



Seasons greetings to all from Salford Labour party



## We Can't Protest Too Much

Langworthy Councillors took part in the TUC march to the Conservative Party Conference, in September, to protest about the governments attacks on the NHS, the cuts to Salford Council which are affecting frontline services and jobs, welfare reform and the disgusting Bedroom Tax - all of which is having an impact on thousands of people in Langworthy.

Councillor Paul Dennett said "The three of us feel so strongly about the attack this government is making on our city, and especially in Langworthy, that we had to add our voice to this demonstration. The Bedroom Tax and welfare reforms are affecting many of our vulnerable residents".



## Get Me Toasty

Keeping you and your home warm and toasty is the aim of a new scheme for salford.

The Get Me Toasty scheme can help with free, or part-funded, home improvements such as cavity wall and loft insulation, boiler replacements and other more difficult measures like solid wall insulation.

Many houses in Salford still have no or very little insulation (and some have poor heating too), so heat just escapes through the walls and roof, wasting energy and costing you money.

It's not free for everyone, and there are two ways to qualify - the person applying must own their home or be a tenant of a private landlord. In addition they must live in a qualifying postcode area or be on certain types of benefit, credit or allowance

For further information contact one of your local councillors.

photo: Councillor Gina Reynolds at the launch of the new scheme with Ronnie Wilson Labour Councillor for Weaste & Seedley

## New Homes and New Jobs for Pendleton

Salford has signed a deal with government ministers and civil servants that will bring unprecedented investment and regeneration into Pendleton. This will include the refurbishment of 1200 homes the building of up to 1600 new homes.

This area, once blighted by decline and riots, will get a complete facelift with new homes for sale and rent attracting people and investment into the area creating

2000 new jobs and apprenticeships, new retail and leisure facilities alongside new green space and cycle tracks.

The refurbished homes will remain council properties and new homes will be for sale or for social renting.

Councillor Reynolds said "the PFI has been a long time coming and I can't thank the residents affected enough for their patience and

understanding.

Work can now begin on the refurbishment of homes and new build. The PFI will create a New Pendleton, bringing jobs and transformation to the area".

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## Be Safe in Langworthy



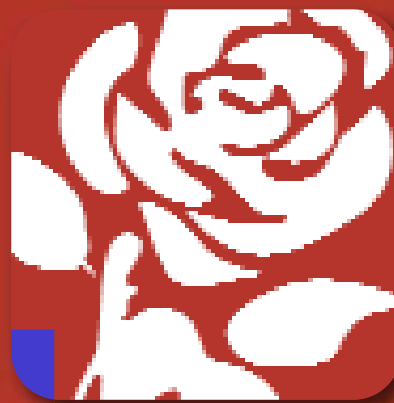
Councillors's Warmisham and Reynolds along with local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Graham Worall welcome GM Police Commissioner Tony Lloyd to the National Personal Safety Day recently held at Pendleton Gateway.

Graham organised the event through the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, to inform the local Langworthy community about staying safe when out and about, being aware of who's around you and what to look out for. GMP, Salix Homes and Salford City Council were a few of the partners taking part in the event to offer advice. It was a great success.

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## Salford Credit Union is Good News for all

Labour Councillors John Warmisham and Paul Dennett attended the launch of Salford Credit Union's Pendleton branch last month.

This is good news for residents. Everyone needs access to a loan from time to time and Credit Unions are the best answer. Since credit unions are not-for-profit organisations, any money made above the cost of operation and savings for future investment is returned to the members in the form of dividend.

Councillor John Warmisham said "It's great news that the Credit Union has opened in Langworthy. It means that there is now an alternative to loan sharks and pay day lenders. I would encourage everyone to go to Pendleton Gateway on a Thursday and become a member".

For more information please go to: [www.salfordcreditunion.com](http://www.salfordcreditunion.com) or telephone 0161 832 1998.

Photo top: Launching the Pendleton branch of Salford Credit union. Left to right Councillor Paul Dennett, Councillor John Warmisham, Alec McFadden, Treasurer of Salford Credit Union, Janet a member of Salford Credit Union, Paul Whitehead Chair of Salford Credit Union.

Below: Councillor Paul Dennett and Councillor John Warmisham



## Saving Our Post Offices

The Crown Post Office at Salford Shopping City is under threat of closure. Salford Labour councillors have been fighting to keep the office open alongside community campaigners and the Communication Workers Union. We have organised a petition and campaigned on the streets and held public meetings to keep you informed.

The government wants to close the Crown Post Offices in Swinton and Salford Precinct. The Crown Post Offices in Salford provide invaluable services to residents, particularly the elderly and disadvantaged but this government wants to close them down.

We have received a fantastic response from the public who understand the need to leave our Crown Post Offices alone.

For more information please go to [www.salfordlabour.org.uk](http://www.salfordlabour.org.uk)



Councillors Paul Dennett, John Warmisham and Gina Reynolds at one of our campaigning events at Salford Shopping City during the summer.

# Great in Salford

from  
**Ian Stewart**  
City Mayor

## Salford: becoming a Living Wage city

More than 2,000 Salford people are to benefit as seven public sector organisations announced their commitment to becoming Living Wage employers.

They follow Salford City Council in introducing a Living Wage of £7.45 an hour for all staff, with the council leading the way as the first authority in Greater Manchester to be accredited.

The seven local employers are the University of Salford, Salix Homes, City West Housing Trust, Salford Community Leisure, Together Housing Trust, Helping Hands and Great Places Housing Group. Their support came as a major boost to my campaign to make Salford a Living Wage city.

## Councillor calls on technology to help

A Salford Councillor has become one of the first in Britain to use Skype to communicate with residents.

Councillor John Mullen, who represents the Barton Ward, is ringing in the changes and will now be available through his Councillor.Mullen Skype address every Tuesday between 7.00pm and 8.00pm.

Councillor Mullen, Assistant Mayor for Technology said "It is my job to represent people in the best way possible and if this trial makes it easier for just a few people to contact me – it will be a success."

## Council staff push pedals to make pounds for charity

Council staff used pedal power to raise pounds to give Salford residents a much needed holiday break.

The pedal pounders raised £2,500 by cycling the 37 miles from Swinton Town Hall to the Salfordian Hotel in Southport, a registered charity which provides respite for families who are caring for elderly relatives.

## Protecting your rights at work

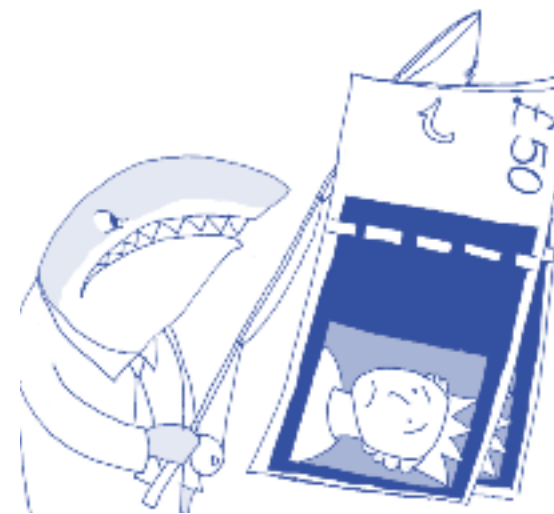
Labour Euro MPs have delivered improved working conditions and increased workplace rights. The majority of the employment rights that you are entitled to are thanks to European law, from minimum paid leave to increased pregnancy and maternity rights.

David Cameron however, keeps talking about slashing European 'red tape'. What he really means is slashing your rights at work. Cameron's said he will renegotiate the UK's relationship with the EU. He hasn't actually said what powers he wants to bring back but his previous statements on the issue make clear what his motivations are: "It will be a top priority for the next Conservative government to restore social and employment legislation to national control."

Salford's Labour Euro MP, Arlene McCarthy said: "Many people don't realise that it's EU legislation that guarantees the right to four weeks paid leave and breaks during the working day. It's also EU law that guarantees equal treatment for agency workers, extra rights for pregnant workers and makes employers responsible for their staff's health and safety.



Labour Euro MPs fought hard to win these rights for you. Don't let Cameron and his Tory pals put it all at risk."



## Payday Lending

Ed Miliband has set out how the next Labour Government will raise millions of pounds through a levy on the profits of payday lenders - money which will be used to double the public funds available for low cost alternatives such as credit unions.

Ed Miliband said:

"The prices families have to pay keep on rising faster and faster than the wages they are paid. And, as a result, the market in payday lending has doubled in just four years. Almost a third of the payday loans taken out in Britain at the moment are to cover the cost of people's gas and electricity bills.

"For too many families the end of the month is now their own personal credit crunch.

"We would cap the cost of credit, halt the spread of payday lenders on our high streets and force them to fund the credit unions that can offer a real alternative for people in desperate need.

"We must protect the most vulnerable people in our society from the worst of exploitation by payday lenders."

For information about your local credit union please go to:  
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a vote for  
labour is  
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abolish the  
bedroom tax

"If elected, I  
promise to scrap  
the Bedroom Tax"

Ed Miliband

The Bedroom Tax is a cruel and unfair measure that hits over 400,000 disabled people. For the vast majority of those affected, there is nowhere smaller to move to, hitting vulnerable people through no fault of their own. There is now a real risk that the Bedroom Tax will cost more money than it saves.

The next Labour Government will repeal the Bedroom Tax.

"We'll scrap the bedroom tax by abolishing the shady schemes of tax loopholes for the privileged few which the Tories keep inventing."

# Cuts are hurting in Salford

Salfordians are resilient people – it takes a lot to get us down.

But the government has cut £97 million to services in Salford over the last three years. That has brought hard times for residents who rely on the vital services provided by the council.

## Another £75 million

The government had already told us that they will take another £75 million from Salford services over the next three years.

In total, that's £172 million of government cuts to services which Salford people and their families need.

## Government cuts to council services in Salford



# Greener Waste in Salford

Residents in Salford have improved their recycling by 15% to the tune of 2000 tonnes in the first four months the new waste collection service, which has doubled recycling collections whilst cutting the service for residual waste by half.

Salford residents have reduced the amount of waste going to landfill by 4,000 tonnes in four months with a net saving of £800,000, money that will now be invested into other much needed services.

Tory Councillors voted against this new service, claiming it would cause chaos, but Salford residents have proved them wrong with a great contribution to environmental improvement saving money that would have gone into a hole in the ground.

As a result of successes like Salford's even Tory ministers are now calling for a ban of weekly black bin collections!



# Shale Gas Extraction

No permission has been given in Salford for 'fracking' - a method of extracting shale gas.

One company has permission to extract coalbed methane at Barton Moss, a completely different process. But its drilling may lead to an application to carry out 'fracking'.

The Tory-led government has weakened local councils' ability to decide on the future of 'fracking' in their area. Issues of safety and environmental impact will be decided by

Government agencies. Local people are left with decisions about the design and traffic impact of any proposal.

Labour's demand to Government is:

- Fracking should only take place where it's safe
- Fracking should be closely monitored
- Fracking should provide benefits for local people

Under David Cameron gas and electricity bills have gone up £300

Ed Miliband will freeze gas and electricity bills until 2017

David Cameron is still failing to stand up to the energy companies.

British Gas announced that they are putting up prices by more than 9%. This will add around £100 to the average annual household energy bill – a bill that's already gone up by over £300 since David Cameron became Prime Minister.

We have an out of touch Prime Minister more interested in standing up for the big energy companies than standing up for consumers. Cameron's response to the energy price rises is not to stand up to the big six but to suggest that we should put on an extra jumper. We are being overcharged but David Cameron doesn't care about ordinary people who are facing a cost of living crisis.

We need to freeze bills and totally reset the market so it works for us. And that's what a Labour government will do.



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Join the fight back

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or call 0845 092 22 99

to find out more about the labour party in Salford go to [www.salfordlabour.org.uk](http://www.salfordlabour.org.uk)

## Can You Help?

If you would like to get involved with the Salford Labour Party please get in touch through our website

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