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.
Gina Reynolds has begun a campaign on behalf of tenants of people living in ‘Places for People’ properties. Following a request from a resident who asked for help to have their properties refurbished as they felt their homes were in a state of disrepair.

Gina visited some of the homes and was shocked by the state of some of the houses and has started a campaign with a petition to get ‘Places for People’ to bring their homes up to standard.

Gina said “These residents would like to see new kitchens and bathrooms installed and if necessary new external doors and windows.

Places for People
Petition in Pendleton

With this in mind I am asking for Pendleton residents to put pressure on ‘Places for People’ to refurbish their properties in the Pendleton area by signing our petition.”

You can sign the online petition by going to: www.salfordlabour.org.uk/?q=content/regeneration-all

Salford leads the way, again!

Langworthy councillors Paul Dennett and Gina Reynolds are really pleased that Salford City Council has won the first Living Wage Champion Award for the North West.

The council became accredited as a Living Wage employer in June 2013 and continues to build on this achievement, influencing and encouraging others to do the same - with the ultimate aim of leading Salford to becoming a Living Wage City.
Ordsall Labour councillor Tanya Burch has confidence and open up a new honest been helping young people from across Salford to build their skills and self-commitment and courage displayed by all adults about the future of their local community. The Reclaim project involves local schools – including our own Oasis Academy – and is supported by parents and staff as well as representatives from Salford Council and GMP. Tanya says: “We were overwhelmed by the creativity, commitment and courage displayed by all of the young people who took part”.

Humphrey Booth Centre
Your local Labour Councillors have been leading the fight to retain a key facility for elderly people in the area.

Councillor Peter Dobbs says: “Although we couldn’t stop the closure of the five-day service for the elderly at Humphrey Booth Day Centre, we have reached an agreement with Booth Charities and the Together Trust to keep the Centre open as a Community-based hub for meetings and social events for the elderly”.

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.

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!”

Don’t Fall Prey to Loan Sharks

Fostering Young Talent
Ordsall Labour councillor Tanya Burch has been helping young people from across Salford to build their skills and self-confidence and open up a new honest conversation between them and other adults about the future of their local community. The Reclaim project involves local schools – including our own Oasis Academy – and is supported by parents and staff as well as representatives from Salford Council and GMP. Tanya says: “We were overwhelmed by the creativity, commitment and courage displayed by all of the young people who took part”.

Living in Ordsall
Ordsall is on the up and people want to live here – thanks to a whole raft of building and refurbishment schemes led by your Labour council and your local councillors.

More people are now living in Ordsall than in any other ward in the Salford because they want to live in the attractive new homes being built by LPC in the heart of our neighbourhood, the tower blocks being refurbished by Salix Homes at Cannon Hussey, Arthur Millward and Nine Acres and the new private housing development at Vimto Gardens.

These new developments are creating jobs for local people and local residents are now being served by new shops and modern facilities, like the new Health Centre and some great and improving local schools.
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’

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 £1.4 billion has generated £1.16 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.