

**Hertfordshire County Labour Party**

**LABOUR MANIFESTO FOR HERTFORDSHIRE**

**A Hertfordshire that works** – building a strong economy that creates jobs, grows businesses and provides a future for our young people

- Work with business to create a 1000 jobs in 2 years
- Guarantee an apprenticeship, job or training place to all 16 -24 year olds
- Create four new business incubation centres in the County
- Work with the Local Enterprise Partnership to strengthen our existing business base and attract new investment to the County
- Provide subsidised transport for 16 – 24 year old jobseekers
- Introduce the Living Wage for HCC and promote it for the whole county

**A travel-friendly Hertfordshire** – a transport system and strategy that enables people and businesses to move around the county more easily

- Repair the roads and paths – fix potholes and broken paving quickly and ensure it is quick and easy to report them
- Make bus routes work for passengers, not bus companies by devolving bus subsidy budgets to local communities
- Improve East – West county bus routes
- 20 mph speed limits around schools and gritting of all school routes not just those on main routes
- Lobby for investment in our main-line railway routes
- Introduce ‘smart-card’ travel

**A healthy Hertfordshire** – defending the NHS and tackling health inequalities at district level.

- Establish and maintain a high quality Public Health function
- A funded programme to tackle the main causes of health inequality including
- Smoking, obesity and lack of exercise

**A safer Hertfordshire** – fighting crime and building strong communities

- Switch the street lights back on in urban areas while a low cost/low carbon solution is found
- Guarantee future funding for Police Community Support Officers
- Support the Thriving Families Programme
- Work with the Police Commissioner to establish a ‘no tolerance’ policy on anti-social behaviour
- Tackle Domestic Abuse through a comprehensive action plan funded by all partners

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**A Caring Hertfordshire** – practical support for children and families and high-quality council-run services for the elderly, disabled people and their carers

- Guarantee the future of our Children’s Centres and build on their excellent early years provision.
- Implement a Child Poverty Commission in Hertfordshire and take action on its outcomes
- Provide the support that older people need so they can live independently as long as possible.
- Ensure older and vulnerable adults are cared for with dignity
- Establish Hertfordshire as a ‘Carer-friendly County’
- Work with the NHS build better links between hospital and home for the elderly and their carers

**A Local Hertfordshire** –working in partnership with districts to put communities and local people at the heart of decision-making

- Devolve budgets and decisions as much as possible to local forums
- Encourage young people to get involved for example by including 2 seats at County Council meetings for Herts UK Youth Parliament members and electing a County Youth Chairman
- Use existing HCC facilities like libraries to deliver ‘front-door’ to county services for local people.
- Work with young people to provide the services that they need locally
- Address the long-term inequalities in educational attainment across the county
- Ensure academy and free schools are accountable to students, parents and local communities

**A green Hertfordshire** – protect our environment and review the way we deal with our waste

- An immediate moratorium on building any incinerator in Herts while alternative technologies are evaluated.
- Aim to achieve the highest level of recycling in the country
- A county-wide programme for energy saving based on insulation and efficiency to both reduce householders fuel bills and CO2 emissions

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