Greater Manchester has been treated unfairly and more harshly than other areas by the Government.

Police officer numbers in Greater Manchester have fallen to the lowest for nearly a decade; we’ve lost 650 since March 2010 and we will have lost more than 1,500 by 2015.

The British Crime Survey shows that crime fell by 45 per cent in Greater Manchester with Labour. But now Cameron and Clegg are taking big risks with the safety of your neighbourhood.

Labour’s Tony Lloyd is calling for the Government to change course and implement a proper plan to cut crime, not police.

**Tony Lloyd’s pledges**

If elected as Greater Manchester’s Police and Crime Commissioner I will:

- Stand up for our communities against the Tory 20 per cent cuts to policing and the loss of 3,000 police jobs in Greater Manchester.
- Fight to maintain PCSO’s in our neighbourhoods.
- Provide a strong and swift response to antisocial behaviour. Victims should get a response within 24 hours.
- Work in partnership with police, local people and Councils to tackle and prevent crime. And actively monitor and manage serial offenders of domestic abuse and sexual violence and stalking.
- Protect the police from political interference by respecting the operational independence of the police.

On Thursday November 15th - Send the Tories & Lib Dems a message

On November 15th you will vote to choose Greater Manchester’s first Police and Crime Commissioner. It’s a new role and an important one - the Commissioner’s responsibilities will include setting Greater Manchester Police’s priorities.

Labour are asking you to place an ‘X’ next to Tony Lloyd the Labour Party Candidate in column 1.

**On Thursday 15th November** send a clear message to the Tories and Lib Dems - enough is enough

Say NO to the Tory and Lib Dem police cuts.
Government Attacks on Salford People

Money is tight for everybody these days - low wage increases (if any at all), rising prices and high unemployment make it difficult for nearly all of us.

That’s why we don’t want to see people cheating the system and claiming money they aren’t entitled to - but this Conservative/Lib Dem Government are going much further than this. They are cutting support for the mentally ill, the disabled, the unemployed and the low-paid - the most vulnerable people in our society.

Massive cuts next April will affect thousands of local people - many disabled children will lose up to £1,400 per year.

These cuts will mean thousands of genuine people facing arrears, eviction and homelessness.

It will be a worrying time for many, if you need advice please call: Salford Welfare rights on 0800 345 7375 or contact your local Labour Councillor.

WHAT’S HAPPENED SO FAR?
The Conservative/Lib Dem Government is cutting spending at the same time as they are cutting income tax for the very richest.

• Child benefit frozen for three years from April 2011
• From January 2012 housing benefit for those under 35 restricted to bed-sits or shared accommodation, costing them £30.38 per week
• Working Tax credit-couples threshold up from 16 hours per week to 24 from April 2012

INCAPACITY BENEFIT
• 5000 Salford people are losing £10.6m every year.
• 55% of sick people found “fit for work” - with support from Welfare Rights in Salford 79% won on appeal - BUT an appeal can take NINE months.
• Estimated nearly 4,000 people in Salford will lose up to £ 40 per week.

COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT
In April 2013 there will be a 10% cut in support. Pensioners are protected, but this means bigger cuts for others - an estimated 19% cut for low paid workers.

In Salford over 19,000 households will be affected, with the poorest families being the hardest hit - the Council are currently consulting on the details.

HOUSING BENEFIT
In April 2013 the Government’s ‘Spare Room’ Tax is to be extended to Council and Housing Association Tenants.

• One spare room-14% cut. Two spare rooms 25% cut.
• This does not apply to pensioners.
• It will hit 2,700 Salix tenants and 3,400 City West tenants.
• Increased deductions for non-dependants will hit 1500 City West tenants.

Again this will lead to a big increase in arrears, evictions and homelessness.
It will also have a detrimental effect on our local economy.

Help for Home Owners

Job losses in both the public and private sector have caused hardship for many families resulting in the highest number of home repossessions here in Salford.

This places an even greater strain on the council to provide social housing.

Salford Labour Council has established a mortgage rescue scheme to support families who cannot pay their mortgage and can provide debt advice and support for people.

Last year over half the people who lost their homes did not access the help they could get. If you need advice please contact WelfareRights and Debt Advice service on 0161 793 3550

Decent Homes

Not only economic recession but also the Con-Dem housing policy has halted the build of much needed new homes for people in Salford. Salford needs 22,000 new homes to meet the needs of a rising population by 2028 but the government has scrapped housing subsidy to help councils build affordable housing, have given us a £54 million debt and have capped the council’s capacity to borrow money to enable us to improve homes and to build new homes.

This means 10,000 people on our waiting list have to continue to wait to have a home and thousands more will have to wait to have much needed improvements to their houses.

Here in Salford, your Labour Council has procured a PFI grant for a seven year project to completely refurbish 1,200 homes in Pendleton and build 1,600 new homes along with parks, green spaces, cycle tracks and sports pitches. The plan to work with a partner, Together Housing using private funding has finally been approved and it is hoped work will start later the year, regenerating hundreds of new jobs and apprenticeships.

We are also working with housing associations, building hundreds of new homes to buy and to rent on Council sites.

There’s Money in Waste!

£60million of Government funding has reduced the funding the Council spend on all our environmental services across the city.

Salford Labour Council has reduced the funding the council has to spend on all our environmental services. This includes a loss of 23 staff, the street cleaning and green maintenance service and a reduction in waste collection services across the city.

Salford Labour Council will save money on the disposal of landfill waste from the black bins by increasing recycling of food and green waste. This will save up to £3million efficiency and provide more income for the Council.

VOTING BY POST

We all live busy lives, if it would be easier for you to vote by post please contact us and we will ensure that you are sent a postal vote form, which will allow you to vote by post.

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coping with government cuts

homes to buy and to rent on chapel street, broughton and charlestown. we have secured a greater manchester grant to refurbish and bring back into use hundreds of empty homes in the city and we are working with city west to develop new extra care homes in the west of the city.

there’s money in waste!

post cuts to council grants the council has to look to alternative services. this is why we have found savings of £3.5 million per year, increase more jobs.

road improvements

• the length of highway surfaced in april 2011 to march 2012 54.74km and from april 2012 - august 2012 22.5km
• number of potholes repaired april 2011 to march 2012 5669 and from april 2012 - august 2012 1761
• footway treated april 2012 - august 2012 8.9km

salford’s roads are improving at a time when government cuts are leading to deterioration in the condition of highways throughout the country.

this is because of the major investment we have paid for by making savings on day-to-day maintenance and the reduction in tripping claims.

innovation by our contractors has made the money go further.

whose vision for salford?

in my campaign to become the first elected city mayor of salford i said that if i was elected i would where ever possible and appropriate, ask the people of salford for their views on key matters which affect their families. there is no bigger issue than how the future of our city develops. therefore as city mayor i have responsibility with our mayoral team of politicians and senior council officers to generate a vision of how our city should develop into the future. whilst we have this responsibility we clearly cannot nor should we try to, do this on our own.

people are well aware that we are in a time of austerity where the coalition government has felt the need to take millions of pounds away from the people of salford in the recent past and into the foreseeable future. why then you may ask is there any need to develop a vision for the future of salford? the answer is quite straightforward governments and economic circumstances change and things will get better at some point. when that economic upturn happens we need our vision and plans in place so that we can get the improvement we all want as quickly as possible. i believe that you the people of salford should have a say in what that ‘changed city should look like.

so how are we going to do all this? well first we are suggesting that we should have short, medium and longer term plans over a 12 year cycle. the proposal is that there should be four 3 year plans. in the meantime we have prepared an engagement strategy which will ensure the mayor and the mayoral team including the chief executive and strategic directors led by your local councillors get out and about in all areas of the city to engage with local people, organisations, businesses and neighbourhood officers prior to completing the ‘draft 3 year plan’ for the city. the draft plan would then go out to public consultation between september and december. it is expected that the first 3 year plan for the city would be launched early in the new year 2013.

i am not confident that any city mayor could achieve significant structural change in one year term of office. social economic and political development doesn’t normally work on a short term basis. what i can hope to achieve in the first 3 year plan is a better understanding of what salford residents and their families believe they need and we may be able to improve attitudes and approach by politicians and council officers towards the people we serve. we may be able to set the ball rolling for longer structural change which will spill over into the second term mayors period and beyond.

so what we are looking for is your views about what sort of city you would like salford to be and what you expect from your mayor and council. if we can get a better balance between the rights and responsibilities of residents and the responsibilities and actions of politicians and professional council officers working in partnership with all relevant organisations, taking into consideration the sensible and relevant contributions made by residents and others – we can jointly develop a vision of a salford where we can all be proud to live work and play in a modern connected creative compassionate co-operative city of salford. you will hear much more of this in the near future and i hope you will play a full and active part in the consultation process.

best wishes

ian stewart

labour mayor of salford

credit union

proposed government changes to the way in which housing benefit is to be paid to tenants and cuts to the housing benefits of disabled, vulnerable and young people may result in many more people failing to pay their rents and getting into debt and arrears.

we will work with our housing partners and the cooperative bank to firmly establish a salford wide credit union so that tenants can have banks accounts that will help them to manage as well as access to the debt advice.
Making Pendlebury a Nicer Place to Live
Recently, Pendlebury Labour councillors have been continuing their quest to make the area better. Money has been obtained from the local Community Committee to fund information boards around Queensmere Dam. This is the start of a project to highlight the industrial heritage of Pendlebury and Clifton. The idea for the heritage trail came from Swinton & Pendlebury Anglers Club and local councillors were only too happy to lend their support.

Photograph shows Councillors John Ferguson and Barry Warner along with Hazel Blears MP and Bob Docherty of Swinton & Pendlebury Anglers Club at the official opening of the trail. Residents may have noticed a big clear up taking place at the junction of Bolton Road and Queensway. Skips of rubbish have been removed and the dense undergrowth has been cut back. This is part of a package of works identified by local Labour councillors and being carried out by offenders under the supervision of Greater Manchester Probation Service as part of the Salford Community Payback scheme. City Walk and other parts of the LIVIA area are also being seen to.

Coming up over the autumn, the graveyard at Christ Church will be cleared of Japanese Knotweed and other vegetation. Photograph shows Councillor John Ferguson examining the weed infested graveyard as it is now and looking forward to the improvements still to come.

If you have ideas of how the area can be improved even more, we want to hear from you.

Swinton South
Protests Against Free School Succeeds
Swinton South Councillors, Councillor Balkind, Councillor Potter and Councillor Merrett would like to thank all those residents who signed our petitions in April and May against the siting of a proposed Free School on the Ambrose Barlow’s playing fields, once the school moves to its new premises.

Councillors and local residents made it clear that they wanted the playing fields to be kept for use by local people in that area. There was also a real consensus that there was no need for a Free Primary School in that area, with two schools at The Deans and St Peter’s across the Road and a new enlarged 700 primary school being built just off Partington Lane further down on Deans Road. In terms of the quality of provision, there is already outstanding provision in primary schools in that area.

We were happy to learn last month that the application for the Free School was not successful for 2013/14.

Chadwick Walk/ASDA
After a major effort by local Councillors, Council Officers and local MP Hazel Blears we were able to ensure that all residents to be displaced by the ASDA development were provided and supported to move to suitable alternative housing, including Barry pictured right with Councillor Merrett.

When the planning application was presented Councillors raised concerns about the impact of the building and the traffic issues around the new store for residents on Chadwick Road and Wellington Road that resulted in the application being deferred. As a result ASDA agreed to re-route the delivery vehicle, make changes to the road layout in Wellington Road, reduce opening hours and to provide a continuous dialogue with those local residents during the planning and construction phase.

Friends of Victoria Park
have organised a concert on the first Sunday of every month over summer at the bandstand in the park. Concerts were well attended and very enjoyable!

Splashing out...
Flooding problems in Swinton town centre are being fixed thanks to the persistence of local Labour councillors.

Cllr Jim Dawson complained that gullies were blocked and led a probe into the issue. He found that highway drains throughout the city needed massive investment.

Thanks to his efforts, the Council agreed a £5 million programme of repairing and improving gullies.

And one of the first schemes to be implemented was at the junction of Charley Road, Station Road and Partington Lane which had caused Cllr Dawson’s complaints. The work to increase the capacity of the drains meant that Station Road had to be closed for a few days in July.

But Cllr Dawson said: “It caused some inconvenience but it will be well worth it if the flooding problem is solved. The water from around the Bull’s Head could not escape into the drains and flowed down Partington Lane, causing problems around St Peter’s Road. We will have to wait and see what impact this work has on the wider problem.”

Growing success
Swinton North’s three Labour ward councillors Derek Antrobus, Jim Dawson and Bill Hinds have established regular meetings with the Swinton and District Allotments Society.

They want to help the Society with any issues they have at the Destructor Road site but also to work with them to promote further sites.

They said: “We know there are long waiting lists for allotments in Swinton and we think the model of a self-managed site we have at Destructor Road is the way forward.

“We would really like to bring the old allotments off Mossfield Road back into use and are working to find people to manage it and resources to reinstate them.

“But we would dearly love local people to suggest new sites to us that they think could become allotments.”

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Our members are the bedrock of our party. If you join today you can be part of a campaigning movement, seeking to deliver real change across the country. As a Labour member you’ll be able to have a clear say in our future policies and direction, as well as being able to stand for elected office in your area.