

# **Our Haringey** **Our Future**



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# OUR VISION



**Haringey is our home, and we're proud of it.** Our vision for Haringey seeks to build upon the strengths that have made it home to people from every ethnic and social background; people from every walk of life. Its vibrancy and diversity is matched only by its resilience and confidence. Its sense of pride, matched by its sense of community.

Haringey deserves a council with an ambitious vision that addresses the needs and aspirations of the many. That's what Labour is committed to delivering.

There are challenges ahead. The viciousness of Conservative government cuts to our budget has increased inequality and poverty and the level of demand for vital services. This means that we have to get creative, and yes, our preference is for in-house services over outsourcing – services from social care to street cleaning, where this doesn't diminish quality and is financially prudent.

To meet these challenges, we will look beyond Haringey at the best practice Labour boroughs are delivering elsewhere, for lessons on boosting our

local economy and effective protocols for developing council-owned land. But our greatest source of inspiration will always come from the people who live and work here. We will run an open, collaborative council that genuinely engages people in shaping our borough's future.

We want to listen to the many diverse voices within Haringey, and we will empower a Fairness Commission – a detailed investigation that will find out what residents, community groups and businesses think we should do to make Haringey a better and a more equal borough. The results will be at the heart of informing our strategy.

The biggest challenge we face is delivering the new, decent, genuinely affordable housing that local people desperately need. We do not believe that the HDV provides the answer and we do not intend to progress with it. We will consider a complete range of ideas to deliver new housing when we make a final decision in the new administration.

Our preference is to build our own housing on our own land, and we aim to create the in-house capacity for our

council to do so. As well as building new homes, we'll ensure there is greater access to all tenures of housing for Haringey's residents.

We will do our bit in supporting the creativity and capacity of Haringey's business community. We'll build the Haringey economy by supporting small and medium sized enterprises and provide new opportunities for them to access council contracts.

Young people are the future. Haringey's future will be shaped by its young people – and we must address their needs, maintaining the highest standards in local schools and a strong youth service, and looking at how we help keep people in education after 16.



Joseph Ejiofor  
**Deputy Leader, Haringey Council**

We must also work in partnership with the police, public sector partners and Haringey's diverse communities to reduce gun, knife and gang violence; bring perpetrators to justice and reduce re-offending.

We will continue to be a borough that welcomes new arrivals – people from all across the EU have recently settled alongside our established migrant communities – and we will continue to challenge all discrimination and promote equality, diversity and partnership.

We have many more ideas about how Haringey can reach its potential. Our vision builds on Jeremy Corbyn's and Labour's 2017 general election manifesto, applying its principles locally. Our local Labour team represents Haringey's diversity, but shares a common goal.

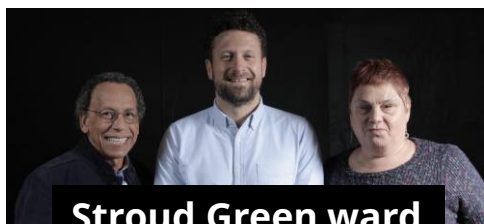
Our vision is of a council that's serious about bringing in new jobs and new homes, and on the side of everyone who needs us.

Our vision is of a council that puts local people in the driving seat, and uses our land, our resources, our people and our knowledge, for the benefit of all.

**In short, our vision is of a Haringey that works for the many, not the few.**



# FIVE PLEDGES



Stroud Green ward



We will deliver at least a thousand new council homes at council rents by 2022, and build our own housing on our own land.



Harringay ward



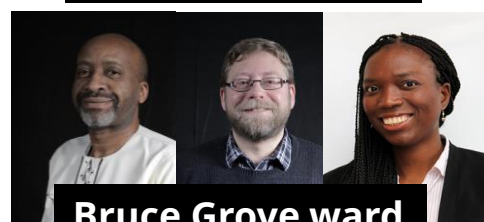
We will extend Council Tax Relief to 100% for our least well-off residents, whilst making council tax and other council charges fairer;



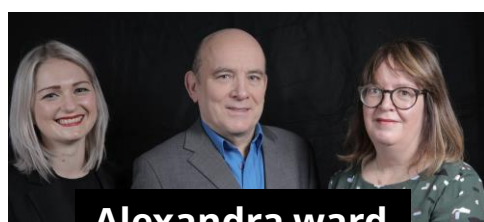
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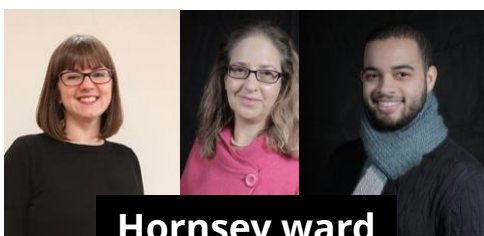
We will redesign adult social care and pay all council contracted homecare staff for travel time and the London Living Wage by 2022.



Bruce Grove ward



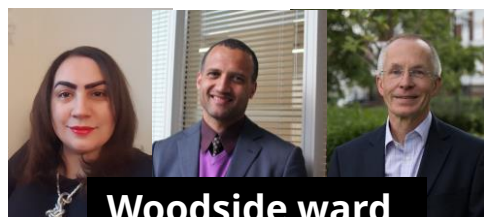
Alexandra ward



Hornsey ward



Bounds Green ward



Woodside ward



Northumberland Park ward

# FOR HARINGEY



We will establish a Fairness Commission; a borough-wide conversation that will empower Haringey's residents and communities and inform council decision-making.



We will work with schools to provide a free school meal for every primary school child by 2022.



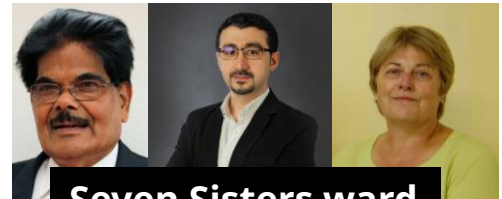
Highgate ward



St Ann's ward



Tottenham Green ward



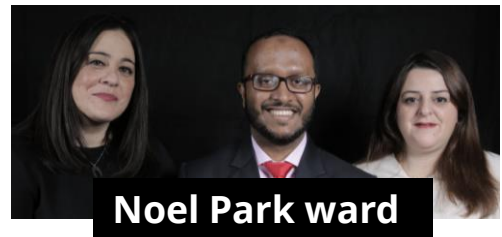
Seven Sisters ward



Muswell Hill ward



West Green ward



Noel Park ward



White Hart Lane ward



Fortis Green ward



Tottenham Hale ward

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# FUNDING FOR HARINGEY

**Tory-led governments have spent years looting local government. Theresa May will withdraw all financial support for local services by 2020.** This will leave us dependent on council tax, business rates and whatever income we can generate. This is no way to fund even basic services like social care, let alone libraries, parks and all the things that help people live happier lives. Cuts hurt the most vulnerable hardest and impact everyone's quality of life, and the burden of extra charges for some services tends to hurt those who can least afford to pay.

We have had to raise more money and spend more efficiently just to stand still. In Haringey, we have maintained a balanced budget despite cuts and done our best to minimise the impact of losing nearly half our income.

Labour will always put the many before the few. That's why we want to review current council tax arrangements. Council tax currently leads to poorer residents paying disproportionately more than richer residents relative to both income and house value. We will make the distribution of tax and charges fairer, and we'll introduce ethical debt collection mechanisms that avoid making people homeless or driving them deeper into debt.

We need to raise more money and make what we have go further. We will look to share the costs of some services with neighbouring councils. We will look at how we can raise more commercial income, and we will review all of our commissioned services to see whether savings can be made if we deliver the service ourselves.

Many cuts will be irreversible until we get a national government that invests

properly in our services. But we will look again at past local cuts to see if there are certain services that can be provided again if the money can be found.



## We pledge to:

- ✓ Ensure the greatest weight is placed on the broadest shoulders by consulting on options that make council tax and our policies for charging for council services fairer;
- ✓ introduce an ethical debt collection charter, that will review payment options and phase out the use of bailiffs for those in verifiable financial difficulty;
- ✓ extend the level of council tax relief for our least well-off residents to 100%
- ✓ work with the Local Government Association (LGA) and other councils to campaign together for fairer funding;
- ✓ look at previous changes to see if any budget can be found to re-introduce services.

# HOUSING FOR HARINGEY'S PEOPLE

**Everyone deserves a safe, decent and affordable home. But the housing crisis is the biggest challenge London – and Haringey – faces.** Poor housing has knock-on effects everywhere; from education to health to crime. And the regular churn of families and children moving from one temporary tenancy to another makes it difficult to build strong local communities.

Labour will do housing differently. We will use our own land and powers to tackle housing inequality. We will welcome external investment in housing when it serves the interest of our communities.

Our preference is to build council housing directly through a company we fully own. Where we have to regenerate parts of the borough, we will bring residents with us, balloting tenants and leaseholders on development proposals affecting them. Secure tenants will be guaranteed the right to return because regeneration must be for the many, not the few.

We have made huge progress in bringing council homes up to Decent Homes standard, and whilst the government's abandonment of the programme has slowed us down, we will continue to complete 95% of upgrades by 2022.

One quarter of Haringey residents are private renters and many will experience insecurity, harassment, unhealthy and unsafe conditions. We will expand our landlord licensing schemes to cover the whole borough and clamp down on rogue landlords.

A Labour council will mean real change for private renters and families on our waiting lists. We will create new

opportunities for people who cannot get social housing yet cannot afford to buy a home of their own. We will explore ways to provide rented accommodation that offers greater security of tenure. And we will use every bit of power and leverage we have to ensure all developers who wish to build in our borough make a fair, proper contribution to our affordable housing numbers.

## We pledge to:

- ✓ Deliver a thousand new council homes for families on our waiting list by 2022 and ensure that - wherever possible - our public land and the homes built on it remain in council ownership;
- ✓ review the planning targets for affordable housing that apply to developments built in our borough and also ensure our definition of 'affordable' is genuinely affordable for local people;
- ✓ expand our Landlord Licensing scheme to cover all wards and ensure the private rented sector meets expected standards;
- ✓ press developers to ensure that housing for sale is made available to Haringey residents first and address the scandal of empty homes being used as investment;
- ✓ aim to end street homelessness in Haringey by 2022.





# A SAFER HARINGEY

**A council's first duty is to help build safe, healthy communities.** We cannot look away from the alarming increase in armed violence around our borough at present, because when violent crime runs rampant and unchecked, people do not feel safe in their own homes. We are committed to working collegiately with the police, public sector partners, and Haringey's diverse communities to reduce gun, knife and gang violence, and to bring perpetrators to justice.

Labour will also tackle the social causes of crime and disorder, and develop a strategy that will address, tackle and reduce re-offending over the next four years. However, we also have a duty to be a loud voice and provide further support for residents who become victims of crime. And we will do so.

We must help tackle crime and increase local confidence in, and public engagement with our police. We will bring together councillors, police and residents to set realistic priorities for local policing - using this dialogue to build trust.

The Metropolitan Police - like Haringey Council - is grappling with huge cuts imposed by Tory-led governments. Ten years ago, under Labour, every ward in London had six neighbourhood officers. Now, there are just two. In addition, the loss of two police station front counters makes the police, and policing, less visible across our borough.

We will do all we can to support the work of frontline police officers tackling crime, develop strategies that address identity-based hate crimes, support all victims of crime and divert young people away from criminality.



## We pledge to:

- ✓ Maintain financial support for neighbourhood policing across Haringey;
- ✓ ensure that policing is more responsive to local needs, using the council and the Mayor of London to build stronger relationships between communities – particularly BAME communities – and the police;
- ✓ develop a strategy to combat youth and gang violence and knife crime, by bringing together young people and families, children's services and schools, police and local communities;
- ✓ build a zero-tolerance culture surrounding violence against women and girls - working with our schools to educate young people, especially young men and boys – and providing support for safe spaces and outreach workers;
- ✓ utilise a range of strategies to prevent crime, from youth outreach work to how we design buildings and our public spaces.





# A HEALTHIER HARINGEY

**Preventing illness is always better than curing it, hence improving the health and wellbeing of our residents must run through everything we do.**

Yet we also acknowledge that social, environmental and attitudinal barriers stop many residents from living equal lives, and the focus of our adult social care service will be to enable everybody to live an independent life with dignity for as long as possible.

Better and closer integration between council adult social care and the NHS will save money and improve lives. We will increase the role of our Health and Wellbeing Board and consider widening it to give service users, carers and voluntary groups a seat at the table.

We must value and respect the work done by carers – including unpaid and family carers. Labour recognises the unique role that long-term carers play and will ensure this is considered as part of the eligibility criteria for housing succession.

We will review the way we currently deliver adult social care and closely scrutinise services for older and disabled people – involving service users, health professionals, providers and staff. We will investigate alternative models for the delivery of adult social care. And we commit to reviewing, and if appropriate reinvesting in, day-care centres and day activities either directly or working in partnership with service users, community and voluntary organisations.

We will work together to develop a holistic Haringey healthy living strategy that tackles childhood obesity, addresses the impact of drug and alcohol abuse and supports adults in living active and healthy lives.



## We pledge to:

- ✓ Ensure greater integration between adult social care and the NHS;
- ✓ review our provision of adult social care, including potential alternative models of service delivery, and examine the possibility of increasing centre-based care;
- ✓ pay all council-contracted homecare staff their travel time and the London Living Wage, while wiping out zero hour contracts by 2022;
- ✓ push for greater support for people with learning disabilities and for parity of esteem of mental health provision;
- ✓ protect services for those who need them most - older people, younger adults, disabled people and children.



# EDUCATION FOR HARINGEY



**Every young person deserves a high-quality education.** We are rightly proud of our achievements in education in Haringey – currently all but one of our schools are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted – and we will continue to support schools in maintaining high standards and delivering a broad, enriching curriculum.

We maintain our commitment to inclusive education from early years to post-16 and beyond and we will continue to promote and support co-location of special and mainstream provision wherever possible.

We will prioritise developing our Haringey Education Partnership, which ensures that our schools have access to high quality advice and support; and protects our family of schools from being broken up and undergoing further forced academisation. The partnership will enable us to continue focussing on school-led improvement despite the abolition of the Education Services Grant by the government.

We will also promote lifelong learning and encourage adult education, whether basic skills or more advanced qualifications that can support a career.

## We pledge to:

- ✓ Continue to fight for fair funding for our schools, including proper and adequate government funding for SEND education (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities);
- ✓ continue to work with schools and set targets to reduce inequalities in attainment, which we know disproportionately affect some black and minority ethnic communities;
- ✓ maintain our commitment to excellent, inclusive education from early years to post-16 and beyond and continue to promote and support co-location of special and mainstream provision wherever possible;
- ✓ support school leaderships and governing bodies in reflecting our community and meet its needs and encourage all schools in the borough to keep parent and community representation on governing bodies;
- ✓ support the poorest members of our school communities and explore ways to combat period poverty and stop young people going to school hungry.

# SUPPORT FOR HARINGEY'S CHILDREN

**Every child deserves to be safe, happy and healthy. We are committed to making Haringey a borough where all children are respected and have a voice.** We will always ensure our policies are measured against what they will mean for the wellbeing of children and young people.

We are committed to supporting those members of our community who need us most and we will ensure we deliver the best possible education, services and support that we can to our looked after children and care leavers.

Our approach is based firmly on early help and intervention. Building on the findings of our recent inspection, we will make sure that children, young people and families get the right support, at the right time.

We will investigate all options for the delivery of services, therapies and activities for children with disabilities or special educational needs, working in partnership with families and carers, the NHS and the voluntary and community sector.

## We pledge to:

- ✓ Continue supporting early years provision in the borough, so that every child and family can access high-quality childcare that supports their needs, and develop provision that works with and supports our diverse communities;
- ✓ support parents during pregnancy and in the early months and years of their child's life;
- ✓ expand the range of foster carers to meet the wide range of needs of our looked after children, so that every child has the safe, supportive and caring home environment that they deserve;
- ✓ develop a comprehensive local offer with and for our care leavers that reflects their priorities and helps them live independently. Actively encourage local employers to offer work experience and employment opportunities to them.



# A FAIRER HARINGEY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**Together, we have a responsibility to help our young people enjoy and make the most of their youth and develop into responsible adults.**

We believe in a youth service directly delivered to young people in centres across the borough, and we want to hear our young people's voices, understand their experiences and develop services that will support their needs. We are committed to an inclusive, integrated service that empowers young people and provides targeted support where necessary, yet also challenges racism, sexism, ableism and homophobia.

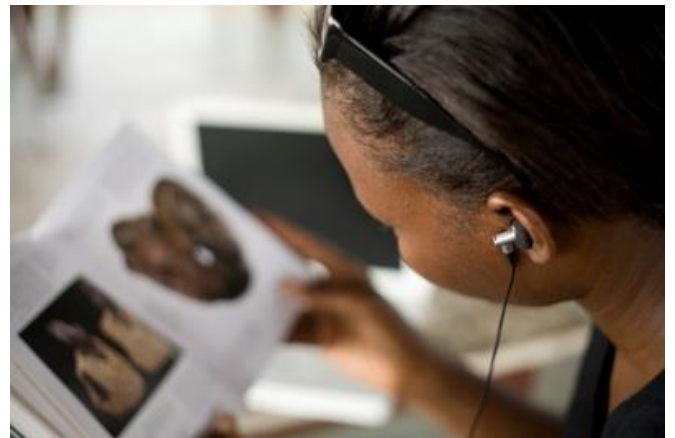
We will ensure our young people have access to support for their emotional well-being and mental health. We will promote the provision of excellent sex and relationships education so that young people can recognise safe, healthy relationships and make informed decisions about themselves and their futures.

We'll also continue to fight for proper funding and resourcing for mental health services, both in CAMHS and in school-based settings, and support outreach programmes which educate our young people about mental health and mental illness and let them know how to get help and treatment.

We want to prepare our young people for the world of work and further study, ensuring that our students are able to access apprenticeships and excellent post-16 education locally.

## We pledge to:

- ✓ Re-invest in a directly delivered youth service;
- ✓ look at what financial support our council can offer to keep young people in education post 16;
- ✓ enhance services that support our young people's emotional well-being and their mental health;
- ✓ ensure that libraries and leisure centres are welcoming, safe spaces for all our young people.





# A CLEANER, GREENER HARINGEY



**Haringey is proud to be green. From Highgate Wood to Tottenham Marshes, from Alexandra Park to Finsbury Park, our green spaces are an asset, enjoyed all year round.** Labour will promote our parks and the activities available in them so ever more residents can enjoy them. We will involve communities in improving them, working with the borough's Friends groups and Haringey Friends of Parks forum. We will invest in open spaces, including setting a target to double the number of outdoor gyms in parks by 2022. And we'll plant more trees while reviewing the widespread use of herbicides.

We are proud of our record on carbon reduction. We will maintain the council's target of a 40% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> by 2020 and, within the next year, we'll develop a detailed route map to being zero-carbon by 2050.

Air pollution, particularly around schools, is a serious risk across London. We aim for Haringey to become an 'Exemplar Borough' on air quality, and we'll introduce an Air Quality Action Plan that will monitor air quality at schools and construction sites. We will also look at moving school entrances and using barrier planting to filter toxic fumes.

We will investigate setting up a non-profit energy company to help residents save money on their fuel bills, as councils including neighbouring Enfield and Islington have already done. We have invested over £25m in replacing pavements since 2014. We will continue

to renew and upgrade roads, pavements and street lighting.

We will seek funding to make cycling safer and more attractive, and work with Transport for London to improve the bus network in Haringey so we can reduce our dependence on cars.

## We pledge to:

- ✓ Review our street cleaning and waste collection and other services, considering whether bringing these services back in-house would provide best value;
- ✓ retain 25 parks and green spaces certified with Green Flag status and double the number of parks with an outdoor gym by 2022;
- ✓ design 'accessibility' into our built environment and incorporate the Mayor of London's 'Healthy Streets' agenda into our borough development planning;
- ✓ explore ways to monitor and improve air quality around schools as part of our broader commitment to aim for 'Zero by 2050';
- ✓ investigate creating a local, non-profit energy company to help reduce energy costs for Haringey residents;
- ✓ address environmental crime and take robust action against people caught dumping and fly-tipping.

# CIVIC SOCIETY IN HARINGEY

**Community groups make a society. Haringey is lucky to have a strong network of voluntary organisations** that help people, bring people together, and showcase the spirit of our borough. Haringey Council has a proud history of investing in the diverse and often unique services offered by community groups, centres, and hubs – which make a tremendous difference and often save the council money.

The voluntary and community sector is a lifeline for people, but like everything else it has struggled with cuts. We will review and improve our grants; and work tirelessly to support our community groups.

Libraries are vital community spaces, as well as places for learning and discovery. We are committed to further investment in our three main libraries (Marcus Garvey, Hornsey and Wood Green), and our six branch libraries. We are proud to have retained our nine libraries despite Tory funding cuts. We will consult widely with library users about the library services they value most, and look at how we address the issues raised by the joint location of our customer service centres at libraries.

Above all we are keen to build a strong local democracy, with transparent processes, accountable councillors and opportunities for people and communities to shape decisions.



## We pledge to:

- ✓ Review the financial and other support that we can provide to the community and voluntary sector;
- ✓ invest further in programmes and advice services that help residents to access funds, services, justice and the rights that they may be entitled to, as well as services that help residents manage their debts;
- ✓ work with the voluntary and community sector to further understand their requirements for community space and enhance the availability of community buildings;
- ✓ look at ways to support a disabled people's organisation in Haringey;
- ✓ invest in services at our three main libraries – Marcus Garvey, Hornsey and Wood Green – and the wider library network.







This manifesto contains the DNA of seven thousand local Labour Party members. Many thanks to Kaushika Amin, Isidoris Diakides, Joe Ejiofor, and Elin Weston (above), the manifesto working group and attendees at the manifesto away day and conference, and above all to the thousands of members of the Haringey Labour Party for their role in the creation of this document.



# Vote Labour on 3 May





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