax on chemicals and materials injurious to health and the environment.
- » **We will** make it even easier for households to hand in materials for reclamation, recycling and collection, especially textiles, clothing and electronics.

## LIVING WATERS – CLEANER SEAS

- » **We will** improve the environmental supervision of aquatic and marine environments and invest in a new research vessel.
- » **We will** increase the proportion of protected maritime areas.

# A Policy for all of Sweden

## GREEN INDUSTRIES AS GROWTH ENGINES

- » **We will** increase grants to the programme for the development of rural areas, improved environments and more jobs nationwide.
- » **We will** establish a national forestry program.
- » **We will** continue to invest in Sweden - the culinary nation.
- » **We want** a national food strategy.
- » **We will** extend VisitSweden's investment in developing and marketing Sweden as a destination and visitor attraction.
- » **We will** extend investments in the historical buildings project, which concerns the maintenance and development of local community centres.
- » **We will** take the initiative for increased international collaboration and commitment to reduce the overuse of antibiotics in healthcare and food production.
- » **We will** work to improve animal welfare in the EU and make sure that common rules for animal welfare are followed.
- » **We will** identify far-reaching national regulations that govern Swedish companies. Swedish animal welfare legislation will not be included.
- » **We will** survey the national application of EU food legislation to identify any obstacles that distort business competition.
- » **We will** assign the Agency for Public Management the task of reviewing alternative food inspection models with the aim of promoting dialogue and avoiding injunctions to a greater extent.
- » **We want** the National Food Administration's assignment to safeguard food-

stuffs, integrity in foodstuffs handling and good eating habits, all in the interests of consumers, to be designed to facilitate commercial activity in the food sector.

- » **We will** conduct a survey of authority contact points that food companies must have at regional and municipal levels, with the aim of reducing the regulatory burden of companies over time.

## BETTER BROADBAND AND TELEPHONY

- » **We will** invest further SEK 3.2 5 billion by the end of 2020 in building high-speed broadband in rural areas.
- » **We will** introduce broadband coordinators and national guidelines for information handling by authorities with the aim of streamlining the extension of broadband.
- » **We will** improve mobile communication capabilities nationwide, e.g. by freeing up capacity in the 700 MHz band.

## ACCESS TO SERVICE

- » **We will** invest a further SEK 700 million between 2014 and 2020 to improve service in rural areas.
- » **We will** support country shopkeepers and filling stations, increase the availability of public services in rural areas, and improve quality of life out in the country by e.g. providing support for sports installations, illuminated jogging trails and ongoing coordinated initiatives to improve access to local services.
- » **We will** review regulations and increase coordination between authorities and improve collaboration between public and commercial operators in order to achieve good public and commercial services throughout the country.

- » **We will** study the possibility of relocating authorities.

## WILDLIFE AND HUNTING

- » **We will** merge wildlife administration and hunting issues into a single new authority.
- » **We will** consider introducing a permit exemption for CCTV wildlife monitoring, but with consideration for integrity aspects.
- » **We will** review the regulations for processing firearms licenses with the aim of making things easier for hunters.
- » **We will** pressure the EU to change the Habitat Directive so that threatened flora and fauna can be classified as such in Sweden to a greater extent.
- » **We will** continue with selective and targeted wolf hunts.
- » **We will** review the current levels of compensation for those who have their domestic animals mauled or killed by predators.

# A Society for the Common Good

## FAMILIES

- » **We will** remove the obligation to notify care of a sick child on the same day as the child falls ill.
- » **We will** enable parents to receive parent benefits for the full school acclimatization period.
- » **We will** give the second parent the right to compensation for accompanying the other parent to antenatal and postnatal care.
- » **We will** remove the family supplement application for children who have reached 16.

## A STRONG CIVIL SOCIETY

- » **We will** remove application fees and annual fees for organizations applying for and approved as charities to strengthen a vigorous non-profit sector.
- » **We will** make it easier for civil society organizations to participate in public procurements, and we have appointed a commission for this purpose.
- » **We will** carry out a wide-ranging review with the purpose of reducing civil society's administrative burden by removing unnecessary regulations that constitute obstacles or limitations or which reduce the freedom of businesses within civil society.
- » **We will** increase support to religious communities in general, and especially for preventive security efforts to counter attacks against such a community's members or its premises.

## SPORTS

- » **We will** invest in sports and leisure installations in rural areas under the programme for rural development.

## ACCESSIBLE CULTURE

- » **We will** clarify the education act to make it clear that individual acts of faith such as the singing of hymns are permitted. This is to clear away any uncertainty surrounding the ability of schools to hold end of term celebrations in church.

## STRONGER DEFENCE

- » **We will** strengthen unit activities through increased resources for exercises, personnel and contingency preparedness.
- » **We will** invest in a new air defence system, an increased number of submarines, an anti-ship missile system and more Gripen aircraft.
- » **We will** increase the military presence on and around Gotland, e.g. through increased military exercise activities.
- » **We will** increase the size of the Home Guard.