

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.

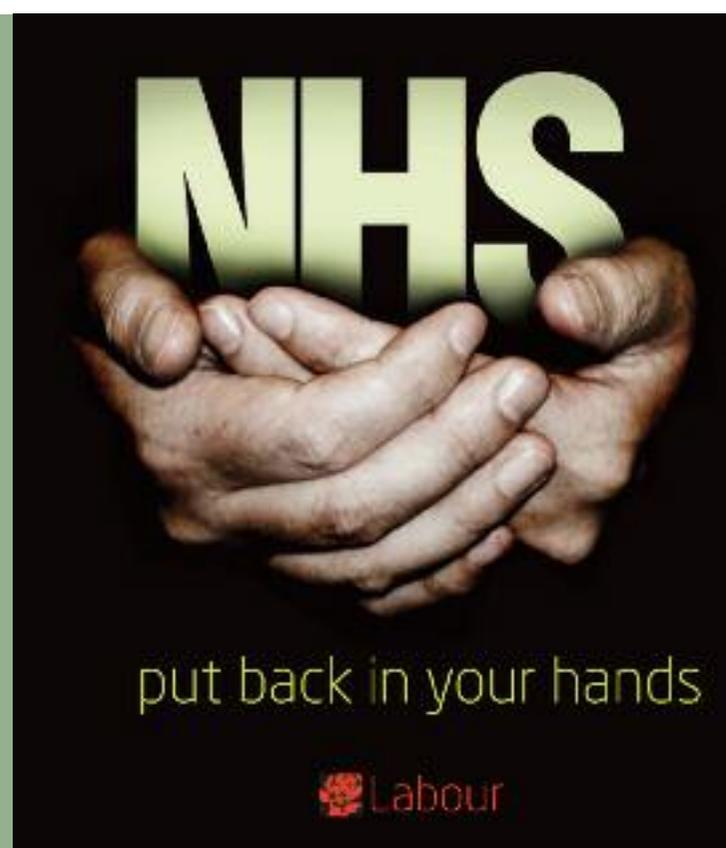
Please don't leave it too late to fight for the NHS - **vote Labour on 7th May**

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.





Clarendon Green Park Opens in Pendleton

This new pocket park is a great new space for children and parents, the first of several new green spaces planned in Pendleton. The play area has equipment to help young children to stay fit and healthy, to develop climbing, balancing and co-ordination skills. It is a great place for parents to come along with their children and socialise.



Councillors Gina Reynolds, Paul Dennett and John Warmisham joined pupils from Lark Hill Community Primary School and St Paul's C of E Primary School along with local parents to celebrate the opening of Clarendon Green Park on South Clarendon Estate.

photo top left: Councillors Paul Dennett and Gina Reynolds at the park, and top right : Gina and Councillor John Warmisham

Good News for 'Places for People' Tenants in Pendleton

We are delighted to hear that 'Places for People' are repairing and refurbishing, where necessary, their properties in Langworthy.

Homes will get new front and back doors and, where required, new kitchens.

Candidate Rebecca Long-Bailey began a campaign on behalf of tenants and a petition was set up.

Following a request for help from a resident about the state of disrepair and a lack of investment in 'Places for People' properties, Councillors Gina Reynolds, Paul Dennett and Prospective Parliamentary Labour Party

This is excellent news and the Langworthy Labour Team would like to thank everyone who signed the petition.

Housing Co-op in Langworthy Agrees to Pay Staff a Living Wage



members of board and residents for taking this decision, I certainly think it is something we should celebrate and encourage other organisations to consider doing"

The Labour Party is committed to raising the minimum wage to £8.00 an hour by 2020. That's equivalent to a £3,000 pay

Langworthy wards councillors pictured with residents at Windsor Albion Tenancy Management Organisation (TMO) to celebrate a recent decision taken by their board to pay all members of staff a Living Wage of £7.85 per hour.

rise for a full-time worker on the minimum wage. It is right that hard work is matched by fair pay, and this pay rise will help lift working people out of in-work benefits too. The Labour Party is also committed to banning zero-hour contracts.

Councillor Gina Reynolds states: "It's really fantastic news that Windsor Albion TMO has taken the decision to become an accredited Living Wage employer. As a ward councillor I am only too aware of how the current cost-of-living crisis is having a dreadful impact on the health & wellbeing of residents in Langworthy.

Windsor Albion TMO is a shining exemplar of an organisation that embraces decent employment standards that rewards hard work with fair pay, reducing the need for in-work benefits, whilst supporting the local economy by putting money in the pockets of our residents.

"I'm so proud that organisations like Windsor Albion TMO are supporting the City Council's campaign to see Salford become a Living Wage City and I'd like to thank all

Langworthy ward councillors would like to thank you all for taking this decision and supporting the City's campaign for Salford to be a Living Wage City!

Bringing Empty Properties Back into Use

Half a million pounds is about to be spent creating new homes in Langworthy. The Seedley and Langworthy Trust have won their bid to the Government's Empty Homes Initiative. The money will pay for empty homes will be brought to a decent standard. These will provide much needed affordable rented properties which will be managed by Salix Homes.



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.

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.'



Paul Dennett, Gina Reynolds, Rebecca Long Bailey and local team of NHS supporters at the Valentine's Day 'we love the NHS' campaign

Fostering Young Talent

Ordsall Labour councillor Tanya Burch has been helping young people from across Salford to build their skills and self-confidence and open up a new honest conversation between them and other adults about the future of their local community. The Reclaim project involves local schools – including our own Oasis Academy – and is supported by parents and staff as well as representatives from Salford Council and GMP. Tanya says: “We were overwhelmed by the creativity, commitment and courage displayed by all of the young people who took part”.



Councillor Tanya Burch at the Reclaim Project

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%.



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

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

Don’t Fall Prey to Loan Sharks

Salford Labour Party supports Ian Stewart’s campaign to fight back on behalf of those suffering the most from loan sharks.

Unfortunately there is money to be made from poverty. This government’s actions on austerity, especially their use of benefit sanctions, are bringing out the unscrupulous loan sharks that prey on the poor.

The campaign will direct people in need to decent alternatives for loans, help and advice and a confidential phone number to report unscrupulous loan sharks.

Councillor Stephen Ord said “Illegal loan sharks are parasites that prey on the most vulnerable in our society for their own gain, we need to continue to all work together to put a stop to it!”



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Deputy Mayor



Ordsall’s longest serving Labour councillor Peter Dobbs has been chosen by his fellow councillors to be Deputy

Ceremonial Mayor of Salford. Peter, who has represented the people of Ordsall for 14 years, was elected at a meeting of the full Council earlier this year and serves as an ambassador for the City and our ward at a variety of community and charity events.

Born in Salford



Tanya Burch and Rebecca Long-Bailey campaigning for the 'Born in Salford' campaign to save the maternity centre at Salford Royal Hospital. For more information please go to www.salfordlabour.org.uk

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Humphrey Booth Centre

Your local Labour Councillors have been leading the fight to retain a key facility for elderly people in the area.

Councillor Peter Dobbs says: “Although we couldn’t stop the closure of the five-day service for the elderly at Humphrey Booth Day Centre, we have reached an agreement with Booth Charities and the Together Trust to keep the Centre open as a Community-based hub for meetings and social events for the elderly”.

Living in Ordsall

Ordsall is on the up and people want to live here – thanks to a whole raft of building and refurbishment schemes led by your Labour council and your local councillors.

More people are now living in Ordsall than in any other ward in the Salford because they want to live in the attractive new homes being built by LPC in the heart of our neighbourhood, the tower blocks being refurbished by Salix Homes at Cannon Hussey, Arthur Millward and Nine Acres and the new private housing development at Vimto Gardens.

These new developments are creating jobs for local people and local residents are now being served by new shops and modern facilities, like the new Health Centre and some great and improving local schools.

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.