

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. Five years of Tory led rule have resulted in our NHS being stripped back to the very bone in the name of profit and privatisation. The most cherished and respected health service in the world is being taken from us quietly, piece by piece, service by service so that it is too late before we realise what is really going on.

It's clear from recent reports of struggling A & E departments that savage cuts and privatisation of NHS services are being felt and it is predicted to get dramatically worse as time goes on unless something is done quickly.

Labour created the NHS and we are going to fight for it. Our 10-year plan for the NHS is a blueprint to raise standards of care and ensure the health service is sustainable in the 21st century.

We will:

- invest an extra £2.5 billion for more nurses, doctors, care workers and midwives
- guarantee that you will not have to wait more than a week for a cancer test or 48 hours for a GP appointment,
- repeal David Cameron's NHS changes that put private profit before patient care.
- integrate services from home to hospital
- end 15-minute care slots through new year-of-care budgets, incentivising providers to improve social care and prevent vulnerable patients falling ill or injuring themselves.

- create a new arm of the NHS: 5,000 homecare workers within the NHS to help those with the greatest needs, including the terminally ill so they can stay with their family at the end of life, and those who are leaving hospital who need extra help if they are to move back into their homes.

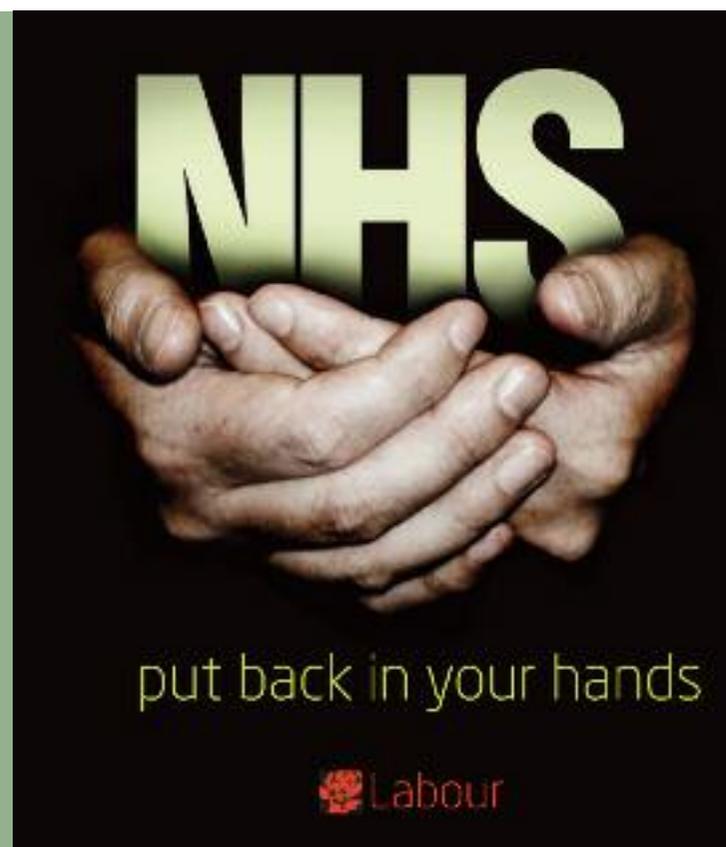
Please don't leave it too late to fight for the NHS - **vote Labour on 7th May**

Rebecca Long Bailey – Labour's parliamentary candidate for Salford and Eccles

An NHS with time to care

David Cameron promised that under the Tories 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.





Salix Work Programme and Stock Transfer

Salix have now finalised the first two years of their property improvement programme which will see £22million invested in 2200 Salix Homes properties across the city. As part of this two-year investment plan 1,100 homes will get new kitchens, 600 will get new bathrooms, 850 will get new windows and 800 will get new doors.

This level of investment has been made possible after tenants voted to transfer

ownership of their homes from Salford City Council to Salix Homes last November, enabling Salix to create the kind of homes and communities the people of this city deserve now and for generations to come.

Councillor Ord said "This is great news to see these works being brought forward. All our residents deserve decent, warm, homes to live in".

In Irwell Riverside the following estates are scheduled for some or all of these works - Gerald Road (August 2015); Albion Stadium (April 2016); Canon Green Court (April 2016); Brunswick (October 2016); Lissadel Street (October 2016); London Street (January 2017).



Action on Dereliction in Brindleheath



We have been working on a number of issues surrounding derelict properties and land. One derelict building was replaced with 6 homes a few years ago at Binder Close. Now the Council is in discussions to transfer the former RAOB club to the Ambulance Service Station on Charles Street. The Council has also just agreed a land sale with the owner of the Duchy Pub, with a proposal for 18 homes to be built there. "It will be great to see the back of these grot spots", said Councillor Ord.

Satinwood Walk Gets a Makeover

Satinwood Walk has long been an issue for local residents with overgrown and poorly maintained trees blocking light, and making some residents feel unsafe using this route. Using Section 106 money from local developments and working with Contour and Salix homes it is now receiving a major makeover including removing several poor quality trees; removing bushes from the edges of pathways; replanting; providing new and

more lighting columns with the brighter LED's; and a new bin; there is also new signposting to encourage use of the river walkway. Later an outdoor gym is to be provided.

"This is great news for the local area, and builds on the massive environmental and crime improvements delivered over the last few years", said Councillor Ord.



Upper Wharf Update

Councillors Ord and Coen meeting local business and residents leaders to receive a petition of over 600 names in support of the closing of the Upper Wharf Street waste transfer station. The land owner, The Canals and Rivers Trust have recently succeeded in transferring the Environment Agency licence

into their own names, and have agreed to clear the remainder of the massive backlog of rubbish before restarting general operations.



Network Rail Cause Traffic Chaos

Investment by Network Rail to electrify the Manchester to Liverpool line will massively reduce pollution when diesel trains are phased out. However the closure of Broughton Road and Oldfield Road Bridges to allow them to be rebuilt for this project has caused massive traffic delays to all road users across a large area of Salford.

The Council and the local community were given very little notice of these closures. Your local Cllrs have had a number of meetings over this issue and got Network Rail to reopen the bridge for the Christmas Holidays. We have continued to raise concerns with Urban Vision, who are collating these issues and raising them with Network Rail. Cllrs Ord and Hamilton pictured with Mike and John from Mainline Taxis, whose staff and customers have been particularly hit by this problem.



Cleminson Street Realignment

This street layout change, back to the original Georgian layout, will allow the development of 36 town houses.



Flood Basin Update

The Council recently swapped leases with Salford Uni for part of Castle Irwell in return for David Lewis playing fields. This will simplify the construction and management of the new flood basin to be built soon. There will be an increase in the number of playing fields available when construction is finished.



Charlestown Riverside

Heard this one before? Charlestown Riverside is Back! For the last few months a panel including Councillor Ord has been assessing bids from developers in relation to the Charlestown Riverside site, with over 400 new homes to be built. Consultations will start soon on the project - and they understand you have been consulted to death on this. Final contracts should be signed in late summer, with the first homes being built in Spring 2016, subject of course to the housing market. "It will be great news when work finally starts on site, especially as about 25% of the homes will be for social rent", said Councillor Ord.



Action on Flytipping

£18,288. That is the amount of money fly tippers cost you in clearing up the 398 reported incidents between 1/10/13 and 30/9/14 in Irwell Riverside alone. Across the City it cost £176,677. The evidence burden for convictions is very high so please come forward to name and shame the people blighting our area. You can call the Salford City Council Environment Line on 0161 909 6500, or you can also set up an online account at www.salford.gov.uk to report issues and a whole lot more, at a time convenient to you. "I would encourage all residents to report people abusing your neighbourhood, this issue is the number

one source of complaints to your local Labour Councillors and we can't stop it without your help", said Councillor Ord.

Michael Anthony Knight of Pendlebury Road in Swinton pleaded guilty at Manchester Magistrates Court on Wednesday 7 January 2015 to dumping eight black bin bags of waste, a rug and pet bed on Charles Street. He was fined £400, made to pay costs of £500 with compensation of £150 and a victims surcharge of £40. About 24 offenders have been in court in 2014 with fines totaling more than £26,000.



Salford leads the way again

Rebecca Long-Bailey and Councillor Stephen Ord 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.

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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.

Immigration

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.