

SLOUGH LABOUR PARTY'S

Manifesto Pledges for the
Borough Council Elections
on Thursday 7th May 2015

**Vote Labour for a
Better, Safer, Fairer Slough**

Slough's Labour Councillors have worked hard, with our partners, to take our town forward over the past year -

- Slough pupils achieved the 6th best GCSE results in the country in 2014
- Slough is now a safer place than Oxford, Reading and Milton Keynes
- Slough has the highest number of business start-ups of anywhere in the UK, after London



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The Local Environment, Parks and Leisure

If re-elected in 2015, a Labour-run Council in Slough will:

- Make Slough one of the first local authorities in the country to send 0 per cent of its waste to Landfill, by agreeing a new contract to divert our remaining waste
- Plant 150 more trees, step up action against fly-tipping, and continue investing in environmental improvements, to further improve local neighbourhoods
- Make major investment to improve Kennedy Park, Baylis Park and Godolphin Recreation Ground
- Plan and move through to construction a new fit-for-purpose leisure centre for Slough at The Centre site on Farnham Road
- Start construction of new community sports facilities at Arbour Park, Stoke Rd - fulfilling our promise to get Slough Town FC a new Ground back in Slough
- Continue improving smaller local parks and open spaces around the Borough; making these hubs for fitness and exercise to improve residents' health - to get more local people more active, more often

Community Regeneration, Safer Neighbourhoods and Highways

If re-elected in 2015, a Labour-run Council in Slough will:

- Deliver the next phase of Chalvey's regeneration, and produce a regeneration plan for the Canal Basin and Stoke Road
- Develop detailed plans for new community hubs - to serve Central, Elliman and Wexham wards; to serve Manor Park; and to serve Langley at Trelawney Avenue
- Improve key crossing points, routes and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists around the Borough and further expand Slough's bike hire scheme with more bikes and additional cycle racks for significant areas not yet covered
- Upgrade all Slough's street lights, fitting new LED heads, to be more energy-efficient, reduce light pollution and make our streets feel safer
- Deliver further CCTV cameras and continue gating problem alleys, to make public areas more secure
- Provide more speed-activated road safety signage; to bring down speeds on 'hot-spot' roads

Improving Slough Town Centre and Strengthening our Borough's Image

If re-elected in 2015, a Labour-run Council in Slough will:

- Open Slough's new town-centre library, learning and performance space, The Curve; and plan out to final development the final corner-stone sites of the Heart of Slough regeneration; exploring options to move more Council services and operations into the town centre
- Improve Slough High Street; working with businesses to help refresh the retail offer, upgrade the public realm and pedestrian links; and develop a better early evening economy, with a greater choice of cafes and restaurants
- Produce detailed designs to upgrade entrance-ways and public space around Burnham and Langley rail stations to give passengers a better welcome
- Deliver significant transport improvements along the A4, with a new rapid bus route along the service roads, offering a quicker, more frequent and reliable service to get to and from the suburbs to central Slough
- Continue improving entrance gateways to the Borough at key routes, to show visitors Slough is a place we take pride in
- Continue our long-term plans to deliver modern, high-quality residential accommodation right in the centre of Slough - to ensure the town centre has a viable, long-term future and prospers once again

Delivering Better Life Chances and Empowering People

If re-elected in 2015, a Labour-run Council in Slough will:

- Help more adults manage their own social care support; with personal budgets and direct payments for individuals to choose services to best meet their needs
- Work to secure sufficient school places to meet local need, and work with our partners to reduce the number of local young people not in education, employment or training
- Provide timely, focussed support to the most vulnerable children and families in the borough and support more local residents with learning disabilities to live in their own homes
- Help older people to live at home after hospital discharges, with better support from a co-ordinated re-ablement service
- Use our new public health powers to work to reduce health inequalities locally
- Continue to address poor housing standards in the private-rented sector and helping residents reduce fuel poverty by accessing insulation grants and other measures that tackle health and other problems associated with cold homes

Modernising Services, Ensuring the Best Value

If re-elected in 2015, a Labour-run Council in Slough will:

- Transform digital access to Council services; making it much easier for residents to find and submit information, get details about services, and pay fees, bills and charges online
- Manage the Council's assets and corporate premises even more efficiently, saving money for residents
- Continue to supply new social and affordable homes; reducing waiting times for local people to access decent housing
- Freeze Council Tax in 2015, and only raise Council Tax thereafter if required to protect specific services or to fund specific investment that benefits residents
- Future-proof Council services; so they remain sustainable and resilient even in tough economic times
- Continue to offer leadership and direction to the Council, to take the difficult decisions needed to transform our town; working every day to improve the lives and life-chances of all Slough residents



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