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# ON YOUR SIDE

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Plymouth Labour's manifesto  
for the council elections  
May 5th 2022

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# WE ARE GOING THROUGH TOUGH TIMES

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The cost of living crisis is hitting most Plymouth people hard. Petrol and diesel up, gas and electricity bills dramatically rising and the government making matters worse by raising National Insurance - everyone earning will see their disposable cash drop from April. The government has created the biggest tax burden for 70 years.

People on fixed incomes are being hit hard too, especially with the Conservatives' broken promise on the pension triple lock. The government also plans to re-introduce prescription charges for people between 60 and 66 soon, a real blow for people with long-term health conditions.

And the failure to invest in dentistry by the government has seen thousands of people, many of them children, left without an NHS dentist - instead being forced to seek costly private dental treatment or left to live in pain.

And with inflation predicted to rise to 9% this year - to levels unseen for two decades - the price of our weekly shop keeps going up and up with people making the choice between heating and eating.

No such problems for the government. While people in Plymouth struggled and kept to the rules on Covid isolation, Conservative ministers were merrily ferrying suitcases of booze through the streets of Westminster to lockdown-busting parties.

**They behave like it's one rule for them, and one rule for the rest of us.**

**It's time to tell the Conservatives we've had enough of that, and we've had enough of them.**

Turning to the local council, we've seen the absolute chaos of Conservatives fighting Conservatives with 12 of them walking out, this year and last. This lack of unity and subsequent lack of grip and focus is not helpful for the council, and certainly not helpful for Plymouth.

**So here's why we think you should Vote Labour.**

We've talked to thousands of people over the last year about their hopes and fears, their immediate problems and improvements they'd like to see in their street, their neighbourhood and their city.

The people have told us what's important, and our five pledges reflect what you've told us you'd like to see us take urgent action on.

Labour is on your side - for example we recently worked hard to secure a council tax freeze for hard-pressed Plymothians which the Conservatives did their best to block. When we ran the council we won Council of the Year - we believe in Plymouth, believe things must get better and that the future for our friends and families can be great. We'll work hard to earn your trust, and we'll work hard to keep our promises.



**Cllr Tudor Evans OBE,**  
Labour's Leader on the City Council

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# OUR FIVE PLEDGES FOR PLYMOUTH

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## 1. FIX YOUR STREET

We will create an exciting new programme, focussing on repairing potholes, missing yellow lines, broken pavements, tackling litter and plastics, graffiti, clearing drains and mending road signs.



## 2. KEEPING US SAFE AND SOUND

We want our city to be a place where we are welcoming and kind but intolerant of crime. We will campaign for more police for our city, more CCTV, and comprehensive plans to tackle violence against women and girls and anti-social behaviour.



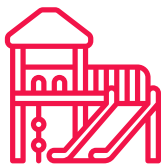
## 3. HOMES FOR ALL

Bringing down the waiting list for housing, a detailed plan to support renters, bringing empty homes back into use, kick-starting new house building and tackling homelessness.



## 4. PROTECTING OUR GREEN & BLUE CITY

Tackling climate change is a priority and we'll protect green spaces and look after trees. Sea level rise and flood prevention are particular challenges for coastal communities like ours.



## 5. MORE THINGS TO DO IN LOCAL AREAS

Lots of new facilities have been created but most of them have been in the city centre. We need to see a fairer distribution around the city - for example a large adventure playground for the north and opening our libraries for longer.

# A MESSAGE FROM CLLR SUE DANN

**LABOUR'S DEPUTY LEADER & PLYMOUTH'S NEXT LORD MAYOR**

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## **Why do you love living in Plymouth?**

Is it our unique location, rich history, a village feel in a big a city? Plymouth is beautiful, it has great potential for communities, we've got the sea, the moors, it's a great walking city, we have amazing parks and a strong cultural offer.

## **What would you improve?**

Successful cities don't stand still, they push for more and better. Labour's believes in getting things done and our record of delivery is strong.

We did so much when we ran the city between 2018 and 2021, this was recognised when we won Municipal Journal Council of the Year 2021.

We're also proud of the way we steered the city through the pandemic, shielding the vulnerable and supporting those who were isolated, delivering services to our residents and supporting businesses.

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## **This is just a snapshot what we achieved:**

- We supported care homes with extra staff and PPE.
- We opened The Box, telling the story of our city in full for the first time.
- We declared a climate emergency, set targets to reduce the city's carbon footprint and became the country's first 'plastic-free' city.
- We created the UK's first National Marine Park and won huge lottery funding to make it happen
- We started the regeneration of the area around the Railway station
- We kept the buses running as passenger numbers dropped dramatically
- We produced a plan to preserve parts of our historic city centre, and attracted new investment despite the changes in retailing
- We kept essential services like rubbish collection going and even introduced a new garden waste service, despite the pandemic
- We raised housebuilding to the highest level since post-war reconstruction, with the highest level of social and affordable housing in the peninsula

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- We attracted thousands of new jobs to the city, and built new factories and employment spaces.
  - We ensured government grants were paid out to thousands of Plymouth firms, saving them from closure.
  - We created a 100-acre park in the north of the city at Poole Farm on the same scale as Central Park.
  - We repaired miles and miles of roads and pavements, and delivered congestion-busting projects like Charles Church Roundabout and Plymouth Road.
  - We opened the Manadon Sports Hub, replaced the old running track at Brickfields and worked with Argyle and Albion on their ambitions.
  - We began work on Stirling Veterans' housing project following our award-winning veteran housing project in Stonehouse.
  - We secured a huge refurbishment of the Life Centre, with new changing areas and significant repairs.
  - We attracted world-class events like Sail GP and MTV to the city.
  - Our investment in hotel development has seen new hotels in the city centre with more to come

**That's just a taste of what we achieved last time. 80 promises kept in our last three years. And we're ready to deliver again!**

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## MAKING PLYMOUTH BETTER

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**We will build on what has already been achieved to make Plymouth an even better place to live, work and play.**

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## SAFER & STRONGER COMMUNITIES

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### **WE WILL:**

- Create a new economic plan which will place opportunity for all at its heart.
  - Improve street safety across the city - CCTV, better lighting, tackling overgrown pathways.
  - Safer crime reporting. People need to feel confident that they will be taken seriously.
  - Address the inequalities in & between our neighbourhoods, especially areas where people feel left behind.
  - Tackle food inequality and develop a food equality and action plan.
  - Promote and support community allotments
  - Promote and applaud community groups and celebrate volunteering
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# GETTING AROUND

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## WE WILL:

- Commit to a massive £50 million capital investment over 10 years in roads, pavements and more dropped kerbs to improve accessibility.
- Place an order for a JCB PotholePro within days of taking office - it fills potholes six times faster than the current method.
- Labour will not introduce congestion charging. Instead we'll encourage more and improved public transport, with free wi-fi charging on board.
- Halt the Conservatives' plans to remove 200 bus shelters. We need shelters to be well-lit, in the right, bright location and topped with mini meadows to encourage bees.
- Provide more parking enforcement around schools, more Safer School Streets trials where we close roads at drop off times, encourage more Park and Stride and walking buses.
- Provide more Bike racks and secure cycle storage facilities around the city.
- Install more EV charging points — in the right places.
- Campaign for extending railway to Tavistock, investigate potential for a station in Plympton, better local links to Ivybridge.
- Develop more green travel and offer expertise to major employers.
- Designate more play streets for children to be able to play safely outdoors and more 20 MPH zones to make crossing the road safer for everybody
- Install better street lighting on main pedestrian routes, pathways and accessing services/centres

# A PLACE CALLED HOME

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## WE WILL:

- Explore the creation of a Veterans' Village with associated hub facilities providing support for veterans.
- Create more city centre housing for older people and audit the level of social isolation across neighbourhoods.
- Reaffirm a commitment to appropriate housing for families with disabled children, some are living in B&Bs, hotels as accessible homes not available.
- Recognise that social isolation is a big issue- we need a more personable approach to rough sleepers. We need to have the ability to assess a person's capability in a shorter amount of time than current practice.
- Support Luke Pollard MP's First Homes Not Second Homes campaign.
- Build more homes for social rent and buy empty properties to bring them back into use.



# TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE IN OUR BLUE-GREEN CITY

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## WE WILL:

- Set Plymouth a challenge: Try a car free day or week, get people to sign up, get university/colleges businesses to sign up, raise awareness of what individuals can do.
  - Support Luke Pollard MP's campaign for clean water monitoring at Devil's Point.
  - Improve recycling rates, including the start of food waste collections.
  - Create a re-use centre at Chelston Meadow modelled on BBC One's The Repair Shop
  - Create Plymouth's first Green-Blue Park [Eastern/Western Kings, Devil's Point, Firestone Bay with a masterplan to include relocation of the Camera Obscura
  - Spend the £10m the Labour council won for the National Marine Park ensuring all our communities enjoy greater access to the water.
  - Launch an interactive climate change website to share information on what we are doing and to capture residents' ideas as we move to becoming carbon neutral in 2030.
  - Install solar panel on the roofs of our city centre shops with an ambition to be the first UK city centre to run on the power of the sun.
  - Tackle the ecological and climate crisis with more wildflower areas in consultation with local communities. Have swift bricks, wildlife and nature requirements in every new build and a plan for making new homes net carbon zero
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# CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, EDUCATION, JOBS & SKILLS

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## WE WILL:

- Build a large adventure playground in the Moor View Constituency based on the movement's principles, accessible to all.
- Launch 10 BY 10. Access for primary school children to experience 10 enrichment activities in the city by the time they are 10.
- Provide more accessible playground equipment in more play parks across the city. We will set up an advisory group of parent and carers to help us achieve this.
- Offer free Wi-Fi for all PCC care-experienced children.
- Create a programme of speakers to raise the aspirations of our school age children.
- Ensure a clear path to different levels of mental health support for children and adults.
- Offer better post-16 SEND provision
- Support Luke Pollard MP's campaign to tackle historic Buildings at Risk in the city, bringing them back into productive use.
- Tackle the huge skill shortages in hospitality by starting a city-wide campaign to build a positive, aspirational pathway as we did with Building Plymouth, aligning education and training with good employers
- Work with City College and other providers to double skills training in the city over the next 10 years
- Harness the huge opportunity which exists to expand digital business in Plymouth. We'll create the places for new businesses, co-operatives and collectives to start up and thrive





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**On Thursday 5th May**

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