

SLOUGH LABOUR PARTY'S

Manifesto Pledges for the Local Government Elections on Thursday 3rd May 2012

Slough's Labour Team -

PROTECTING SERVICES,
RENEWING NEIGHBOURHOODS,
TRANSFORMING OUR TOWN.



Transport and Community Facilities

Since last year's local elections, we have:

- Made major investment in Slough town centre, with pedestrian improvements, a new junction, signals and crossing points on the A4, a new bus station and wider pavements
- Opened a new community centre in Chalvey and begun building a new hub centre in Britwell
- Opened new neighbourhood libraries for Wexham Lea, Colnbrook and Chalvey wards
- Begun delivering regeneration schemes to improve Chalvey and Britwell wards
- Installed new cycle lanes and improved walking routes in Cippenham and Chalvey
- Provided new live bus information displays around the town centre and on key local routes

If re-elected, by the next round of local elections in Slough, we will:

- Begin work on Slough's new library, arts venue, civic and community space
- Continue to deliver Slough's 'community hubs' programme, developing new community centres for Wexham & Central and Upton & Langley, and improving community facilities for Manor Park
- Make significant investment to modernise and link traffic signals on Slough's key roads, improving the timing of controls - to reduce congestion and help keep traffic flowing around the town
- Advance the proposal for a rail station halt in Chalvey, by conducting a local demand assessment
- Have guaranteed the current bus pass offer for Slough pensioners through to 2014, irrespective of any reduction in criteria by the Tory-led government
- Improve maintenance of highway bridges over local roads, to keep these safe & in good condition
- Encourage cycling, walking in Slough and improve disabled accessibility; with improved pedestrian crossings, more cycle routes and measures to tackle obstructive/pavement parking



Health, Well-being and Leisure

Since last year's local elections, we have:

- Supported a full free swimming offer for children and OAPs until the autumn of 2011, despite government cuts, then launched a new local offer to keep free swimming available to Slough's young and older residents
- Doubled opening hours at libraries around Slough since 2009
- Worked with Slough Town Football Club and a local housing partner to draft plans for the provisions of a new football ground for Slough, committing a Council-owned site on Stoke Road to enable the new stadium and new affordable homes

If re-elected, by the next round of local elections in Slough, we will:

- Provide better tailored care and support to help older people continue to live independently
- Improve and expand employment advice & support for disabled residents
- Deliver a higher standard of customer service improving residents' contacts with the Council
- Work to address local health priorities through the Council's new public health responsibilities, and make local health services easier to access
- Increase the number of sports and multi-use games areas (MUGAs) around the Borough, providing at least 3 new facilities to help local young people have constructive leisure activities
- Construct new changing rooms for Chalvey Recreation Ground and improve facilities at Cippenham Village Green, to enable more formal sporting activities to occur in these places



Children, Education and Skills

Since last year's local elections, we have:

- Opened a new children's centre in Colnbrook, refurbishing the old school at Vicarage Way
- Opened a new nursery for Langley, at Ryvers School
- Expanded Slough Primary schools to ensure there are enough places for local children
- Secured over 100 new local apprenticeships and more local jobs, through Slough's new transactional services contract
- Offered help to local young people seeking jobs and training, following Government cuts to the Connexions advice and careers services

If re-elected, by the next round of local elections in Slough, we will:

- Open the old Town Hall building as a new Primary School for local children this September
- Continue to expand and improve local schools, ensuring enough places for Slough children
- Work with our partners/contractors to promote employment for Slough residents and deliver further apprenticeships for local youngsters
- Give our young people a greater say in how Slough's youth service is shaped and run
- Find children in care stable homes with 'forever families'; lifting them out of the care system
- Use the Council's children centres as effectively as possible; to offer childcare and adult learning opportunities that support local parents on lower incomes in trying to return to work
- Protect frontline Council services from Government cuts to 2014, ensure all Council staff are paid a 'living wage'; and continue working to keep jobs in Slough through the decisions we take
- Work to ensure Slough Council's policies contribute to promoting sustainable economic growth



Neighbourhoods & Street-Cleaning

Since last year's local elections, we have:

- Invested a further £500K to grow the budget to repair roads and pavements this year
- Made major investment to begin improving housing and neighbourhood facilities in Britwell
- Improved central Chalvey, with new planters, resurfaced pavements and the railway bridge repainted
- Made improvements around the Cippenham schools, with a new pedestrian crossing, wider pavements, 'safer routes' to the schools and new dedicated cycle lanes

If re-elected, by the next round of local elections in Slough, we will:

- Increase the number of public refuse/recycling bins at shopping centres, in busy streets and in littering 'hot-spot' areas of local neighbourhoods; and renew the town's street litter bins
- Extend Slough's litter-clearing contract to include regular cleaning of public rights of way around the Borough, to deliver a higher standard of street cleaning to these areas
- Continue investing in resurfacing and repairing local roads and pavements, and continue modernising and improving Slough's street-lighting stock
- Replace old and damaged street name plates with new street signs and replace damaged or broken street furniture in our local neighbourhoods
- Continue making neighbourhood improvements around the Borough, with a dedicated budget protected for these works



Play Areas, Parks & Open Spaces

Since last year's local elections, we have:

- Made major investment to restore the lake and improve Herschel Park
- Secured high-standard 'Green Flag' status for Pippins Park and Salt Hill Park
- Planted new mature trees at the Railway Station forecourt and along the town-centre A4, as part of the 'Heart of Slough' regeneration project
- Provided 24 new, and 11 refurbished playgrounds for local children and set out a formal Play Strategy to ensure we can keep improving play opportunities for Slough children

If re-elected, by the next round of local elections in Slough, we will:

- Refurbish or modernise the remaining children's play areas in Slough that need upgrading, and ensure all our playgrounds are regularly maintained, to keep them in good condition
- Secure investment to start works that will bring Baylis Park and Godolphin Recreation Ground up to the 'Green Flag' standard
- Make significant improvements to Lascelles Park in Upton
- Plant 250 new trees around the Borough, and establish a new 'Jubilee Woodland' this year
- Install new welcome signs to all Slough Borough Council's parks and play areas, displaying information about the services and facilities they provide



Housing and Community Safety

Since last year's local elections, we have:

- Brought more Council properties up to the 'Decent Homes' standard, so nearly all Slough's Council Housing stock now reaches this benchmark
- Re-organised the Housing Service to be more efficient - enabling more investment in tenant's priorities and estate improvements; with £800k of new investment in local estates
- Delivered more new social homes through the Council's 'garage re-development strategy' – with over 100 new homes provided for local families on un-needed garage sites since 2008
- Begun work to upgrade and expand Slough's CCTV room, to ensure Slough has a state-of-the-art facilities, with effective CCTV deployable to neighbourhoods and crime hot-spots

If re-elected, by the next round of local elections in Slough, we will:

- Increase the number of 'alley-gates' installed, securing garage accesses and problem alleyways to improve safety and reduce anti-social behaviour
- Undertake works beyond the 'Decent Homes' programme – making estate improvements, redecorating and modernising communal areas within Slough Council blocks of flats
- Continue to supply more social and affordable homes for local people – following on from the 'garage strategy' by working to assemble new sites to supply public housing
- Continue to make significant investment in regeneration – targeting improvement at deprived and run-down areas of the Borough
- Work with the new Police Commissioner when they are elected in November, to ensure that Slough's priorities remain high up on the agenda of their activity