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Bedroom
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to make immigration work

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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.

We will give
our NHS:

3,000
more midwives

5,000
more homecare
workers

8,000
more GPs

20,000
more nurses

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.

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

"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.



Salford Labour Voice

Winter 2014



Folly Lane Pedestrian Crossing

After more than two years we have been successful in getting a decision to put a pedestrian crossing on Folly Lane. It has been a slow process as it was hard to find a suitable spot for the crossing on which people could agree.

It has now been agreed and it is on its way!



Road Safety on the East Lancs

Following a fatal road crash on the East Lancs Road (A580) in July, which caused the death of two young people, local residents, supported by your Labour councillors, have successfully lobbied to reduce the speed limit to 40mph.

We have also made sure the subways close to the new schools have been improved.

Building new Homes in Swinton

The development off Hospital Rd is providing two, three and four bedroom houses for Swinton South and is proving very popular. There are a number of homes being built in that area, including on the corner of Lancaster Rd. we hope to set up new residents groups in these areas.

If you would like one of your Councillors to come along to one of your residents meetings please contact us with the details and we will do our best to get one of us there.

Highways & Byways

Parking restrictions for Leinster Rd and Westbrook Drive

Junction protection lines and drive protection lines increase safety for residents when parents dropping children park in dangerous spots or block residents in their drives.

Leinster Rd and Westbrook Drive now have protection lines thanks to your Labour councillors



Park Ave and Worsley St

We have used money from Swinton and Pendlebury Community Committee to put protection markings at the opening to the back alley where Park Avenue residents park. This will stop motorists parking across it. These will be in place soon.

Working with you to improve Facilities

Sorting your Problems

We took swift action when we heard that Transport for Greater Manchester had closed the entrance to Enfield and West Mead Roads off the East Lancs Service Rd. This forced all traffic onto the already crowded Folly Lane junction. There had been no consultation on this for five years.

Within 24 hours we made changes that enabled one of those entrances to be reopened and reduce the congestion and inconvenience for residents.

Swinton and Pendlebury women's group

Councillor Gena Merrett and Rebecca Long-Bailey, our candidate in the next general election, will both be speaking to the Swinton and Pendlebury women's group in January. We all look forward to hearing from you.



Campbell Road play area

Residents fought hard to get a play area at the bottom of Campbell Rd in Swinton South. We have been working for them ever since to try to improve it and keep it clear of damage and litter.

Working with the Council to Improve the Town Centre

The Staff of Life pub on Worsley Rd provoked a number of complaints recently before being closed down. The complaints referred to fighting, noise and after hour drinking without a licence.

It has since reopened under new management a new name, The Cock and Swine. The police have asked us to let them know if residents have any more complaints. Please contact us if you have any problems.

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



Rebecca Long-Bailey, your Labour parliamentary candidate for 2015, campaigning in Salford

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WORLD CLASS WORKERS' HISTORY

Working people have always struggled to get their voices heard. The Working Class Movement Library records over 200 years of organising and campaigning by ordinary men and women. Their collection provides a rich insight into working people's daily lives as well as their thoughts, hopes, fears and the roles they played in the significant events of their time.

The library records much of the history of people and industry in Swinton and Pendlebury, now unfortunately long gone. Photograph shows Councillor John Ferguson on a visit to the library with Treasurer Dennis Maginn



Extra Care for Vulnerable People

Amblecote Gardens is a new Extra Care housing development developed by Salford City Council and City West Housing.

City West provide the building and the council provides the care

The Extra Care Service offers additional support to those who require help with personal care, medication, preparing meals, cleaning and laundry.

Pendlebury councillor John Ferguson attended the official opening of the scheme, Along with Andy Burnham, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Health."

Do you want BT Infinity superfast fibre optic broadband?



According to BT's web site, it's so good that 9 out of 10 customers say they would recommend it to their friends and family.

Well, if you live on Bolbury Crescent, Kilcoby Avenue and adjacent roads, you're out of luck.

BT say you can't have it

A number of residents have been in touch asking if I can do anything to help.

I'm planning to approach BT, but before I do that I'd like to know how many people would be interested in having fibre broadband.

If you are interested please let me have your name and address. You can contact me at councillor.ferguson@salford.gov.uk

Remember, you are not committing yourself to any purchase by letting me know of your interest. I look forward to hearing from you

Food Banks in Salford

13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Trussell Trust foodbanks provide a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK.

In 2013-2014 foodbanks fed 913,138 people nationwide. Of those helped 330,205 were children.

Rising food and fuel prices, static incomes,

underemployment and changes to benefits are some of the reasons why increasing numbers are being referred to foodbanks for emergency food.

It's thanks to the generosity of local people that Salford Central Foodbank can help people from across the city including our locality.

Our photograph shows Pendlebury councillor John Ferguson on a fact finding mission to their distribution centre



Twenty is Plenty in Swinton North

The City Council has adopted a policy of introducing 20 mph zones to improve road safety. The decision was made two years ago by Swinton North Labour councillor Derek Antrobus in his role as Assistant Mayor.

He said: "It will take time to get everywhere done but we have started off by focusing on the areas around schools."

One of the first areas to become a 20mph zone will be Wardley, after a campaign by ward councillors to extend the Ash Drive 20 mph restriction.

Now residents will be consulted on extending the scheme to streets between Ash Drive and Swinton town centre to the north of the A6 including Cemetery Road South, Cromwell Road, Calder Dr, Brookfield Dr, Crossfield Dr, Normanby St and Brierley Rd West.



Poets Working For Better Future

Ward councillors continue to work with Poets residents whose homes historically have been affected by mining subsidence. Property managers Salix have held regular workshops to design replacement homes and improve others.

Councillor Jim Dawson, who represented the ward councillors at most meetings, said: "This is great example of real community planning."



Swinton Gateway Centre

After Christmas the Swinton Gateway Centre next to St Peter's Church will host the Library, a gallery space and community meeting rooms, as well as office space and the council's customer services team. It will also house a new NHS clinic, providing outpatient facilities for Salford Royal.

Swinton clinic's facilities will be moving to the new Gateway centre, along with children's centre services.

photo: Jim Dawson and Rebecca Long-Bailey, the parliamentary candidate for 2015, admiring the new gateway building.

Swinton's Growing Better!

Swinton North's Labour councillors have worked closely with the Swinton and District Allotments Society who manage the plots between Sefton Road and Mossfield Road.

We welcome the news that they have won a grant of nearly £10,000 from the Lottery Fund.

We were pleased to help the Society and other residents by improving the footpath between Sefton Road and Mossfield Road to prevent flooding.

We are now working to bring back to use the Mossfield Road allotments. Cllr Jim Dawson, who regularly cycles past the allotments, said: "More people want allotments so we want increase the supply.

"It's great to see the allotment holders not only engaging in a green and healthy lifestyle, but establishing a real sense of community."



Wardley park to get boost

Swinton North councillors insisted that £36,000 in planning obligations from development in the area should be spent on Wardley Park.

Now council officials have been told to consult with local residents about how the money should be spent and create a new vision for the park.

If you have an ideas or views about the park, please get in touch with a Swinton North ward councillor.

Councillor Jim Dawson recently attended a meeting of the Wardley Residents' Association where he discussed the issue.

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.