

Labour in Derby

Leading a Proud Derby into a fairer future

Labour in Derby is committed to promoting a progressive agenda. We will lead the city forward in creating new jobs for all, improving educational attainment and opportunities for our residents to access jobs, while making Derby a place people are proud to live and work.

Through strong leadership we will raise the profile of our city nationally and internationally, protect its citizens and be compassionate and understanding to the needs of the many, rather than the few.

By listening and leading, we will promote business development, continue to protect jobs and engage with the business community in the pursuit of wealth creation.

The Conservative-led government, propped up by the Liberal Democrats, insists on continuing with a programme of devastating cuts, which are not fair for Derby and have caused a cost of living crisis.

These Government-imposed cuts are having a profound impact on families across the city. We will continue to fight to protect front line services to keep the devastating consequences to a minimum.

Our iconic Derby Arena, on Pride Park, will contain a world class velodrome, a concert venue and exhibition space contained within this one facility that will put Derby firmly on the map. This is a demonstration of Labour's ambition to make Derby a superb place to live, work, play and invest.

Our Manifesto promises for 2014 are set out below.

Regeneration and Economy

1. To create and enhance opportunities, for job creation in our city.
2. To protect existing jobs.
3. To promote our city as a centre of engineering and innovation excellence, develop new opportunities for jobs and business to ensure Derby remains a world centre for high tech engineering and manufacturing.

Housing

4. To retain ownership of our housing stock and not to sell or transfer it to any housing association or private landlord and to oppose the bedroom tax and campaign for its repeal.
5. To build new homes for Derby people and to incorporate sprinklers within them.
6. To maintain security of tenure for all new and existing council tenants, promoting good neighbourly principles through community cohesion and good behaviour.

Children and Young People

7. To retain support for Derby City Council as preferred provider for vital support services, enabling schools to provide the best education and care for our children.
8. To oppose the government's academies and free schools programme, which creates a two-tier education system, and to aim to keep all remaining schools within the local authority family.
9. To show a commitment to children in the care of the Local Authority and ensure that they are provided with the best possible care and support.

Leadership for a fairer future

10. To support our schools in ensuring all children have the best possible start in life, focusing on educational attainment to ensure a higher percentage of schools are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, raising aspirations for all children of every background.
11. To continue to support Children's Centres and high quality early years education for under 5s, ensuring children are ready to learn and achieve when they reach school.

Social Care and Health

12. To empower the public, so that individuals can control how their services are designed and delivered.
13. To improve extra care provision in the city by increasing choices available to people who have extensive care needs.
14. To continue to promote health and wellbeing.
15. To reduce loneliness in our older population and ensure they have quality choices and options to maintain their dignity.

Financial Inclusion

16. To seek to prevent financial exclusion by ensuring that advice on budgeting is readily available.
17. To continue to promote energy switching campaigns

Leisure and Culture

18. To enhance and promote our unique tourist attractions, by working to maximise Derby's World Heritage status.
19. To retain our 'purple' & 'green' flag status.

Green Agenda

20. To continue to reduce the council's carbon footprint, and to actively encourage others to follow.

Neighbourhoods and Community

21. To support the neighbourhood agenda to engage with local people to give them a voice in issues of interest to them.
22. To support Neighbourhood Wardens, and to empower them to punish those who breach rules about litter, fly tipping or dog fouling.

Safety and Security

23. To work closely with support Derbyshire Constabulary in order to initiate a programme of innovative ideas to protect the security of people across the city.

Voluntary Sector

24. To support the voluntary sector organisations in these difficult times.

Democracy and Engagement

25. To support the introduction of a four-yearly, all-out election cycle for the city.
26. To have a 'Big Conversation' with the public on the future and shape of local government services in our city.

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