

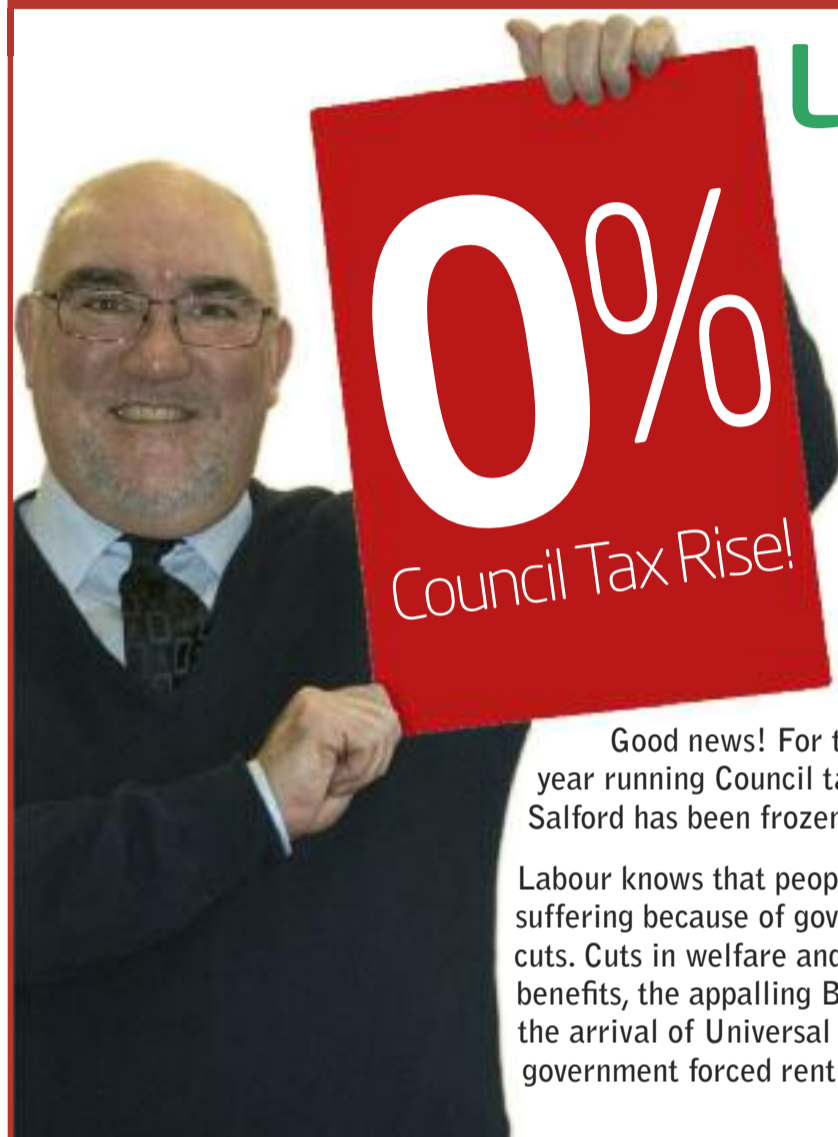
Salford

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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

local news: centre pages



Labour Helping To Grow Our Local Economy

The new 24 hour Tesco in Pendleton has provided a boost to the local economy. It has created an extra 250 new jobs for Salford people, some of whom were long-term unemployed.

Labour Delivering on Affordable Housing

Councillors in Langworthy have been making sure that much needed, affordable, family homes (three and four bedrooms) are built in our neighbourhood, allowing communities and families to grow together. Local labour and training was used on this project.

Labour Working With Local Communities

Your local councillors have been working hard to get funding for the car parking at the rear of the shops on Langworthy Road.

Traders and local residents have welcomed the development which makes good use of land which has been neglected.



Councillors with contractors preparing the new parking places

I'm No Shirker!

Give Me A Full-Time Job With A Living Wage Asks Salford Resident Paul Hudson

On the 1st April, local resident Paul Hudson, will be forced to find more money from his already limited income to meet the coalition government's bedroom tax and 10% cut in council tax support to local councils. Paul's employment circumstances clearly highlights how welfare reforms are eliminating resident's ability to make-ends-meet, forcing Paul to make decisions between priorities such as: putting food on the table, putting electricity in the metre, paying his water bill, paying existing debts, and visiting his friends and family using public transport.

Since the middle of October 2012 Paul Hudson has been able to find part-time employment with a local employer, earning £6.78 per hour. Unfortunately Paul doesn't work enough hours to qualify for working tax credit, despite regularly asking his employer for extra hours and working overtime when possible. Paul also informs us that 16 hour and less contracts are fairly common practice with his employer.

Paul lives alone in a 2 bedroom flat and his rent will increase to £94.15 from the 1st April 2013. His eligible rent for the purposes of housing benefit will be reduced by £13.18 per week (14%) as a consequence of the bedroom tax. Paul will also be expected to pay 8.5% of his annual council tax bill as a consequence of the government's decision to localise 'support' for council tax.

This means that Paul has £15 less each week but still has food to buy and bills to pay.

below: Paul discusses the Bedroom Tax with Councillor Warmisham and Councillor Dennett



In speaking about his fears of welfare reforms, Paul states:

“I have done everything that has been expected of me, I found a job to get out of the benefit trap I found myself in to find the very same system that told me I had to do it, now wants to take every penny I earn. I don't deny that I need to pay back but how is this a fair way of letting me do this?”



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Despite the Government's cuts, The Labour Party keeps delivering for you across Ordsall.



Brand new Health Centre for local residents

Ordsall Health Centre

September last year saw our brand new purpose built Health Centre open. Your local Labour team were determined to fight for funding to deliver modern health centre facilities for residents in Ordsall, the Stowell, St James Park and the Quays to use, we are very proud to see this work pay off.

The following are just some of the facilities the health centre has:

- Doctors surgery
- District nursing service for the elderly
- Dentistry
- Speech and language therapy
- Podiatry
- Community mental health services

Brand new High School

High school education returns to Ordsall, your local Labour team has worked for many years to make sure our young people have a brand new high school to attend right on their doorstep. The brand new site on Trafford Road features the best possible provision for Maths, English, Science, Technology, Sport and the Arts.

This is the local Labour Party's commitment to driving up educational standards. We wanted world class teaching and learning facilities and a great physical asset for the wider community to come and use, and we have achieved just that.



Brand new High School for Ordsall

Recladding of Nine Acre Court and Ongoing Work at Canon Hussey and Arthur Millwood

The decent homes programme continues to deliver right across Ordsall, the re-cladding of Nine Acre Court has just been completed with Canon Hussey and Arthur Millwood Courts in Islington well underway.

Whole housing areas across the Ordsall estate, Islington estate and the Stowell estate have had internal work completed or it is currently ongoing, from new kitchens and bathrooms to heating systems. Your local Labour team will continue to urge the Government to commit funding to bring the decent homes improvements to all residents' homes.



A reclad Nine Acre Court with ongoing work at both Canon Hussey and Arthur Millwood Courts.

Your team for The Quays, Stowell estate, St. James Park, Ordsall estate, Greengate and Islington

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A team committed to working with and for residents

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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**www.labour.org.uk/join
or call 0845 092 22 99**

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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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