

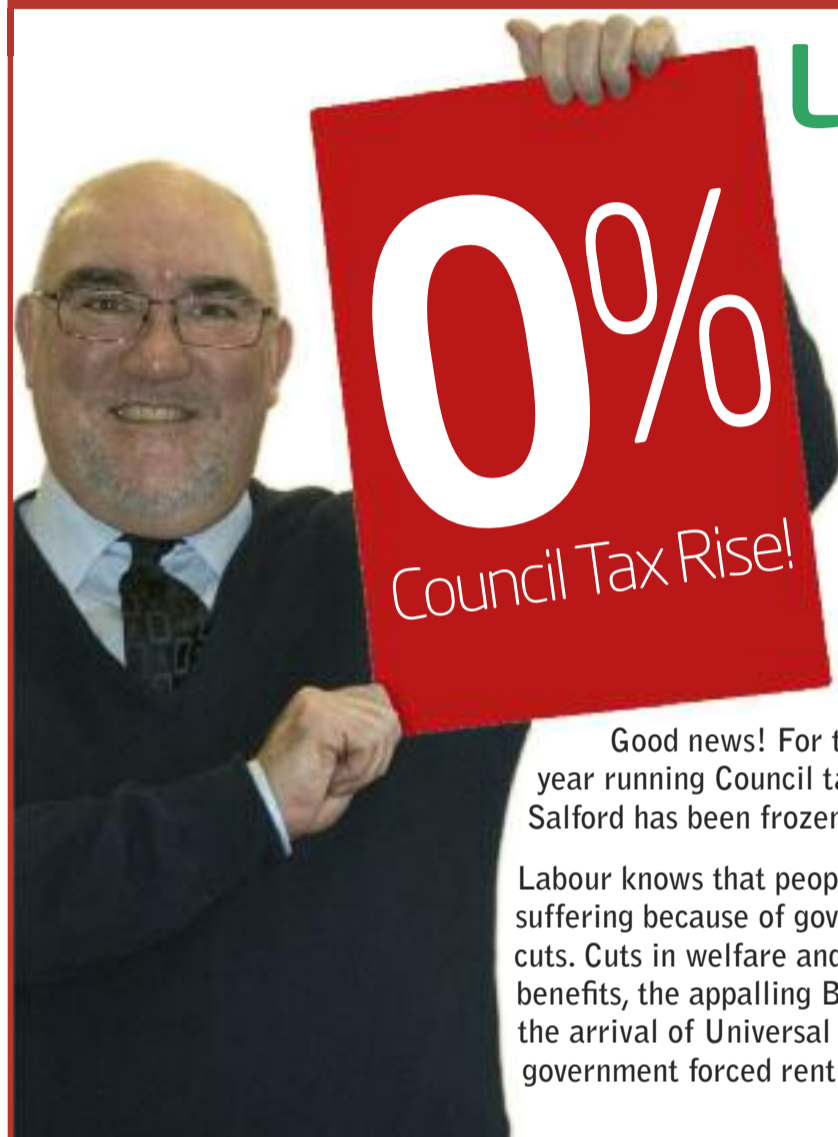
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Labour run Salford City says

"Enough is Enough"

Good news! For the fourth year running Council tax in Salford has been frozen.

Labour knows that people are suffering because of government cuts. Cuts in welfare and council tax benefits, the appalling Bedroom Tax, the arrival of Universal Credit and government forced rent rises.

"Enough is enough" says City Mayor, Ian Stewart "we simply could not put up the council tax as well. We are trying to cushion the impact of government policies as much as possible when their austerity measures are hitting working people so hard.

"This fourth year of a council tax freeze is hopefully one bright spot for local people amongst the economic gloom."

This year's fourth successive council tax freeze does not, however, include the charges levied on the people of Salford by Police, Fire, Waste, etc.

Salford has already suffered £100 million government cuts in council services and seen the loss of more than 1200 jobs. Together these government cuts have cost every home in Salford £735.75.

How the 'bedroom tax' will hit home

Times are tough for the people of Salford – but they are only going to get worse as the Government's benefit cuts kick in.

The Tory 'bedroom tax' will hit more than 5,500 residents living in social housing in Salford. They will, literally, be 'fined' by the Government just for having a spare bedroom.

It is absolutely unbelievable

Of course, the Government's bedroom tax is only part of their cuts that will leave people more

vulnerable. The cumulative effect of austerity on families is only now dawning on people.

How heartless and how disgusting

The Government is inflicting unnecessary hardship on vulnerable people, pushing more decent families towards the edge – and then over it.

The Government must think again about these cuts. Austerity isn't working. Their bedroom tax and welfare cuts are a truly shocking reflection of their nasty values.

Penalising families on low income, disabled people, our servicemen and women, our foster parents, or those who care for others. It is just not acceptable in the 21st century. Not one bit.



For information regarding the bedroom tax and your benefits please ring:

Salix Homes 0800 218 2000
or from a mobile 0161 909 6559
City West 0300 123 5522

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STOP!! Think before you drop....

Unfortunately, this year we have £117,000 less to keep our streets clean due to cuts imposed by this Tory led Government. Eccles councillors are urging people to think before they drop litter in the streets. A particular problem area is around Eccles train station and the glass footbridge which crosses over the motorway.

The area is such a hotspot, that local residents voluntarily clean up every month. They link in with FRECCLES (Friends of Eccles Station) who have monthly gardening sessions at the station and meet on the first Sunday of each month at 11am.

Local resident Angie, (pictured above with Cllr Lisa Stone and litter picking volunteers) is responsible for mobilising the team of neighbours. She said "This month we had a great team out to clean up and lots of people thanked us on their way past,

which was nice. We want to encourage people to stop and think before throwing litter on the ground. This is our community and its local residents together with the Council who have to keep cleaning up"



Cawdor Street Improvements

The City West refurbishment works at Barton Village are continuing. The reopening event for Enfield House took place recently and tenants will be moving back in. Cawdor House will be refurbished over the next 12 months. The apartments have energy efficient heating systems which will be a great help to tenants. Your local Councillors have had the opportunity to inspect the apartments and were very impressed



Flooding Update

Your councillors have been meeting with United Utilities regarding the sewer works in the area and the possible issues that may arise for residents by the substantial roadworks planned. Councillors meet regularly with the City Mayor and contractors about the new road system in Peel Green to make sure the disruption is kept to a minimum. Some of residents may be unduly affected by the works and we will be contacting them to resolve any issues and give reassurance.



The Eccles neighbourhood team have gone social!

The neighbourhood office is now on Facebook (www.facebook.com/EcclesCommunity) and Twitter (@EcclesTeam) sharing updates and information about our neighbourhood area. Like or follow them to get involved and up to date!

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Eccles Town Team

We are pleased to confirm that Eccles Town Team has now been set up. Chaired by Cllr Lisa Stone, the team consists of council officers, partner agencies and local business owners & traders.

The team plans to revitalise Eccles town centre and promote a number of activities including an Eccles Cake and International Food Festivals, leisure activities including tea dances and heritage walks.

Cllr Stone said

“The creation of this team will help to contribute to a strong vision for the future of Eccles and ensure that new and innovative ways are found to boost business, jobs and footfall. It’s an exciting time for Eccles.”

Patricroft Recreation Ground

Your local Councillors - John Mullen, Michelle Mullen and David Jolley - have been working with Parkwydden Junior FC to improve the facilities at Patricroft Recreation Ground. We have been able to guide them to funding opportunities and continue to support their work with local children.

This group of volunteers has done some fantastic work for the local community - well done.

Your councillors are working to make a difference in Winton, here is a snap shot of our efforts.



Town Hall Ballroom

We continue to support Eccles Town Hall Organisation (ECHO) who are bringing the Old Town Hall ballroom back to life for local people. A very successful opening concert was held in January attended by over 100 people.



Barton Environment

The programme of improvements along the Bridgewater Canal is continuing, as is the shop front improvement scheme along Liverpool Road. John, Michelle and David are continuing to work with the local community, Council officers, Police, schools and partner organisations to address problems and issues.

An Environment Day was recently held to help residents clean up the rear of the properties behind The Unicorn pub and provide information about the new recycling regime.

Your councillors for Barton



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SNAP event **SNAP road show**

We supported Winton SNAP week and A Big Thank You to everyone who got involved. The week of action brought the community together to tackle local problems, clean up areas of litter and graffiti, target persistent criminals and increase fire safety, all to improve our neighbourhood. SNAPs are led by Salford City Council in partnership with Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service and the Probation Service's community payback team.



We campaigned to save you money promoting the Energy Switch campaign.



Housing improvements in Winton are welcome and we continue to work closely with City West to improve homes and our environment.



We are working with Salford City Academy and Brookhouse Community Centre to access lottery funding in order to improve facilities and services.

If you would like to spend some time with your Winton councillors to find out first hand what we do on behalf of residents then please contact us.



In December Labour councillors held a networking meeting at Winton Library to thank officers and community volunteers who make Winton a better place through their hard work and determination.

We organised a Welfare Rights Information day at Winton library bringing along an expert to offer advice on how the welfare reforms will affect individuals and families.

Port Salford

We continue to attend meetings with developers and highways officers to discuss the impact of the A57 highway works and to put forward the views of our residents on how the impact of this can be minimised.

If you have any issues while the work is taking place a dedicated automated phone line has been established, contact 0161 793 2236 but please allow 24 hours for a response to your query or www.portsalford.co.uk for more information.

Planning Proposals



We have held several meetings with developers of the GUS site to make sure that the development benefits local people and enhances the area.

We opposed the Green Lane and Barton waste plant proposals with written submissions and we attended the appeals.

Your councillors for Winton



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Labour in Salford delivers universal free nursery care



Every child with a school nursery place under five in Salford is to get 25 free hours of nursery care every week, making Salford the first of only two councils in the country to guarantee the universal benefit.

City Mayor, Ian Stewart, has worked with all local schools to fund the unique £2 million scheme so that every three and four year old with a school nursery place will be given 25 hours of childcare – much more the national legal entitlement of just 15 hours a week.

Over 2,000 children in Salford will benefit, giving them the best start in life. This will help many parents return to work or training.

Ian said "Salford is alone in the country in providing free school nursery places for all our tots - that's the real difference a Labour administration can make to the lives of working people."

www.salfordlabour.org.uk

Salford Labour party has a new look website. We have given the site a facelift and added new sections for latest news, views and events, and a bit of Salford Labour history. Go to www.salfordlabour.org.uk to take a look.



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The Living Wage for Council Staff

Salford will now become the first council in Greater Manchester to introduce a full Living Wage.

It will mean a significant pay increase to £7.45 an hour for more than 1,000 of Council staff. Some of our poorest paid staff will get a pay rise of more than £1300 a year. It's a huge step forward in ending poverty pay in Salford. That's no mean achievement in these times of austerity and government forced cuts.

By paying £7.45 an hour from April, Salford's Living Wage sets a minimum amount by which no-one employed by the City Council should be expected to live. It will make a real difference to the lives of a thousand of our employees - 93 per cent of whom are women.

What is the Living Wage?

The idea behind a Living Wage is that a person should be paid enough to live decently and to adequately provide for their family.

The living wage is an hourly rate set independently every year. It is calculated according to the cost of living and gives the minimum pay rate required for a worker to provide their family with the essentials of life.

The current rate is £7.45.



Millionaires are getting a tax cut from David Cameron, while millions of us pay more

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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