

Labour will...

- 1** Raise the Minimum Wage to £8 an hour and ban exploitative zero hour contracts
- 2** Freeze energy bills until 2017 while reforming the broken energy market
- 3** Cut the deficit more fairly by asking those earning over £150,000 to contribute a little more through a 50p rate of tax
- 4** Build more affordable homes and deliver a fairer deal for private renters
- 5** Scrap the Bedroom Tax
- 6** Require all firms that have a major government contract to offer apprenticeships
- 7** Repeal the Tories' plans to bring competition and privatisation to the NHS
- 8** Ensure the NHS has time to care with 8,000 more doctors and 20,000 more nurses, funded by a mansion tax on homes worth over £2m
- 9** Control immigration so that entitlements to benefits are earned and wages are not undercut
- 10** Devolve power to Scotland, Wales, and the cities and counties of England

Stop Press

Salford Labour Council freezes council tax for 6th year running

Our NHS is on a knife edge

The NHS has served us well for 66 years, with services free at the point of need. But this is being taken away from us by privatisation under the Conservative-led Government. Conservative and Liberal Democrat MPs forced through laws which are causing NHS services to be put out to tender.

A private health company has been awarded a contract to run scanning services in Lancashire, Cheshire, and other counties, despite reports that the NHS bid for these services was £7 million cheaper. In Stoke and Staffordshire, all cancer and end of life care services are being put out to tender, with most of those bidding for the contract being private health companies.

Conservatives and Liberal Democrats in Government have forced these changes through even though no-one voted to have the NHS changed in this way. Their reforms have cost £3 billion, money that should have been spent on caring for patients. Nurses' pay has fallen but bankers' pay grows six times faster than nurses.

Labour will:

- invest in 20,000 more nurses, 8,000 more GPs and 5,000 more care workers
- put an end to the uncertainty and waste caused by privatisation and end NHS services having to be put out to tender
- guarantee that you can get a GP appointment within 48 hours, and on the same day for those who need it. Guarantee a maximum one-week wait for cancer tests
- drive out the culture of 15-minute care visits through paying to cover care costs over a year-of-care
- bring together health and social care services, building a homecare workforce in the NHS to help those with the greatest need and aimed at helping people stay in their home

If you believe the NHS is worth fighting for, please vote Labour on 7th May to help us protect it.



Barbara Keeley
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An NHS with time to care

David Cameron promised that under the Conservatives there would be no topdown NHS reorganisation. He broke that promise. They have wasted £3 billion on an upheaval which puts profits before co-operation and patient care, and ties hospitals up in competition law.

This wasteful and chaotic reorganisation is having a knock-on effect on the thing that matters most: patient care. Waiting lists, already rising, look set to be pushed up even further as budgets are squeezed and more hospitals fall into deficit. There is a crisis in A&E, not just in winter but all year round. Vital treatments are being rationed, giving patients the choice of waiting longer or paying to go private. Millions of people can't get a GP appointment when they need one.

NHS

put back in your hands

 Labour





Refurbishments

The City West refurbishment work at Cawdor Street is entering its final stage with the completion of Cawdor House and the community hub.

Work has moved on to Wade House and Mees Square which should be completed early in 2015, leading to a total of over 250 improved and modernised flats. The refurbished flats have up to date energy efficient heating systems.

City West also have plans for some new houses alongside the canal, and the works to refurbish the shops on Cawdor Street are now underway.



The work on the new road and canal crossing near the stadium is continuing.

The main road works at Peel Green motorway roundabout are complete. The United Utilities works on either side of the roundabout are underway. Following consultation with residents, the new one way system that has been introduced on streets in the area behind the Unicorn pub is now being monitored. There is evidence to suggest that it is deterring rat running, but there have been some drivers who have ignored the one way system. We are working with local agencies to see what extra enforcement can be done.



The rugby parking continues to be an issue, after the United Utilities works, we will again consult the whole area on a match day parking scheme. This can be both a blessing and a curse. This is why it will be important to let your councillors know your views.

Bridgewater canal and pocket park

The works on the tow path will begin in spring. The old trees will be removed to enable this work. Local councillors have worked with resident to shape the plans and these trees will be replaced, to restore the look and feel of the area. The pocket park will have more works done, as well as some interesting projects to open up the history of our area.

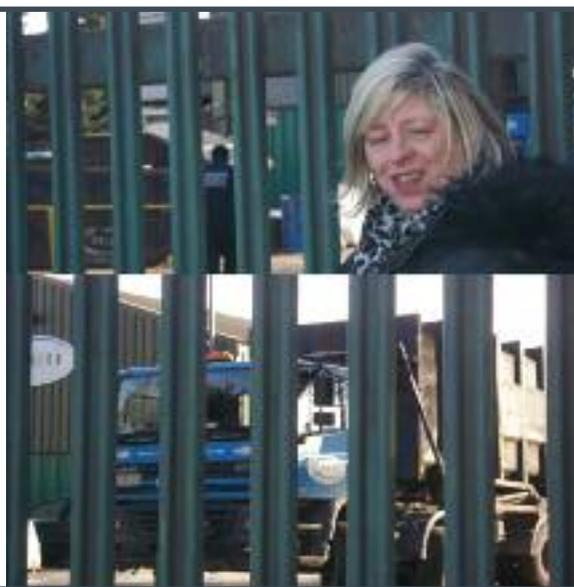


Flooding problems

Flooding work is continuing on improvements to the outdated drainage and waste water system across the ward, which will also alleviate the severe flooding problems experienced in the past. United Utilities work on Trafford Road was completed over the summer. Peel Green Road has been completed and landscaped.

Local councillors continue to meet with contractors, United Utilities, and Council officers to monitor progress and the impact of the works. We will be keeping a close eye on the works next to Peel Green roundabout as the works move in to the final phase. We have negotiated with united utilities and all works will be off peak. There will be some disruption to traffic flow.

Whites Reclamation have gone into liquidation and the administrators have surrendered the site to Peel Holdings. Unfortunately Peel have inherited some waste in various stages of reclamation and your councillors are now working with the new owners to get this cleared and end the years of misery local residents have experienced.



Councillor Michelle Mullen steps down this year. Councillor Mullen has worked hard for the residents of Barton. We have an excellent replacement with our candidate Mrs Michele Barnes.



Michele Barnes has been a fierce defender of Barton and has fought planning applications all the way to the Ombudsman. As a UNISON Branch Secretary, she works tirelessly representing members, defending their jobs, pay and terms & conditions. We think she will be an excellent councillor who will fight for the rights of Barton residents.

If you have any issues, please feel free to contact her by email at michele.barnes@salfordlabour.org.uk or by phone 07475 592 317.

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Did you know that last year your Labour councillors handled 100's of cases? These ranged from complex housing issues, planning disputes, property repairs, dog fouling, failed collections to replacement street signs. Your councillors and candidates are ready to help you. We are proud and honoured to represent you whenever we can.

Westwood Park Estate improvements

Winton Labour Councillors are really pleased with the new driveways and walls for homes on the estate. Paula said "This work not only looks great but helps resolve some of the parking problems."

A conversation with young people on Brookhouse

Salford Council's youth bus will be in Brookhouse during half term to talk to young people, parents and residents about how we can best support young people living on the estate. Our youth workers have a team providing outreach support on the estate and also work with Salford Academy - but they want to know how to make a real difference.

City West, the council, Police and other partners are working together to secure funding from a number of sources to enable the delivery of a five year project and they want the views of people who live on the estate.

Paula Boshell, who lived on the estate for over 30 years, is pleased young people are being asked what they want. She said "times have changed for young people, it's very different to when my generation was growing up. We didn't have Facebook or computer games, we were outside, in youth clubs or coffee bars socialising with other young people. Now many are isolated in their homes and we need to reach out to them."



Food banks

Paula said "I have never seen the levels of poverty that exist now, or the need for food banks, it's a national disgrace. It is a mark of people's generosity, though, that people continue to contribute to our give food campaign, despite often being hard up themselves."



Car parking at King William St, Winton

Local Councillors have been in negotiations with the land owner of this car park for some time because we want it to be used for local groups and business rather than stand empty. This is looking promising and we hope to be able to report positively in the near future.



Westwood Park and Alder Park Residents Association

Local Councillor Paula is thrilled to support the new Residents Association and congratulates them on the fantastic work they are doing to help and improve their communities.

Work has now begun to improve the grassed area around Alder Bridge, where 17,000 daffodil bulbs have been planted, and work including a scented garden and wildlife meadow will continue throughout the spring.

Winton Festival - Bigger and better in 2015

This year's Winton Festival will be bigger and better.

The festival will be on Saturday 27th June 2015 and we want it to be the best yet. We are planning to start the festival with a parade into the park with a brass band and dancers etc.

If you are a business or a community group and would like to sponsor the festival, take part or you want to volunteer, please contact Paula Boshell.



Shop front improvements in Winton

Councillor Paula Boshell agrees that by improving the building fronts and the local environment, the area is being slowly transformed. Many local shop owners have been inspired to make further investment themselves and have reported an increase in trade and falling vacancy levels, a small wonder especially in the current economic climate.

The idea is to improve the look and feel of the whole area, reduce the number of vacant buildings and attract shoppers back.

The building owners contribute to the grant scheme. The scheme is part of a wider regeneration programme aimed at revitalising the town centres and linear corridors in Salford.

Due to the urgent need to improve the old Co-op building on Worsley Road, local Councillors strongly support an application to improve the shop fronts in two of the three shops initially and we are hoping that this will be successful.



SAVE SALFORD BIRTH CENTRE

Handing in a petition to the CCG with Rebecca Long Bailey. Paula said "Salford is facing a growing population and it is preposterous that a city of Salford's size and importance would not have any Salfordian's born in it."



Improvement to shops on Brookhouse estate

Paula Boshell is pleased that refurbishments are happening on Brookhouse estate.

The shop fronts are being renovated and a number of flats, which were previously unfit to rent, will be refurbished and brought back into use.



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Winton Councillors say "well done to all our Winton Schools". They have all achieved Good or outstanding.

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Life is getting harder for so many people in this country. Under this Government people have increasingly seen working life become more stressful, precarious and poorly paid.

The younger generation have seen their employment prospects hit hard, and have been shut out of the housing market.

Poverty and inequality are increasing. In many communities there is a sense of being abandoned. People feel that something has been taken from their lives that they will never get back.

Childcare & the early years

Too many families are faced with difficult choices about how they balance work and family life. Some parents who want to work are being prevented from doing so because the rising cost of childcare makes it unaffordable, while others increasingly struggle to find good before- and after-school placements.

Under the current Government, the problem is getting worse. Too many parents are struggling to cope as the cost of childcare soars and availability falls. And David Cameron has broken his promise to protect Sure Start, with 628 fewer Children's Centres since 2010.

Labour will...

- Extend free childcare from 15 to 25 hours for working parents with three and four-year-olds, paid for with an increase in the bank levy.
- Introduce a legal guarantee that parents of primary-aged children can access childcare from 8am to 6pm through their local school.
- Reinvigorate Sure Start, reforming the way local services work together to shift from sticking-plaster services to radical early help.

Tackling Crime and Safeguarding Justice

The first duty of any Government is to keep people safe, yet David Cameron has shown complacency on crime and justice. Frontline policing has been cut, and the shift to neighbourhood policing achieved under the last Labour government has been put at risk.

Offenders are escaping justice: the number of rape, domestic violence and child abuse cases reported to the police is going up, but the number of cases being put forward for prosecution is falling as the service is hollowed out. Meanwhile the Government is presiding over chaos, with suicides and riots up, criminals absconding regularly and the reckless selloff of the probation service putting public safety at risk.



Labour will...:

- Scrap Police and Crime Commissioners in order to protect frontline police numbers.
- Raise policing standards with a new inspection and standards body.
- Establish a Commissioner to set minimum standards in tackling domestic and sexual violence.
- Reform prisons, professionalising the workforce, stamping out corruption and holding prisons to account on re-offending.
- Enact Britain's first Victims' Law to put victims at the heart of justice system.



David Cameron's hated Bedroom Tax is hitting more than 400,000 disabled people. Labour will scrap it.

The Bedroom Tax is cruel, it's unfair, and it doesn't work. The Tories claim it's

supposed to encourage people to move house, but the vast majority of those affected have nowhere smaller to move to. The average family paying the tax is losing £720 a year – money they can ill afford. And yet there is a real risk that the Bedroom Tax will end up costing the taxpayer more than it saves.

Labour will...

- Abolish the Bedroom Tax. Our policy is fully funded, so that it won't lead to any additional borrowing.

A Fair Plan To Deal With The Deficit

Britain has experienced the slowest economic recovery in over a hundred years. This has not only led to a cost-of-living crisis, it has meant the Tory-led Government has failed on get the deficit down too. Because when people's earnings are squeezed so is the tax we bring in.

In 2010 David Cameron and George Osborne pledged to balance the books by 2015. But they are on course to break this promise, instead still borrowing over £90 billion this year and with a large deficit set to remain next year.

As well as failing on the deficit the Tories have failed to address it fairly, raising VAT for ordinary working families while giving those earning over £150,000 a £3 billion tax cut.

Labour will...

- Balance the books and deliver a surplus on the current budget and falling national debt as soon as possible in the next Parliament.
- Reverse the 50p tax cut so that those at the top will pay a little more and introduce a lower 10p starting rate of tax, paid for by scrapping the unfair Marriage Tax Allowance.
- Stop paying the winter fuel allowance to the richest five per cent of pensioners.
- Cut ministerial pay until we have balanced the books.
- Ensure every commitment in our manifesto is fully funded, with no additional borrowing.



Britain has benefited over many centuries from immigration. But it is because immigration is so important that it needs to be controlled and its impact properly managed.

The Tories have let people down on immigration. David Cameron promised to get net migration down to the tens of thousands, but rather than falling it has actually increased. Illegal immigration is also a growing problem. Fewer people are being stopped at the border, more people are absconding and fewer foreign criminals are being deported; yet the government still has no way of properly tracking who is coming into the country and who is leaving.

Labour will...:

- Control immigration, with 1,000 new border staff and people counted in and out.
- Tackle illegal immigration, reinstating fingerprint checks at Calais and closing down student visitor visa loopholes.
- Ban recruitment agencies that only hire from overseas.
- Ensure that EU migrants have to earn their entitlement to benefits.
- Require public sector workers in public facing roles to speak English.