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BUILD A BETTER PLYMOUTH

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Plymouth Labour's
manifesto for the
council elections
May 4th 2023

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WE ARE GOING THROUGH TOUGH TIMES

The cost of living crisis is hitting most Plymouth people hard. Petrol and diesel up, gas and electricity bills dramatically rising, rent up and people in Plymouth are still suffering the catastrophic effects of Liz Truss' budget which meant thousands of Plymothians' mortgages increased overnight.

The government has created the biggest tax burden for 70 years. People on fixed incomes are being hit hard too, the government still 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 topping 10% 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, we are still hearing about Conservative ministers who 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 a carnival of chaos with four leaders in two years with Conservatives fighting Conservatives, 17 of them walking out, this year and last. This lack of unity and subsequent lack of grip and focus is disastrous 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 - many people in Plymouth need the help of the council more than ever, Plymouth Labour is a united group who are focused on helping people who are struggling with the effects of 13 years of Conservative government. We need to get Plymouth out of the doldrums and restore hope for a better future.

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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A MESSAGE FROM CLLR JEMIMA LAING LABOUR'S DEPUTY LEADER

Plymouth is a wonderful place to live, our unique location, our rich history, and the feel that the city's a 'village' where everyone knows everyone, all contribute to its special atmosphere.

We do live in a beautiful city with great potential for our communities, we've got the sea, the moors, it's a great walking city, we have amazing parks and a strong cultural offer.

Plymouth Labour has a plan to keep on improving Plymouth, successful cities don't stand still, they push for more and better. And Plymouth Labour has a track record for delivering more and better when we run the city.

When we were in power last time we achieved so much that the Council was recognised as Council of the Year 2021 by the Municipal Journal.

So what did we do?

- 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 raised housebuilding to the highest level since post-war reconstruction, with the highest level of social and affordable housing in the peninsula.
- We attracted thousands of new jobs to the city, and built new factories and employment spaces. 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 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.

That's just a selection of the things we achieved last time we were in charge, we are a committed, focused group and we are ready to deliver again, to Build A Better Plymouth!

Cllr Jemima Laing,
Labour's Deputy Leader
on the City Council



OUR FIVE PLEDGES FOR PLYMOUTH



1. CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Working with the Police in Plymouth, we'll fight the rising tide of anti-social behaviour and crime.



2. POTHoles AND CLEANER STREETS

We'll improve the speed and number of potholes filled and create a Clean Team to clamp down on fly-tipping, litter and graffiti.



3. NEW HOMES

We'll get house-building going in Plymouth again for social rent and affordable ownership.



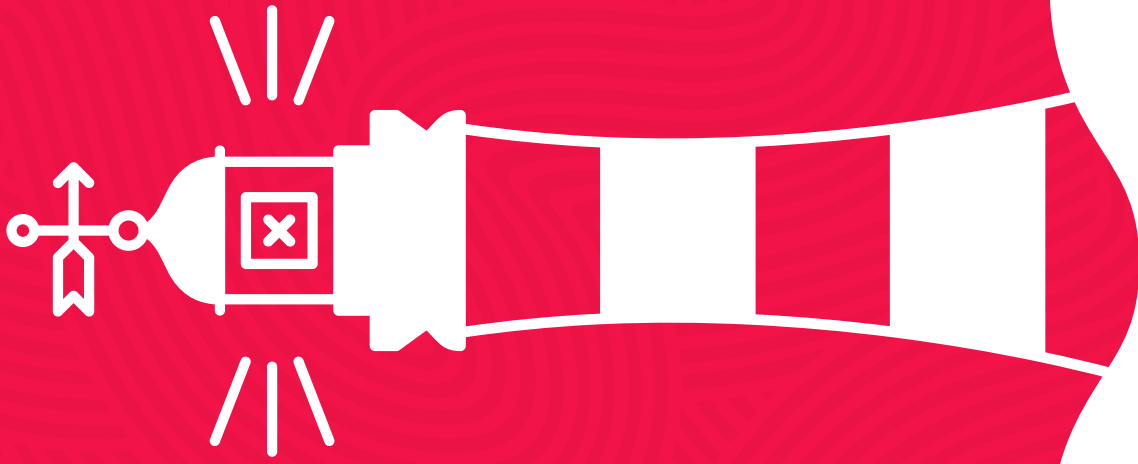
4. GREEN INVESTMENT

Plymouth is perfectly placed to benefit from green jobs; we'll help companies create them.



5. HEALTH

We'll work with the local NHS to tackle the waiting lists for GPs and dentists.



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On Thursday 4th May

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