

# SLOUGH LABOUR PARTY'S

Manifesto Commitments for  
the Local Government Elections  
on Thursday 5th May 2016

*Vote Labour for Investment and Improvement  
in Slough – not Conservative Cuts and Closures*

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*If elected on 5th May 2016, a Labour-run Council will . . .*

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## Housing and Regeneration

- Working with partners, start construction of 250 new social homes and 250 new homes for sale and rent around the Borough
- Introduce a 'Local Authority Part-Purchase' mortgage help scheme, to assist key workers and Slough residents of 5 years plus in joining the housing ladder
- Bring forward plans to regenerate the Canal Basin and Stoke Road corridor; with new homes, retail and community facilities and enhanced open space
- Deliver the next steps of the Chalvey regeneration - transforming the site currently occupied by Tower & Ashbourne Houses to provide new, high-quality homes, moving forward plans for a local 'halt' rail station, and re-developing the surplus land near Chalvey Recreation Ground
- Support the continued regeneration of Slough Town Centre; helping improve the retail offer and bringing additional Council services back to central Slough



## Parking and Transport

- Deliver a new frequent 'SMaRT' bus service along the A4, and improve cycling and walking routes
- Improve parking regulation; expanding the pavement parking ban and controlled parking zones to include the east and west areas of the Borough
- Support major transport improvement schemes, including Crossrail and the Western Rail Link to Heathrow; working to maximise the employment opportunities and benefits they bring to local residents
- Keep our highways & pavements to a good standard, and take action to fill potholes
- Improve the M4 Junction 5 Langley gateway; resurfacing the roadway, enhancing the area and improving pavements and landscaping
- Install new link footpaths to help Colnbrook residents better access bus routes
- Improve public transport access for Britwell/Northborough & Manor Park residents



## Leisure and Open Spaces

- Refurbish, extend and upgrade Slough Ice Arena - delivering new climbing facilities and a gym; as well as a flagship Ice venue fit for the next forty years
- Begin construction of a new Leisure Centre to serve western Slough on Farnham Road, and refurbish and modernise Langley Leisure Centre
- Install at least 3 new Green Gyms and more 'Trim Trail' walkways to local parks; to help residents exercise and enjoy leisure time in our outdoor spaces
- Introduce new bike hire racks in Manor Park and Britwell & Northborough; and Join up Slough's east to west cycleway, with a new cycle lane from Huntercombe Lane to Dover Road
- Make major investment to significantly upgrade the open space at Kennedy Park
- Open Slough's new Community Sports Stadium, Arbour Park, at Stoke Road - fulfilling our promise to bring a ground for Slough Town FC back to Slough



## Health and Social Care

- Work with partners to increase the availability of Health Checks for residents, and with parents and schools to ensure all children can access mental health services
- Support our health partners to keep down unnecessary hospital admissions locally, and support patients to help them to return home as soon as possible
- Implement a diabetes programme to increase prevention and maximise health outcomes for those with diabetes, and work with parents and schools to reduce childhood obesity rates
- Provide high-quality, specialist housing for residents with learning disabilities on the old Rochfords Hostel site
- Increase the number of people managing their care/support via direct payment
- Increase the number of people supported by the community/voluntary sector



## Children and Young People

- Continue to expand and improve local schools; delivering adequate places, better sports provision and better facilities for Slough children (including new classrooms and facilities at James Elliman, St Mary's Primary on Yew Tree Rd, St Anthony's and the Claycots Town Hall school annexe)
- Provide a site for a brand new secondary school to serve central/western Slough
- Provide land for a new Secondary school at Castlevue, for Ditton Park Academy
- Work to deliver our new pledge to better support looked-after children in Slough
- Work with and support the new Children's Services Trust to ensure better outcomes for Slough Children
- Support the great work of Slough's Youth Parliament, helping them develop the Slough Youth Awards and champion the needs of Slough's Young People



## The Environment and Neighbourhoods

- Reduce air pollution from road transport, through a new Low Emission Strategy
- Introducing a kerbside food-waste collection service to improve local recycling
- Plant 250 new trees on verge land and in the Borough's parks and open spaces
- Step up regulation and install measure to protect green verges from over-parking
- Reduce the Council's energy footprint by at least 3% of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum from our existing corporate assets, through a new Carbon Management Plan
- Reduce incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in known/identified 'hotspot' areas
- Reduce fly-tipping by continuing to install alley-gates to problem alleyways and step up action and enforcement against fly-tippers
- Keep working to improve the safety and appearance of our local neighbourhoods – with landscaping improvements, more proactive litter clearance, and by deploying additional CCTV cameras (where agreed through the Safer Slough Partnership)



## Community Facilities and Customer Care

- Begin construction of a new community hub to serve Elliman, Wexham Lea and Central wards, at the Arbour Park site
- Plan out and start the construction of a new/expanded community hub for Manor Park, on Villiers Road
- Build and open the new community hub being planned for Langley on the former Merry-makers Pub site
- Upgrade the Council's casework system, improving the service for residents and customers
- Make significant improvement to digital services, and make it easier for the Borough's residents to access Council services online
- Further improve and expand online payments, to make it easier for residents to transact with the Council



## Opportunity and the Local Economy

- Build on the opening of The Curve, by working to enhance the early evening economy in the town centre
- Support businesses to start, grow and locate in Slough; and work with employers to expand job and training opportunities for local people
- Work with the new town centre manager and local retailers to improve the retail offer and facilities on Slough High Street
- Continue working with the Police and partners to consolidate the significant reductions in crime over the past 7 years; that have made Slough into one of the safest large urban conurbations in the Thames Valley
- Use Slough's new 'Smart City' status to continue attracting inward investment and to harness digital technology and communications; improving residents' access to services and information
- Continue to support the expansion of Heathrow; working with Heathrow Airport Ltd and local businesses to maximise the training, employment and travel opportunities available to local people if government approves the airport's expansion

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