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Time to Care for Our NHS

The whole country fears for the future of our NHS. Labour will rescue the shattered NHS. We will bring privatised services back into the NHS and repair the services broken by Tory policies.

To get a health service which serves the people of Britain we will recruit 20,000 more nurses, 8,000 more GPs, 5,000 more care workers and 3,000 midwives by 2020.

To pay for this there will be a "Mansion Tax", a levy on tobacco companies and a crack down on corporate tax avoiders.

The NHS must be there for everyone when they need it.

This government has let down the public and run down the NHS. To rebuild we need to integrate health and social care services, guarantee access to a GP within 48 hours and improve mental health services.

The Tories NHS reforms have been a very expensive disaster for the British people - but private health care firms with Tory links have profited through NHS contracts worth nearly £1.5 billion.

Even senior Tories now admit that the Health and Social Care Act was "a big mistake". The act has cost an estimated £3 billion and caused "profound and intense" damage.

"Rather than listening to the concerns of patients, the public and frontline staff who vigorously opposed the top-down reorganisation, politicians shamefully chose to stick their head in the sand and plough on regardless." said Mark Porter, chairman of the British Medical Association's governing council.

Born in Salford

Salford Labour is fighting to keep babies born in Salford.

The local Clinical Commissioning Group - one of the new NHS bodies - is considering options for the maternity unit at Salford Royal hospital. One of the options is to close the unit. This will mean no more babies born in Salford.

The city has already lost the Pendlebury children's hospital. Neo natal care and full time maternity care was closed at Hope Hospital and now the midwifery unit is under threat.

*We want babies
Born in Salford*

Our campaign, Born in Salford, is trying to save the unit through petitioning and raising awareness of the very real possibility of closure.

Please show your support by signing our petition and completing the survey at: www.salfordlabour.org.uk

We will give
our NHS:

3,000
more midwives

5,000
more homecare
workers

8,000
more GPs

20,000
more nurses

"Labour created the NHS. It has served our country well for sixty six years - but now it is under threat.

Labour will lead the fight to protect an NHS that puts people before profits"

Andy Burnham,
shadow health secretary.

NHS

"No cuts to
front-line
services"

David Cameron,
just before the
last election.

5,870 NHS nurses, 7,968 hospital beds, a third of ambulance stations, 5,362 firefighters and 6,800 frontline police officers have been cut.



Salford Labour Voice

Winter 2014



While the Conservative-led Government claim they have improved our economy, the reality for people in Worsley and Eccles South is that their earnings are down £1,600 a year. Ordinary working families are losing tax credits and will be almost £1,000 worse off due to tax and benefit changes brought in by Conservative and Liberal Democrat Ministers since 2010.

At the same time, the top one per cent of earners have been given a £3 billion tax cut. For a millionaire, this tax cut is worth an average of £100,000. Before the 2010 General Election George Osborne claimed

he would not cut the top rate of tax while he asked public sector workers to accept pay restraint. But that is exactly what he did do.

Conservative and Liberal Democrat Ministers also introduced the cruel and unjust Bedroom Tax. This unfair charge hits 1,700 households in Worsley and Eccles South and 5,000 across Salford. For most of those people affected there is nowhere smaller to move to, so people have had to find over £700 extra to pay the charge. I recently brought in a measure to exempt carers from the Bedroom Tax but Conservative MPs spoke

against my Bill. Labour has pledged to scrap the Bedroom Tax if we are elected in 2015.

Under the Conservative-led Government work doesn't always pay. Half of working age people living below the poverty line are in working households as well as two thirds of all children living in poverty. Labour will tackle low pay by supporting contracts to Make Work Pay under the Living Wage Campaign. Labour has also pledged to lift the Minimum Wage to £8 an hour during the next Parliament.

Barbara Keeley MP

Supporting Local Foodbanks



It is worrying that food banks are needed in Worsley and Eccles South in this day and age. But foodbanks are sorely needed under this Conservative-led Government.

Every month more and more families are referred for help and many of these are working families. We believe that

food banks should exist only in history books and we want to make poverty a thing of the past. However, while local people need food banks, we will help. Barbara Keeley joined other volunteers in Walkden collecting donations for our local food bank.

Battling Congestion

Your local Labour team share the anger and concern at the ongoing traffic congestion in the area. The roadworks on the A580 are causing long delays plus long tailbacks on other local roads.

Barbara Keeley has been working to get the agencies responsible to understand the level of issues. She is listening to and getting feedback from local people. Barbara has called on Transport for Greater Manchester and Urban Vision to hold a public meeting so these agencies can hear about the problems the work is causing.

Your Labour team has called for a number of changes to the scheme, including the postponement of all non-urgent roadworks on other local roads. Communications about the scheme and the work planned also need to improve.

#backthebill: Campaign to save the NHS

I am pleased to be supporting Clive Efford MP's Private Members Bill to reverse the Conservative-led Government's damaging privatisation of our NHS and to put people rather than profits back at the heart of our NHS. The Bill aims to repeal the worst elements of the Health and Social Care Act within this Parliament.

I will be supporting Clive's Bill in Parliament on Friday 21st November and will be campaigning locally for the NHS on Saturday 15th November. You can show your support for this Bill by signing this petition: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/68064>

Barbara Keeley MP

£5.5million facelift for Bridgewater Canal

Salford's historic Bridgewater Canal is set for another revolution.

Salford Council has received grants to regenerate nearly five miles of the canal between Boothstown and Barton.

The planned regeneration is expected to boost visitor numbers, adding an extra £2million each year to the city's economy when finished. For the first time sightseers will be able to view Barton Aqueduct in its full splendour and the historic structure will be lit for the first time in its history.

Engineer James Brindley built the aqueduct to carry the canal over the River Irwell. And in a dramatic transformation Worsley Delph, where coal carrying barges emerged from the Duke of Bridgewater's mines, will be re-opened to boats and visitors for the first time in years. At the moment it is overgrown, the water is very shallow and is in need of tender loving care.



photo: Barton-on-Irwell showing (left) the swing-aqueduct carrying the Bridgewater Canal over the Manchester Ship Canal and (right) the Barton road bridge. photo by RuthAS



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Old Warke Dam

Old Warke Dam is one of Worsley's historic green areas and a dramatic facelift was completed there earlier this year.

The work included landscape changes to increase the amount of open water, to improve flood defences and so that the area could be used more for leisure and for learning.

The funding needed to complete the scheme was secured from local resident and betting company boss, Fred Done, and from the SITA Trust. The work will help improve the natural habitat and ecological value of Old Warke Dam and is part of the City Council's wider Masterplan for the Bridgewater Canal Corridor.

Barbara Keeley MP met Fred Done, Salford Council's Mayor Ian Stewart and Deputy Mayor Cllr David Lancaster to view the results of the improvement works.

Barbara said: "I know this work has taken years to plan and complete. I would like to thank Fred Done and the SITA Trust for the funding they added. Alongside the City Council's funding this enabled the work to be completed.

It is great that visitors to the area will now see more from the viewing platform and jetty. Removing some trees and debris has also increased the flow of water and this beautiful area is testament to hard work and determination of all those involved"



Government-funded scheme on M60 kicks off three years of motorway misery

Conservative Ministers have ploughed ahead with the so-called "Smart Motorway" scheme on the M60, kicking off three years of traffic misery for motorists.

Barbara Keeley MP has never supported the widening of the motorway and has fought against the changes on behalf of local people. She believes this scheme is a White Elephant which will not improve congestion. The Conservative-led Government has had to abandon the hard-shoulder running part of the scheme, as it would have added to air pollution which is already unacceptably high around Worsley.

However the Highways Agency has now started roadworks on the M60, which could lead to 3 years of congestion and delays. Barbara Keeley asked the Highways Agency to postpone the start of any roadworks on the M60 until after completion of the Busway scheme on the A580. Instead, the Highways Agency has already put in speed restrictions and speed cameras even though little or no work is taking place for months.

Barbara and local residents did manage to negotiate some changes to plans for acoustic screens and tree planting, which should help with both noise reduction and some reduction in air pollution. The Highways Agency scheme will not deliver extra road capacity, it will simply introduce speed restrictions at busier times.

#Born In Salford campaign Save Salford Royal Birth Centre!

The Salford Royal Birth Centre is under threat. The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the group responsible for commissioning services in the NHS, are considering options for the Birth Centre. One of these is to close it.

They say that it is too expensive as not enough women choose to give birth there. There is concern, however, that this is because women are either not being told about it, or are not being given full information about the positive aspects of using the Centre. Labour Councillor Lisa Stone is leading the campaign for Salford Labour to save the Birth Centre - if it closes it will mean no more babies born in Salford.

Lisa said "I visited the birth centre in April and it is fantastic! The rooms are lovely and I was so

impressed by the fact that you stay in your room after birth rather than being transferred to a ward - and partners can stay overnight. There are no strict visiting times which mean family and friends can visit whenever they like.

I really hope the CCG listen and save this fantastic unit - it's unthinkable that we could be in a position where there are no more babies born in Salford and women don't have a choice. We really need women who have given birth in the last two years to fill in our survey and tell us about their experiences and as many people as possible to sign our petition to urge the CCG to keep it open."

Details online: www.salfordlabour.org.uk

Don't Fall Prey to Loan Sharks

Salford Labour Party supports Ian Stewart's campaign to fight back on behalf of those suffering the most from loan sharks.

Unfortunately there is money to be made from poverty. This government's actions on austerity, especially their use of benefit sanctions, are bringing out the unscrupulous loan sharks that prey on the poor.

The campaign will direct people in need to decent alternatives for loans, help and advice and a confidential phone number to report unscrupulous loan sharks.

Councillor Stephen Ord said "Illegal loan sharks are parasites that prey on the most vulnerable in our society for their own gain, we need to continue to all work together to put a stop to it!"



From Welfare to Work

We want to build a Britain that rewards hard work, not just privilege, and ensures the next generation does better than the last. Labour will reduce the countries welfare bill by reducing the need for benefits with people in work. We will make sure there are jobs - you can't force anyone into a job that doesn't exist.

Tories say it is a failure of the benefits system to reward work. By contrast, we say it is the inadequate provision of work itself. Welfare to work requires there to be work.

When the jobs are there we will make sure there is proper training to give people the skills needed to get a job.

Labour's Cost of Living Contract

- Freeze gas and electricity bills until 2017 and reform the energy market
- Get 200,000 homes built a year by 2020
- Stop families that rent being ripped off and help them plan for the future with new long term predictable tenancies
- Cut income tax for hardworking people and introduce a 50p top rate of tax
- Ban zero hour contracts
- Make work pay by strengthening the minimum wage
- Back small businesses by cutting business rates and reforming the banks
- Help working parents with 25 hours free child care for three and four year olds
- Tackle the abuse of migrant labour to undercut wages by banning recruitment agencies only hire foreign workers and pressing for strong controls in Europe
- Back the next generation with the job guarantee for the young unemployed and more apprenticeships
- Scrap The 'bedroom tax'

Making Immigration Work

The Labour Party recognises that immigration has benefited this country enormously in the past. People have come from abroad to work in our NHS and other public services and contribute to this country. But we know that people have legitimate concerns about immigration policy and reforms are needed. We will make sure that immigration is properly controlled and managed. Labour will address the impact on jobs, wages and communities and make the system fairer for all.

A Labour government would:

Strengthen Britain's border controls, introduce new border checks and visa enforcement to tackle illegal immigration, stop abuse and manage the level of migration.

Bring in tough new laws to stop agencies and employers exploiting cheap migrant labour to undercut wages and jobs - making exploitation a crime and stopping agencies who recruit only foreign workers.

Introduce a smarter system for different kinds of immigration instead of the Government's failed targets.

Make sure people who come to this country do learn English.

Bring in fairer rules to make clear people are contributing to Britain - so that new arrivals don't claim benefits and make sure it is easier to deport those who commit crimes.

Reform European free movement of labour so there are longer controls when new countries join, stronger employment protection, restrictions on benefits and restrictions on foreign criminals

This Government's approach is not working. They have failed to meet their own targets of net migration and have done nothing to deal with dodgy firms who exploit migrant labour to undercut workers.

And UKIPs proposals won't work either. They would isolate the UK from Europe, making it harder to stop illegal immigration and tackle the crisis at Calais. It would be harder to deport foreign criminals or stop them entering because they would abolish the European Arrest Warrant. UKIP would not be able to stop dodgy firms exploiting immigration to undercut wages and jobs because they would cut employment rights.

Investing in Salford

Salford's population is on the rise after eighty years of decline. That's why we need to invest in our future. We need jobs, housing and schools and a better environment for us all.

Media City at Salford Quays has created 5,000 jobs from the 150 businesses now based there - and 200 more BBC jobs on the way soon.

The Lowry continues to be a great success story with visitor numbers up 12% this year and the original investment of £116 million has generated £1.4 billion of public and private investment in Salford Quays.

The investment in Port Salford and the AJ Bell stadium is transforming that area with thousands of jobs coming as well as road, rail and waterway links.

In central Salford we are getting new employment opportunities from the Premier Inn on Bailey St., the office block with new shops and public space which has just received planning permission. At Greengate new office and residential space is planned, with hotels, restaurants, bars and retail spaces.

180 new homes have been built in Broughton and the Pendleton Together project set to create 1,600 new homes and refurbish 1,250 existing properties. The

Vimto gardens development with apartments and town houses is already attracting a lot of interest from potential buyers.

With the number of apprenticeships up by 8% and more than 50 employers signing up to the Salford Standard - the City Mayors Charter which includes a living wage, employment prospects for younger people are looking up.

Creating a future for any city in Britain under the austerity of this government, but in Salford we are bucking the trend with innovative ideas and forward thinking to make sure the next generation has something to build on.

You can trust Labour with the economy

There is a long standing myth that you can't, but this comes from the Tories and the Tory press.

The accusation that Labour wrecked the economy is wrong. The financial crisis in 2009 was a global crisis caused by the banks greed.

When the last Labour government came to power we were second worst in the G8 by 2013, after 13 years of Labour, we were second - Canada was the best.

This government's austerity measures

are wrecking our economy and our society. There will be nothing left the next generation. The fire sale will be complete if they get in again and then it will be too late.

Osborn talks of getting rid of the debt but since the end of the Second World War our economy has only been free of debt on four occasions, three of these under Labour governments.

You can trust Labour with the economy, you can trust Labour with the NHS and you can trust Labour to leave a legacy for the next generation.