

# Jeremy Hunt to impose a contract on junior doctors



Jeremy Hunt's decision to impose a contract on junior doctors is provocative and damaging. Rather than helping to resolve this difficult dispute, his action will only inflame it.

The BMA has continued to table proposals to settle the dispute. The fact that the Health Secretary is now simply trying to impose his will rather than negotiate, demonstrates a lack of confidence in his own arguments.

We need to recognise the huge contribution junior doctors make and the years of training they go through to look after us. These are people dedicated to our health and our NHS.

Patients, doctors, the BMA and the public want an agreed settlement. What is now keeping this dispute going are the actions of the Secretary of State himself.

More strikes now look likely. If that happens, it will be clear that the blame lies with the government, not the doctors.

Even at this late stage, I appeal to Jeremy Hunt to go back and negotiate with the BMA.

This government is reckless with our NHS and is now prepared to put patient care at risk in the service of its self-defeating austerity programme.



Jim King is proud to have been elected as one the 'First 100' to represent the interests of 8 million Co-operative Group members nationwide. Jim continues 'The Co-op is now also aiming to buy more 'locally sourced goods' from small suppliers like local bakers-local sausage makers or even micro breweries. I serve on the national Local Sourcing Committee and we will be rolling the scheme out in Greater Manchester from March onward after a successful trial in Yorkshire'.



Jim with a 'sample' from the micro brewer

## David Cameron wants to shut the door on open government

When he was in opposition, David Cameron said he wanted to head the most transparent Government in the world. Now, as Prime Minister, he wants to unpick the Freedom of Information Act, which has arguably shed more light on how the Government works than any other law in our history.

The Act was introduced by Labour in 2000. It is a vital tool for holding the government and other public bodies to account. Transparency depends on making information about the services we use and pay for freely available. That's why the FOI Act is so crucial; it gives us the data we need to judge whether the Government is doing a good job.

Given his commitment to transparency you'd think that David Cameron would be glad the Act exists. But his Government has set up an Independent Commission to make recommendations on whether it should be changed – and it is certain to find reasons to water it down. Why do I say that? They've stuffed the commission who have been openly critical of the Act.

They meet in secret and no one can find out what they discuss because their



deliberations aren't covered by the Freedom of Information Act. You couldn't make it up.

Chris Grayling, the government's Leader of the House of Commons, inadvertently revealed the real motivation for the FOI crackdown. He told MPs the Act was used to "generate" stories for the media. But it is the job of the media to hold the Government to account.

## Do we really want our executive to govern behind closed doors?

The Tories have shown their true colours since they won a narrow majority in May. They have changed the Ministerial Code, which governs how Ministers behave, so that it no longer refers to their responsibility to take account of international law. They have talked about scrapping the Human Rights Act and now they want to limit your access to information that should be freely available.

David Cameron wants to shut the door on open government. Let's make sure he doesn't succeed.

## Tackle the housing crisis by building a million new affordable homes

House building is at its lowest peacetime level since the 1920s, and the gap between the number of homes being built and the number that Britain needs, is over 100,000 a year. Everyone deserves a home to call their own.

Tell David Cameron to tackle the housing crisis by building a million new homes in the next five years and giving first-time buyers priority when new homes are built.

Sign the Labour party's petition at: [www.labour.org.uk/page/s/a-home-to-call-your-own](http://www.labour.org.uk/page/s/a-home-to-call-your-own)

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## Making our Pavements Safer

Councillor Charlie McIntyre is promoting a local campaign aimed at keeping our pavements clear of obstacles such as cars, bins and vegetation.

He said "having these obstacles covering pavements make it difficult, if not impossible, for people with sight and mobility problems to use. It also causes problems to parents pushing prams and forcing them onto the road in an attempt to avoid the chaos these obstacles cause

We hope raising our concerns will make people think twice about the problems and difficulties they are causing and with a little more thought will make everybody's use of pavements safer."

The campaign is organised by Salford Disability Forum and Access All Areas in an attempt to keep our pavements clear of cars, bins and vehicles.



Councillor Jim King delivering emergency food supplies during the disastrous Boxing Day floods.

Jim said "When I received a message telling me about the flooding I dropped everything, gave up my Christmas break, and got stuck in helping out wherever possible.

There's a range of financial support available for residents affected by flooding as a result of Storm Eva on Boxing Day 2015. For information about the Salford Distress Fund, Grants for homeowners to protect against flooding, Council tax help and the £500 flood relief payment - please go to:

[www.salford.gov.uk/residents.htm](http://www.salford.gov.uk/residents.htm)



As a keen environmentalist Jim was delighted to be invited to help out planting bulbs in Green Grosvenor Park. Jim said: 'In this new park there is a very keen community group who invited me to help out doing some bulb planting. It's great to see members of the community getting involved'.



Councillor John Merry and Tony Lloyd, interim Mayor of Greater Manchester, discussing cuts to the emergency services in Broughton.

Tony said "The Tories don't care about the number of police officers we need to keep us safe."

John said "I am pleased that Tony is sympathetic to our concerns, but these are decisions made by the government."



Jim recently attended a 'dedication ceremony at the Interlink Centre.

Jim said: 'This was a dedication in memory of Rabbi Yehuda Brodie a very well know and respect member of the local community'.



# The council budget: the facts

The Tories have taken away support to keep the tax down. Now under the Osborne tax proposals, they want to force us to increase council tax by 3.75% or make further cuts.

Faced with this onslaught of government cuts why are some local critics attacking the Labour Party rather than the Tories?

We are told, by critics, that we can somehow set a "legal" no cuts budget and make no cuts. This is not the case. If that was possible why would we not adopt such a budget?

For these reasons:

1. A "no cuts budget" based on irresponsible borrowing leads to the bankruptcy of the city.
2. The truth is that no such "legal" budget is possible. We are told that we can exhaust the Council's reserves and borrow the rest to bridge the £22 million pound government cut. Under the law, any attempt to set such a budget requires Council officers to intervene and set a different budget from the elected councillors.
3. It would lead to the appointment of government commissioners to

impose worse cuts on the people of Salford. This would fall heaviest on the most vulnerable

4. Every Council in the country who has considered this, has rejected the idea of a "no cuts" budget as a cruel con trick. We are not prepared to play games with people who need our services.

Salford Labour Councillors know they have no choice but to implement cuts. We try to do so as sensitively as possible in order to protect those Salford citizens most at risk from this Tory government's discrimination against the most vulnerable while it protects the powerful.

Now we hear the Tory government has announced a £300 million grant to help mainly Tory authorities while not giving a penny to Salford. Yet another insult to the people of this city.



## Give Salford it's share of the £300 million transitional fund

The government announced a £300 million transitional fund for local authorities – then handed nearly all of it to Tory councils. 85% of the additional money will go to wealthy Conservative-run areas with Salford receiving nothing.

Salford Labour Party demands a fair distribution of the transitional grant scheme to ensure that those in most need receive a fair share of the funding.

Tory cronyism is taking from the poor to give to the rich!

This Government is giving Conservative councils most of the money from a £300

million Government fund set up to ease the blow of Government cuts to council budgets.

Wealthier local authorities like Surrey, Hampshire and Buckinghamshire are receiving extra funds but Salford Council is getting nothing.

## grants awarded for 2016-18:

Surrey	£24.10 million
Hampshire	£18.69 million
Buckinghamshire	£9.22 million
Salford	£0 = <b>ZERO</b>

sign the petition at:  
[change.org/p/george-osborne-give-salford-it-s-share-of-the-300-million-transitional-fund](http://change.org/p/george-osborne-give-salford-it-s-share-of-the-300-million-transitional-fund)

# Paul Dennett for City Mayor

Dear Resident,

I have recently been selected as the Labour Party's candidate for the Salford Mayoral election in May. For those of you who don't know me I am a dedicated, campaigning socialist councillor for Langworthy. I am from a working class family with Labour values at my core - I cut my teeth establishing residents associations in the high-rises off Blackfriars, and community campaigning is close to my heart. As a proud Trade Unionist, I believe we are stronger when we work together, stand together and look out for one another.



I am campaigning for a manifesto of growth, jobs and for skills in our city. Against the misery and austerity promised from further Tory cuts, I will fight for a bright future for the Salford of tomorrow.

The policies I stand by are,

1. Championing a new Skills Agenda, linking our educational institutions with local employers to create an integrated programme of training and development
2. A Fair Rents Commission, to ensure Salfordians aren't priced out of their communities
3. The creation of an Equalities Charter for the city, to promote fair treatment and representation for the city's minority communities
4. A campaign within Greater Manchester for significant transport investment in Salford, connecting areas of the city currently cut off
5. Supporting a productive growth strategy, creating a home for new digital industries, manufacturing and high-wage jobs in the city

The future of our city, our public services and local high streets, is at risk under the incompetent economic management of the Tories. Against all expert opinion, they continue with a policy of austerity which is strangling our communities, crippling our health and social care facilities, and dampening growth. Labour offer a program of hope and change for Salford, and I hope you will join me in fighting for those values in May.

Yours Sincerely,

**Paul Dennett**



Labour supporters with Paul Dennett following his selection

# Labour's Vision for Salford

## Salford Labour Party Manifesto 2016

Between 2010/11 to 2016/17 the council has had to make cuts of £171 million to balance its budget. We have had to manage a 42.4% reduction in our core government funding. This equates to a cost of £753 for every home in Salford. We have done our best to manage these savage government cuts despite increasing costs and pressures on services. Now we have run out of options.



### A Safer City

Community Safety remains a key priority for the City. People are entitled to walk the streets without fear of being attacked or having their house burgled. Cameron and the Tories do not see this as a priority, cutting back funding, year after year, for the emergency services. We however are

determined to campaign to reverse police funding cutbacks.

We pledge to use our powers to prevent antisocial behaviour to the full extent of the law. We will continue to target burglary, vehicle crime and hate crime.



### A Healthier City

Although much has been achieved, we still remain a City with some people dying at a younger age than they should. We will work with the Health Service and use

our Public Health responsibilities to build a twenty first century health system.

### A City that Looks After the Elderly

The Osborne Tax of an extra 3.75% in Council Tax will not solve the problems we face in meeting growing needs for social care for older and vulnerable people. We will align our

services with health under one body that will allow people better access a whole range of services and prevent deprivation.



### A City that Supports its Young People

Looking after our children remains at the heart of our agenda. We will pioneer a new approach. We will seek to address all the needs of families by working with the Police, Health providers

and Government Departments. Only by doing this can we tackle the root causes of neglect.

### A City with Decent Homes

Housing, for those already living in Salford and for those who want to come to our city and make a contribution remains at the top of our list.

We will ensure new housing, both social and to buy, to address the needs of homeless and those living in substandard accommodation.

We will also establish a fair rent commission to establish what is a fair rent for property in Salford.



### A Greener and Cleaner City

The Government has sought to reduce the money available to manage the environment. We, however, will continue to work in partnership with the general public and voluntary organisations to maintain our commitment to our green spaces.

Our City needs public transport. We will seek, with other Councils in Greater Manchester, the power to regulate passenger transport on the same basis as London.