

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

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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.

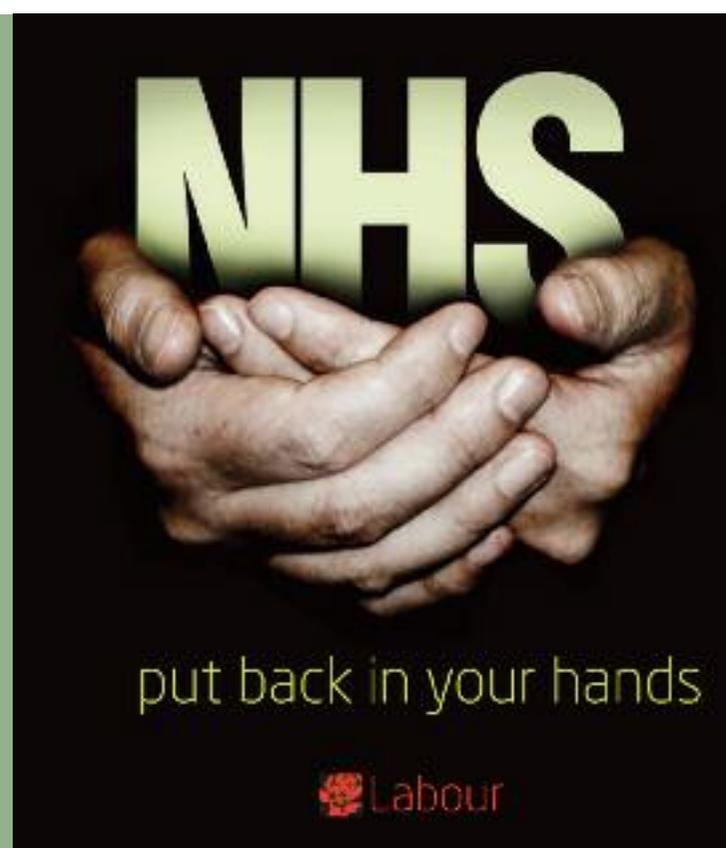
Please don't leave it too late to fight for the NHS - **vote Labour on 7th May**

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.





We love the NHS!

Under the Coalition Government, our NHS is facing unprecedented demand. We've seen changes to the way that hospitals are paid for A&E activity, a national shortage of clinical staff and a shortage of GP's. One in four people don't get to see a GP within a week, waiting lists are at their highest for six years, more than half of nurses say their ward is dangerously understaffed and community services are in crisis because not enough staff are being trained and recruited.

Councillor Lisa Stone said 'We've seen that when services are being stretched to capacity, it really doesn't take very much to have an impact and cause difficulties and several hospitals across the country have declared major incidents as they've been unable to deal with the demand on their services. Your Labour run council have been working really hard with our partners to manage these challenges in Salford and generally, we have been in a better position than many other places because of the joint work across our partners.

The support for our We love the NHS campaign day in Eccles was overwhelming, with many people stopping to ask for a leaflet and to tell us how worried they are that the NHS is going backwards under the Tories. We know just how important the NHS is to people and are working hard to save it.'

Rebecca Long Bailey said 'If Labour win the general election, we will create an NHS Time to Care Fund of £2.5 billion a year to train, recruit and pay new NHS staff - 20,000 more nurses, 8,000 more GPs, 5000 new homecare workers and 3,000 midwives. We will raise the money by clamping down on tax avoidance schemes, raising tax on high value properties worth more than £2 million and introducing fees on tobacco companies so that they make a larger contribution towards the costs of tackling tobacco related illness. Only Labour has a plan to save and transform our NHS because it requires making choices based on the right values, by asking those at the top to pay more and ensuring hedge funds and tax avoiders play by the rules.'

Councillor Lisa Stone is the first Salford Councillor to give birth during her term as a Councillor. She had her baby in May 2014 and despite a period of illness, was keen to get back into things at the Council as soon as she could. As well as being a Councillor for Eccles, Lisa is an Assistant Mayor, meaning she has extra responsibilities, workload and meetings. Previously responsible for Communication and Engagement, Lisa took over Health and Wellbeing in January.

Lisa said 'Having our son is the most wonderful thing to ever happen to me and my husband. He gives us a reason to smile every minute of every day and luckily for us is a very happy little boy. It's still really hard work though! We had a lot of problems in the first few months with me being poorly and struggling to breastfeed but thanks to the amazing support we had from lots of different places including the breastfeeding specialist from SRFT, we've been able to stick with it, even though that's meant it's been a bit tougher as Jake has had to be with me more.

I'm really lucky though, as all my colleagues at the Council and the partners that we work with have all been really supportive and welcoming. In fact, when I go to a meeting without Jake, everyone is asking where he is! He comes to Community Committee, Cabinet and Full Council meetings with me, to resident group meetings, briefings and even campaigning with me. He loves being around people and definitely enjoys all the fuss that he gets!



Councillor Lisa Stone and son, Jacob, at his first Full Council meeting in September last year.

It's taken some adjusting and some amazing multi tasking ability (Getting Jake up and ready in time for 8am meetings, speaking at full council with him asleep in my arms and asking questions at a meeting whilst giving him his lunch - banana flying everywhere!) but the support I've had has been fantastic.

The feedback I've had from my residents is that it shows that Salford Labour have a modern and welcoming approach, that families and working mums are valued and that Councillors are just normal people representing different life experience, circumstances and communities on the Council. I love being a Councillor and I love being a mum so for me, being able to bring Jacob with me is the best of both worlds!



Councillor Lisa Stone, Rebecca Long Bailey and local team of NHS supporters during the Valentine's Day 'we love the NHS' campaign in Eccles.



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Baby and children's food needed urgently!

Just before Christmas, Eccles Councillors held their regular 'Eccles Giving Day' where once again, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of people donating food for the local food bank.

Hundreds of thousands of families face unfair benefit sanctions each year thanks to this Tory led government. Even more families are struggling thanks to the cost of living crisis, with low wages, rising fuel, food and living costs making it impossible to make ends meet and some parents struggling to feed and look after young children.

Councillor Lisa Stone and Rebecca Long Bailey both have young sons themselves and have launched a campaign to encourage donations for children's supplies.



Councillor Lisa Stone says "It is absolutely heartbreaking to imagine being unable to feed my son, or not being able to afford nappies and supplies to keep him clean and comfortable. But this is the situation that more people now find themselves in and that is why we had to launch this campaign. We need to collect as much as we can so the foodbank can look after families with young children. Please look in your cupboards for things you no longer need - spare formula or jars of food your little ones no longer like, or nappies left over that they've outgrown. If you can afford it, maybe you could buy an extra item or two whilst doing your weekly shop to donate".

The Mustard Tree also urgently need more people who can volunteer to help them and help keep the service running. If you can spare just a few hours a week, please call in and ask for an enquiry form.

You can drop your donations into The Mustard Tree, 15 Southway, Eccles Precinct or contact Lisa - Lisa4Eccles@hotmail.co.uk.

Rebecca said "It's a disgrace that in 2015 Government policies are forcing families into poverty and many of our residents have to rely on food banks for support. Many families using foodbanks are in fact working but are paid so little that they are struggling

to make ends meet. That is why Labour has pledged to increase the minimum wage to £8 per hour as well as providing employers with incentives to go further than this and pay a living wage. What is even more worrying however is that a leading foodbank charity recently confirmed half of referrals to foodbanks in 2013-14 were a result of harsh benefits sanctions, delays or changes. Labour has pledged that there will be no targets for sanctions under a Labour government so that jobcentre staff are focused on helping people into work, not simply finding reasons to kick them off benefits. We will also ensure that rules and decisions around sanctions are fair and properly communicated, and that the system of hardship payments is working properly"

URGENTLY NEEDED:

- * Nappies (all sizes)
- * Baby wipes
- * Jars of baby food
- * Formula



Councillor Lisa Stone, Rebecca Long Bailey and Peter from the Mustard Tree

All work but hopefully plenty of play too!

Eccles Councillors have been working with Monton Village Community Association (MVCA) to support their project to improve and extend Shackleton Park playground, the only playground within walking distance of Monton and Ellesmere Park.

They have been consulting local residents and children and working with playground contractors, City West and Salford council to progress plans to extend and improve the Council owned playground. They've not only donated money themselves and organised a fabulous fundraiser, but they've also been able to successfully secure generous grants and contributions from Eccles Rotary Club, City West, and Community First as well as putting in an application to landfill trust.

Councillor Lisa Stone said "Although the Council really supports these improvements, because of the horrendous cuts we've had from the Government over the last few years, we just don't have the money to pay for the extension so we've been supporting MVCA, who have been fantastic, raising money and getting letters of support from lots of different people, including Rebecca Long Bailey who has been really supportive of this project.

We find out this month whether the application has been successful. If it is,



we'll see the playground extend by around half again with more challenging and exciting equipment that's suitable for older children up to around 8-10 years old, such as climbing equipment as well as more swings. There will be planters that Incredible edible are helping with and picnic benches installed with disabled access, making Shackleton Park a safe, attractive and fun place for the whole family to enjoy.



Councillor Lisa Stone, Rebecca Long Bailey, Councillor Peter Wheeler and Jan Phelan from MVCA

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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.