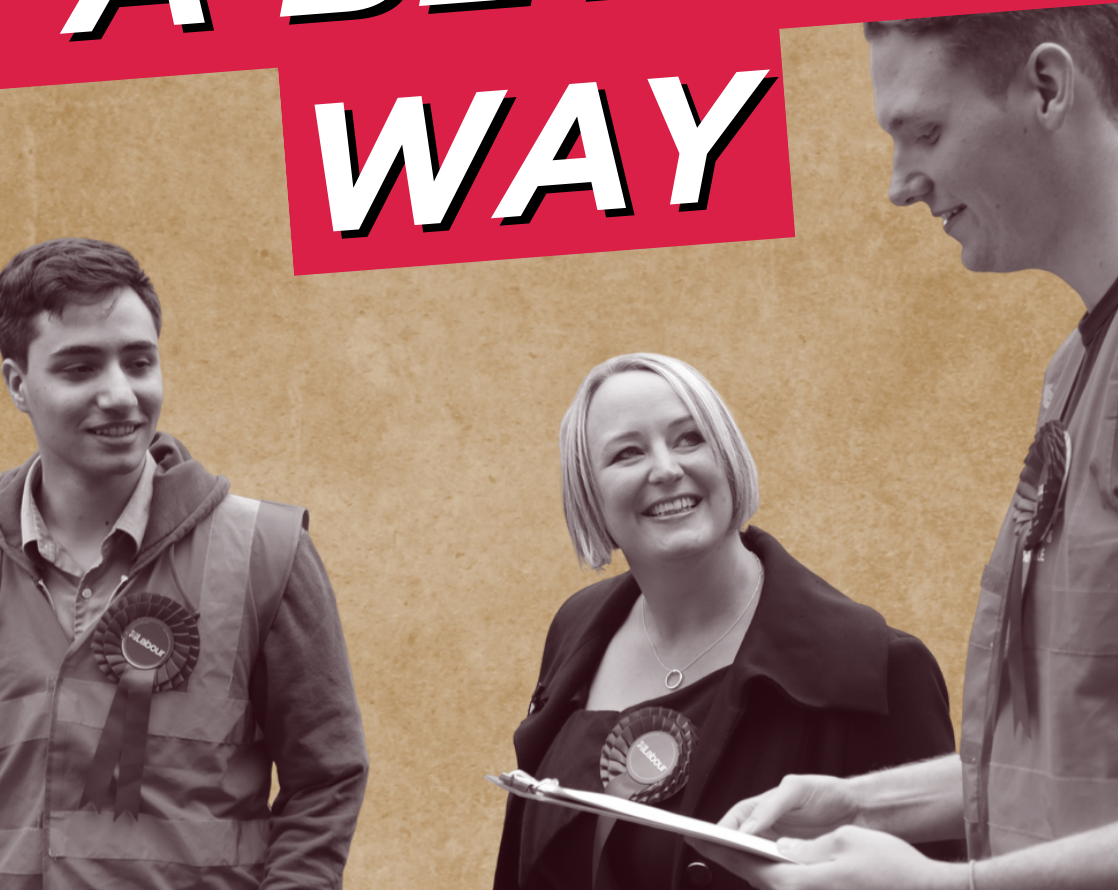


CANTERBURY LABOUR MANIFESTO 2023

# A BETTER WAY



 Labour

ON YOUR SIDE

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**I DON'T GO INTO THE CITY ANY  
MORE. WHAT WITH THE CLOSED  
SHOPS, BROKEN PAVEMENTS AND  
EXTORTIONATE CAR PARKING, IT  
JUST LOOKS SO SAD. I'M PROUD TO  
LIVE IN CANTERBURY, BUT WHAT  
HAPPENED TO OUR WONDERFUL  
CITY?**

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**JOCELYN, CHARTHAM**





# ***WE DESERVE BETTER***

**Canterbury deserves better than its current Tory council - we are sick and tired of dirty streets, cuts to key services and excuses.**

**Labour is asking for your vote in this election because we believe there is a better way of doing politics and its time for change. The power is in your hands.**

## ***LABOUR WILL:***

### ***WORK WITH, NOT AGAINST RESIDENTS***



**Listening, cooperating, developing and improving how the council works is key. Labour is on your side - we know people are struggling.**

### ***SPEND MONEY WISELY, NOT ON VANITY PROJECTS***



**Our council is in debt and the Tories have put us there. We are the tenth most indebted council in the country and every year the Tories raid our reserves and squeeze residents to pay for their failed projects. Investments must deliver for our community.**

### ***SECURE A FUTURE FOR ALL***



**Climate change and biodiversity should underpin every aspect of council policy and decision making - we must tackle big problems and not put our heads in the sand.**

**Thank you for taking the time understand how we believe our district can be a greener, fairer place.**



***CLLR ALAN BALDOCK  
LEADER OF CANTERBURY LABOUR GROUP***

**WE DESERVE BETTER**

**A LABOUR COUNCIL OFFERS A**

**GREENER  
WAY**





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**THE COUNCIL DOESN'T CARE  
ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT. THEY  
ARE BUILDING HUNDREDS OF NEW  
HOMES WHEN OUR SEWAGE  
SYSTEM CAN'T COPE. ARE WE JUST  
SUPPOSED TO GET USED TO  
S\*\*T IN OUR SEA?**

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**MINA , TANKERTON**



# **A NEW LABOUR COUNCIL WILL:**

## **GET TO NET ZERO BY 2030**



- Establish a District Climate Commission to become carbon neutral by 2030
- Work to retrofit and better insulate council housing
- Launch a Green Apprenticeship Scheme
- Introduce on-street recycling in public spaces

## **PROTECT OUR SEAS AND GREEN SPACE**



- Hold water companies to greater account. Launch citizen science projects to monitor our seas, rivers and air
- Double the spending on local play parks
- Link together green spaces to limit urban sprawl and support walking and cycling

## **TACKLE OUR TRANSPORT PROBLEMS**



- Scrap the Eastern bypass and crazy city travel zones
- Reopen the Sturry Park-and-Ride and launch a similar publicly run service for Whitstable
- Provide free Park-and-Ride to residents



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**FAIRER  
WAY**



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**NONE OF THE HOUSES THEY BUILD  
ARE AFFORDABLE. I EARN A DECENT  
WAGE BUT CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE  
WHERE I WAS BROUGHT UP. THE  
WAITING LIST FOR COUNCIL HOUSING  
IS A JOKE. WHEN WILL THEY LISTEN!**

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**KEMI, WINCHEAP**





# **A NEW LABOUR COUNCIL WILL:**

## **PUT THE INTERESTS OF LOCAL PEOPLE FIRST**



- Double Council Tax on second homes
- Introduce a rental property licensing scheme to regulate AirBnB's and tackle absentee landlords

## **PROVIDE HOUSING THAT PEOPLE CAN GENUINELY AFFORD**



- Double the number of council homes built each year by building on land we own
- Cap council rents at 30% of the lowest incomes in our area
- Make affordable homes available only to local people
- Use powers to turn empty properties into homes for local people to rent

## **SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES**



- Reinststate the tourism development team to support events in our towns
- Buy local and spend local. We will use council procurement to encourage sustainable and ethical suppliers
- Lead socially responsible business behaviour with a Good Business Charter. We will pay the Real Living Wage and encourage firms the council works with to do the same

## ***HELP FAMILIES STRUGGLING WITH THE COST OF LIVING***



- **Create a cost of living fighting fund and return charity grants to pre-pandemic levels**
- **Making council venues available for community projects and advice surgeries**
- **Double the Homeless Prevention Fund. Take a Housing First approach to move people off the streets**



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# **PEOPLE'S WAY**



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**NO ONE IN THE COUNCIL EVER  
LISTENS. THEY ASK OUR OPINION  
AND THEN IGNORE IT. WHAT WE  
THINK COUNTS FOR NOTHING . WE  
NEED A COUNCIL ON OUR SIDE**

”

JUDY, HERNE BAY





# **A NEW LABOUR COUNCIL WILL**

## **BE MORE RESPONSIVE**



- Make reporting problems easier with a new mobile app to redeploy street cleaners and a 0800 number for missed bin collections
- Open community hubs in each town
- Together with headteachers create a traffic plan for each school. Deploying enforcement officers to make drivers switch off engines when waiting outside schools.

## **LISTEN TO YOUR CONCERNS**



- Close the Guildhall and hold council meetings around the district
- Relaunch local forums with police and health officials
- Establish a Youth Council to build youth services

## **GIVE POWER BACK TO LOCAL PEOPLE**



- Involve residents in how councillors spend their money and support the funding of community events
- Hold a Governance Review within two years to decide on town councils

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**A DIFFERENT COUNCIL IS POSSIBLE,  
WE JUST NEED TO VOTE FOR IT. THE  
TORIES HAVE RUN OUT OF IDEAS AND  
GROWN COMPLACENT. WE NEED  
FRESH FACES AND A LABOUR  
COUNCIL.**

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CHARLIE, WHITSTABLE





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