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.

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.

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

“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.

“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.
Shelagh Take a Bow
Shelagh Delaney wrote 'A Taste of Honey' at age 19 while living on Duchy Road. It became one of the classic plays of 20th century drama.

Salford officially celebrates and recognises she is one of our most famous daughters and an inspiration to generations of aspiring writers.

"Quite a few activities are planned in November to celebrate this writer's legacy, check in on the SHELAGH DELANEY DAY EVENT PAGE on Facebook if you wish to be updated on planned events" said Councillor Stephen Ord.

Councillor Ord with Councillor Humphreys, Assistant Mayor for Culture & Sport at the unveiling of the plaque to celebrate Duchy's most famous daughter, Shelagh Delaney

Concord Place
Local Councillors with Mo and Angela, talking about the recent improvements at Concord Place including the local shop. A number of new businesses are now showing interest in locating here. Councillor Stephen Ord said: "It's taken a while to get these in place and your Labour team continues to encourage stakeholders to invest and improve the area of Whit Lane."

The Tipping Point
"Significant progress has been made in reducing the rubbish pile at Upper Wharf Street, but the Environment Agency have refused to transfer the licence to the new operator and this has now stalled work", said Councillor Stephen Ord. The local Councillors will continue to keep up the pressure to end this blot on the landscape.

Residents and local businesses have rightly raised a 500 name petition asking for a permanent block to this site restarting.

Are we really “all in it together?”

In some parts of Salford and Eccles over 51% of children live in poverty whilst at the same time a recent report showed that 48% of the nation’s wealth is owned by a mere 1% of super wealthy. This is shocking and we are constantly told by the Tory led coalition that as a result of the financial crash we have no option but to accept the harsh austerity measures.

They introduced the savage bedroom tax forcing many into a spiral of debt because they can’t afford to pay their rent. They have encouraged the exploitation of workers through zero hours contracts and attacked those who are out of work by enforcing draconian benefit sanctions. They have dramatically cut the funding to our public services and put profit and privatisation before patient care in our NHS.

What the Tory led coalition fail to tell us, however, is that the financial crash wasn’t caused by us. It was caused by a greedy casino banking system that today still enjoys an excessive bonus culture. They also fail to tell us that whilst many in Salford and Eccles are suffering, some global companies are legally avoiding tax to the tune of a whopping £35 billion a year and they even brazenly introduced tax cuts for millionaires.

There has been no austerity for the 1% of extremely wealthy and they have, in fact, seen their incomes increase dramatically. It is clear then that the Tory led coalition represents only the interests of this 1%.

Labour does things differently. Labour will close tax avoidance loopholes and ensure that this money is directed back into our NHS and public services. We will create a new and fair tax regime for millionaires, freeze electricity and gas bills for 18 months and end exploitative zero hours contracts.

Labour will represent the many not the few.

Rebecca Long-Bailey
**Don’t Fall Prey to Loan Sharks**

Salford Labour Party supports Ian Stewarts 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!”

**Towering transformations**

Block improvements at Riverbank & Newbank Towers, Greengate. Two Salford tower blocks are undergoing a dramatic transformation as part of a multi-million pound development programme. Investment's of £6.6 million to overhaul Riverbank and Newbank Towers in Greengate, Salford.

“This is not only about decent homes and improving the physical appearance but making peoples homes more energy efficient so homes are made efficient in the winter months to reduce bills” said Councillor Stephen Ord.

Councillors Jane Hamilton, Ann-Marie Humphreys and Stephen Ord with Salfordian actor Stephen Lord as he signs our petition and endorses our campaign.

The local Clinical Commissioning Group is considering options for the maternity unit at Salford Royal hospital. They are considering closing the unit. This will mean no more babies born at Salford Royal, mothers will have to go outside Salford for maternity care.

Salford Labour party is running a campaign to keep the unit open. Councillors and supporters have collected 2000 signatures on a petition so far.

If you would like to sign our online petition please go to www.salfordlabour.org.uk and help us to save our local NHS service and oppose any moves to close the unit.

**We want babies born in Salford**

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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.

From Welfare to Work

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:

1. Strengthen Britain’s border controls, introduce new border checks and visa enforcement to tackle illegal immigration, stop abuse and manage the level of migration.
2. 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.
3. Introduce a smarter system for different kinds of immigration instead of the Government’s failed targets.
4. Make sure people who come to this country do learn English.

And UKIP’s 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 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 offices 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.

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