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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.

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**"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



Labour investment in Walkden town Centre

23 shop fronts in Walkden Town Centre have been refurbished thanks to funding from your Labour Council. This work has made a significant improvement to the look of the town centre. This council is committed to supporting Walkden and the businesses in the area.

Local action

Acting on feedback from local residents, this summer, Cllr Critchley arranged to have the overgrown, and near inaccessible, footpath cleared between Ellesmere Avenue, the loo-line and Harrop Fold School.

After the completion of the roadworks on Newearth Road Cllr Critchley got Electricity to litter pick the area to compensate for the disruption caused to nearby homeowners.

Teenagers in Walkden have been speaking to Cllr Critchley about the facilities they would like to see in their area. Labour councillors are keen to improve facilities for kids of all ages to make sure there are sufficient activities available that are safe and affordable.

Richard is liaising with the police, who have been working undercover to successfully catch and prosecute bad drivers on Old Clough Lane. Much more work is required and actions will follow. Your Labour team is keen to work with the community and its partners to find a lasting solution to these problems.

Defending rail services

Labour councillors are fighting ongoing attacks by the Conservative Government on your local rail services. The Government has cut the number of trains to send them down south, raised evening fares, ignored the lack of station parking and failed to deliver promised new rail carriages.

David Cameron has now confirmed that train fares will rise even further! The final insult came this summer when Conservative ministers rejected plans to make Walkden Station accessible for people with mobility difficulties. The plans would have provided badly needed lift access to both station platforms. Not only is the government cutting support to make stations accessible, they have refused to fund access improvements to every station in Greater Manchester!

Your Labour team is now lobbying for an urgent review of this decision and is looking at all alternative options to get the improvements so badly needed.



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



Sam Bellamy, Ed Balls, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Barbara Keeley MP at a recent Labour party fundraiser



Introducing Kate Lewis

I am absolutely thrilled to have been chosen by the Labour Party members of Little Hulton to be their candidate in the 2015 local election. There is a lot of work to be done in the ward and I can't wait to get stuck in. After speaking to a few local people it is clear that Little Hulton is a place with a proud history and a place which local people feel deserves greater recognition.

I have no doubt that there are plenty of people in the community who will be keeping me busy doing my bit towards making Little Hulton a place where young people can be successful, older people feel safe and new people what to make their home.



Supporting Local Foodbanks

It is disgraceful that in this day and age food banks are needed in Salford. But under this ConDem Government it is a fact of life. Every month more and more families are referred for help many of them with working parents. We believe that foodbanks should exist only in history books, we believe that poverty should be a thing of the past, but while Salford people need them we will help. Recently, Langworthy Ward Labour Councillors were on Salford Shopping City collecting food for our local food bank.

photo: Councillor Brendan Ryan with Salford Labour member's collecting food on behalf of the local foodbank.



Barbara Keeley MP cuts the ribbon with councillors Val and Eric Burgoyne to launch the new-look Little Hulton Post Office in Little Hulton District Centre.

The new-look branch is designed to make it easier for customers to do business, through longer opening hours and a modern open plan environment.

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**Tory Cuts
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Amblecote Gardens Extra Care Scheme



Andy Burnham, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Health, Salford City Mayor, Cllr Gena Merrett, Cllr Brendan Ryan, Barbara Keeley MP, Cllr John Fergusson and Cllr Adrian Brocklehurst at the official opening of the scheme.

Amblecote Gardens, one of the foremost high quality extra care schemes in the country, was opened in September. Labour's shadow Health minister, Andy Burnham, opened the development on behalf of Citywest.

Amblecote Gardens will provide 66 new homes built around communal and leisure facilities. With levels of care ranging from assisted living, close care and continuing care - depending on the needs of the residents. The planning and quality finish is a benchmark for the future.

Battling Congestion

Your local Labour team have been appalled at the ongoing traffic congestion in the area and have been working tirelessly with partners and highway engineers to improve matters, passing on feedback from residents and scrutinising all current works. It is essential that all highways schemes are finished as fast as possible and are undertaken in a way that minimises disruption to commuters.

Councillors want all non-urgent roadworks to be postponed and for residents to have their say on the issue through public meetings and greater consultation. Conservative Councillors have offered no solutions.

There are now plans for a similar development in Walkden to replace the Ninian Gardens complex. We hope this will go ahead and be completed by 2016/17.

Little Hulton and Walkden are providing many sites for the increased demand from housing needs. Citywest have invested £44million in new housing across the city which also helps local employment opportunities including apprenticeships and young people into employment.

Government kicks off three years of motorway misery

The Government has now started roadworks on the M60, which will lead to 3 years of congestion and is already causing huge delays to roadworks on the local highway network. Speed restrictions have already been put in place without any work being undertaken for several months.

The scheme will not deliver extra road capacity nor do anything to improve local air quality, it will simply reduce the speed limit on the motorway to 50mph. It would be better for this money to be spent improving public transport.

Could you be a friend of Parr Fold Park?

Councillor Richard Critchley has set up a Friends of Parr Fold group, which is helping to maintain and enhance this fantastic facility in the heart of our community. The group is open to all residents who would like to get actively involved in working to support and improve the park. If you would like to be part of the group then please contact Richard.

Your council is currently investing in the park with major renovations to the memorial gardens, plans for new children's play facilities and ambitions to restore the band stand area. However, this Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government is continuing to cut funding to Salford Council, which puts future investment like this in jeopardy.

Poppies In The Park

During the summer, the Walkden Community group put on the excellent Poppies In The Park event at Parr Fold Park, to commemorate the centenary of WWI. Everyone who attended had an excellent time. There was a fantastic display of community spirit which showed off the park in all its splendour. You can get involved and follow Walkden Community group on Twitter and Facebook.



Summer activities in Parr Fold Park brought back fond memories for local residents

Rob Sharpe in the newly reopened Memorial Gardens



Salford City Council wins Living Wage Champion Award

Kate Lewis is very happy 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.



Salford Labour VOICE

in Walkden & Little Hulton
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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.