

What would a Conservative Council be like?

What was their record?

- ✗ Sold off a town centre car park in Enfield Town – so much for their concern on parking
- ✗ Closed Eastern Enfield's only recycling centre when last in power
- ✗ Failed when in control to adequately plan for the extra school places that Enfield required
- ✗ Failed to tackle the need to introduce wheeled bins for waste disposal
- ✗ Ignored the decay of Enfield Council's housing stock
- ✗ Failed to use available resources from the Mayor of London and had to return them

✗ **Raised council tax by 41%**

They would be indecisive in action, expensive in delivery and divisive in thinking

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Building a better Enfield

Manifesto 2014



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 Labour
in Enfield

...Building on our success!

In 2010 Labour set out a bold vision for how we wanted to improve Enfield. We have delivered on that promise. We continue to look to further improve Enfield over the next four years.

Our promises for the future remain realistic and deliverable because we believe that is what people want from Labour – genuine promises, and genuine consultation on new plans.

Since 2010 there have been no Council Tax increases but there has been major investment in roads, pavements, leisure facilities, historic buildings, schools and housing. This is despite Government cuts of an unprecedented scale. We truly do more with less.

The Conservative-led Government is making it harder for local government. They have cut Enfield's budget by more than a quarter and taken a further £39.3 million over 4 years from us to subsidise Councils like Wandsworth. Labour has worked hard to get extra value out of every penny spent.

We recognise that inequality of income, life opportunities and life expectancy persists in the borough. The next Labour Council will continue to work hard, building on our efforts in tackling inequality, disadvantage and poverty. By reducing inequality, we can increase the well-being and happiness of all residents.

We also know that it is important that residents feel safe and secure and that where we have powers, we use them quickly, and robustly, against anti social behaviour.

We are a Labour Council on your side, and we want to remain on your side, doing what we say we will do.

Doug Taylor
Leader, Enfield Labour Group



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Some of Enfield's Labour Council's achievements 2010 – 2014

- ✓ No Council Tax increase during the four year administration
- ✓ Savings made of £75.6 million between 2010/11 and 2013/14
- ✓ More than 400 community projects picked by residents, funded by the innovative ward based Enfield Residents' Priority Fund
- ✓ Over 1,000 additional primary school places provided under the first phase of the Primary School Expansion Programme
- ✓ Started and on target for second phase expansion programme for secondary school places
- ✓ 20mph zones around 26 schools to reduce accidents and boost road safety
- ✓ Over £200 million estate renewal projects delivering hundreds of homes for example, Ladderswood, Alma, Highmead and along the North Circular Road
- ✓ Successfully supported young people in to work and reduced the number of young people claiming Job Seekers Allowance to the lowest number since January 2009, a drop of 29%
- ✓ Over 16 miles of roads and pavements improved each year at a cost of £9 million per year
- ✓ Increased to eight parks with Green Flag status in recognition of their superb facilities
- ✓ £9 million invested in leisure centres resulting in a massive increase in use
- ✓ Further investment in historic buildings – Forty Hall, QE2 and Millfield House
- ✓ Increasing investment in 'Tidy Teams' to keep Enfield clean
- ✓ Spitting ban introduced – first Council in the country
- ✓ In top third of London Boroughs investing in Cultural Services
- ✓ Continuing to support the Freedom Pass at a cost of over £11.6m in 2014/15
- ✓ 68 new alleygates introduced in just one year to cut flytipping and increase security
- ✓ Over 12 miles of cycle greenways built

Building for the next four years...

In the next four years, a Labour Council will deliver an equally innovative programme that prioritises front line services. We will do this despite promises of further cuts by the Conservative-led Government and we will keep true to the values that have guided us in the past.

We will continue to tackle poverty and disadvantage, work with residents, businesses and partners so that Enfield continues on a road to prosperity. We want residents to be proud of where they live and for young people to look forward to a fulfilling future.

Keeping Enfield clean, tidy and green

- ✓ Continue to invest in street cleaning
- ✓ Build a new civic amenity site - to replace the Caterhatch site sold by the previous Conservative Council
- ✓ Guarantee a weekly waste collection
- ✓ Collect fly-tips in four hours
- ✓ Continue to improve roads and pavements
- ✓ Plant 2,000 more trees
- ✓ Increase the number of parks with Green Flag status
- ✓ Work with Friends of the Parks to improve and promote the use of parks
- ✓ Increase and improve green spaces
- ✓ Improve cycling facilities
- ✓ Introduce play streets - closing some side streets to traffic in school holidays
- ✓ Continue with the popular Enfield Town and Edmonton community festivals
- ✓ Campaign for lower odour at Deephams sewage centre

Secure and safer Enfield

- ✓ Increase CCTV coverage - especially outside schools
- ✓ Clamp down on littering, spitting and dog fouling
- ✓ Continue with our award winning approach to tackling gangs in Enfield
- ✓ Work with residents and landlords to tackle anti-social behaviour in private lettings and improve the quality of rented accommodation
- ✓ Campaign for the return of more police in the community

Value for money

- ✓ In 2010 we promised a 1 year Council Tax freeze - we delivered a 4 year freeze. You can trust us to keep the Council Tax to a minimum for another 4 years
- ✓ Campaign for the return of the Government grant, redirected to other boroughs unfairly, to use for services and a Council Tax cut in Enfield
- ✓ Improve tackling of benefit fraud
- ✓ Continue with our excellent record of debt collection, one of the highest collection rates of Council Tax arrears in England - 4th highest
- ✓ Benchmark all services against the best quality delivered in London and act to ensure excellent value for money
- ✓ Streamlining Council structures to save money without compromising governance or services

A Borough that supports older and vulnerable people

- ✓ Continue supporting the Freedom Pass
- ✓ Provide best quality homecare and residential care
- ✓ Promote independent living for older people
- ✓ Support the Over 50s Forum to enhance support to older people and make Enfield 'Age Friendly'
- ✓ Increase support and opportunities for children in care

Enfield - the place to do business

- ✓ Work to bring new businesses and jobs into the borough
- ✓ Create 3,000 new jobs in Meridian Water
- ✓ Support businesses to create apprenticeships for local young people
- ✓ Promote the London Living Wage to all Council contractors and providers
- ✓ Fight for the powers to stop the spread of betting shops, pawn brokers and money lenders on High Streets
- ✓ Free pop-and-shop parking in selected High Streets for 'quick' shopping visits
- ✓ Encourage residents to shop locally
- ✓ Continue with our work assisting businesses to access new streams of finance
- ✓ Assist start-up businesses
- ✓ Support small businesses to win contracts
- ✓ Develop a new decentralised energy network ensuring guaranteed low cost power for business and residents

A home to be proud of for everyone

- ✓ Continue with our ambitious plans to build over 10,000 new homes
- ✓ Re-develop and renew homes
- ✓ Improve Council homes with new kitchens, bathrooms and windows
- ✓ Continue our programme to make homes more energy efficient
- ✓ Improve the quality of private rented homes giving tenants better standards
- ✓ Bring illegally sub-let Council properties back into use
- ✓ Continue to return long term empty and derelict homes to family use

Opportunities for Enfield's next generation

- ✓ Offer free summer swimming sessions for children up to 16
- ✓ Improve opportunities for young people to get into education, work and apprenticeships
- ✓ Develop a Market Gardening business aiming to provide 1,200 jobs and training opportunities
- ✓ Provide detached youth workers for shopping areas to engage with young people
- ✓ Enhance the Youth Parliament's role in Enfield giving young people a voice
- ✓ Celebrate young people's innovation and creativity with science, arts and music awards
- ✓ Major investment in our library service with 2 rebuilds of old libraries
- ✓ Enfield will continue to provide community sport opportunities

Give all children a good start in life

- ✓ Work with GPs for better funding for healthcare in Enfield
- ✓ Create new GP centres in areas of high demand
- ✓ Tackle childhood obesity by restricting fast food outlets near schools
- ✓ Reduce inequalities in life expectancy through public health initiatives
- ✓ Promote access for sporting facilities for young people
- ✓ Help deliver better, affordable, childcare
- ✓ Ensure a school place for every child of statutory school age and increase the number of school places
- ✓ Improve standards and performance by working with schools
- ✓ Work closely with schools to widen the take up of new nutritious meals for all pupils