LAMBETH LABOUR MANIFESTO

Fair to everyone, ambitious for all

Use all 3 votes for Labour on May 22nd
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I am proud of what Labour has achieved over the last four years. We have made great strides in Lambeth despite the Lib Dem-Tory Government cutting the council’s funding in half.

We have frozen council tax for six years, attracted hundreds of jobs into the borough, and supported our now successful town centres and local businesses. We've delivered three new leisure centres in Clapham, Streatham and Norwood and brought many more council homes, roads and pavements up to a decent standard. We've given young people a voice through the Young Lambeth Cooperative and protected our most vulnerable citizens.

This doesn't just happen - it requires strong political leadership. Labour in Lambeth is ambitious for everyone and wants to provide opportunity to all.

In contrast the Lib Dems and Tories prove time and again how heartless they are nationally and how hopeless they are locally. If they had been in charge council tax would have rocketed - when they last ran the council they put it up by 40%. Leisure centres, affordable homes and new local jobs simply wouldn't have happened.

My pledge to you is that we will be fair to everyone and ambitious for all.

We want to work with you to make sure we are providing the best for our communities and residents.

Lambeth is a great borough - and by voting Labour on 22nd May, together we can make it even better.

Councillor Lib Peck
Labour Leader of Lambeth Council

Lambeth Labour pledges

- Help you with the rising cost of living by freezing council tax for the sixth year in a row
- Boost jobs and grow local businesses by offering every young person access to job support, training or an apprenticeship
- Make Lambeth cleaner and greener by resurfacing 130 miles of roads and pavements and recycling more waste than ever before
- Create safer neighbourhoods and build the homes we need by campaigning to protect community police and building 1,000 new council homes
- Give young people the best start in life by offering free breakfasts in all our primary schools
- Help to keep you healthy by getting more people involved in sporting activities and healthy exercise
Standing up for Lambeth

We have successfully campaigned to protect Lambeth from the Lib Dem-Tory cuts.

**Lambeth Labour have:**
- Saved Clapham Fire Station from closing when London’s Tory Mayor proposed to shut it and sell the land to private developers.
- Saved Gipsy Hill police station from closure.
- Won funding to create more local school places when the Lib Dem-Tory Government axed Labour’s Building Schools for the Future investment.

Lib Dem-Tory Government cuts to public services have slashed Lambeth’s funding by half. Meanwhile the budget of David Cameron’s West Oxfordshire council has increased by 3%. That’s not fair.

We have cut waste, reduced running costs and protected frontline services. But the scale of these cuts means there are tough choices ahead.

Lambeth Labour will keep council tax as low as possible and fund the services you value most: keeping neighbourhoods clean and tidy with weekly waste collection and a greatly expanded recycling service. We are committed to creating more jobs and investing in new affordable homes. We will make sure Lambeth’s award winning parks and leisure facilities - amongst the best in the capital - are available to all.
We know that times are tough. The Lib Dem-Tory Government and the Tory Mayor of London have done little to ease the burden on hardworking families. Instead they've handed tax breaks to millionaires. We will continue to fight for a fairer funding settlement from Government because Lambeth residents are losing out – with the biggest local cuts aimed at the boroughs with the greatest needs.

We will:

**Freeze council tax this year and keep it as low as possible for future years**
That means Lambeth Labour has frozen council tax for 6 years - an average household saving of £200.

**Keep rent rises for council homes as low as possible**
We reduced service charges this year and kept heating and water bills down.

**Pay the London Living Wage**
We will ensure our lowest paid staff receive at least the London Living Wage and press our contractors to do the same.

**Save money across the council**
By selling under-used council buildings, we will save council tax payers £4.5 million a year and create new office space, affordable homes and space for local businesses.

**Help reduce your fuel bills**
We will help people switch to cheaper energy providers by promoting the "Big London Energy Switch". And nationally a Labour Government would freeze your gas and electricity bills until 2017.

**Provide debt advice to residents who need it**
We will support a growing network of local money champions to give trained advice on how to make your money go further.
Boost jobs and grow local businesses

Too many people still don’t have a job. The Lib Dem-Tory Work Programme is a disaster and the government’s cuts affect thousands of people on low wages who need support to top up their income. Labour will help get people into work and a Labour Government’s Compulsory Jobs Guarantee will guarantee a job for any young person out of work for a year or more.

We Will:

Support the creation of 5,000 new jobs for local people
Lambeth Labour will work with small businesses and large employers to encourage them to employ local people.

Offer every young person access to job support, training or an apprenticeship
Lambeth Labour will support a network of employment and skills centres to ensure all young people are given the opportunity to get new skills, training and experience.

Set up a social enterprise with young people
Lambeth Labour would work with the charity London Youth to develop a project that gives young people work renovating empty homes and community buildings.

Support businesses to improve town centres
Lambeth Labour would boost trade in town centres, support small businesses and markets and help businesses set up Business Improvement Districts - bringing new opportunities to the local area.

Tackling payday lenders
Lambeth Labour will demand new planning powers to restrict the number of betting shops and payday loan companies in our town centres.

Reducing business rates
A Labour Government would cut then freeze business rates in 2015 and 2016, helping hundreds of Lambeth businesses.

HEARTLESS NATIONALLY
Under the Lib Dem-Tory Government nearly one million young people have been left languishing on the dole and in Lambeth the number of young people out of work for more than a year is up 35%.

HOPELESS LOCALLY
The Lib Dem-Tories want to block developments of homes, schools and new leisure centres in Streatham and Clapham costing hundreds of local jobs.
Make Lambeth cleaner and greener

Lambeth Labour want to work with you to improve your local environment so you can be proud of where you live. By fixing potholes, resurfacing roads and pavements and taking tough action on litter and fly-tipping, we will make local neighbourhoods cleaner and greener.

We Will:

Make the biggest ever investment in roads and pavements
That means upgrading 130 miles of roads and pavements, and fixing potholes.

Increase recycling rates and maintain a weekly bin collection
Lambeth Labour will make it easier for everyone to recycle as much waste as possible and offer community composting and food growing projects on all of our estates.

Tackle fly tipping, littering and dog foulers
Lambeth Labour would make sure the council’s enforcement teams prosecute persistent offenders who dump rubbish, litter and don’t pick up after their dogs.

Protect the environment by reducing the amount of energy we use
We will make our office buildings more energy efficient and support local community energy schemes. A Labour Government will cut VAT to 5% on home improvements and energy efficiency measures.

Make Lambeth the most cycle friendly borough in London
We will press the London Mayor to improve dangerous junctions and provide more cycle training. We will introduce a borough-wide 20mph limit to our roads and support the extension of the Play Streets scheme, giving children the chance to play safely outside their homes.

Saving on energy bills
A Labour Government would force energy companies to put all over-75s on their cheapest tariff, helping to save up to £200 per household per year.

HEARTLESS NATIONALLY
The Lib Dem-Tory Government has slashed support for solar energy and demonstrated its disdain for the environment with the woefully inadequate Green Deal.

HOPELESS LOCALLY
The Lib Dems opposed our new food waste and smaller bins which have boosted recycling rates and will save council tax payers millions.
Everybody has a right to feel safe in their own home. We will continue to work with police, Neighbourhood Watches and local businesses to keep you safe and your home secure.

**We Will:**

**Help make your home safe and secure from burglary**
Lambeth Labour’s ‘Lock it and Stop it’ scheme will fit high security front door locks free of charge for vulnerable residents and provide expert help and advice to all Lambeth residents to help them protect their home.

**Clamp down on anti-social behaviour**
Lambeth Labour will continue to take tough action against all forms of anti-social behaviour from noise nuisance to illegal trading. Our new single point of contact will make it easier for you to report anti-social behaviour, meaning the council can act more quickly.

**Help you set up a Neighbourhood Watch in your street**
Lambeth Labour will continue to support the growing number of Neighbourhood Watch schemes, who give their spare time to help make Lambeth safer.

**Make Lambeth a safer place for women and girls**
We will work with local night time venues to take harassment and assault seriously, and close them down if they don’t.

**Protect victims of domestic violence**
Lambeth Labour will continue to take the national lead on protecting victims of domestic violence and call for a London-wide approach to provide safe places for people to stay.

**More local police**
Lambeth Labour will call on the Mayor of London to give Lambeth our fair share of police officers and we will provide targeted help to neighbourhoods affected by gangs and demand that government hands over proceeds of crime to reinvest locally.
Building the homes we need

London is facing a housing crisis. Lambeth Labour believes everyone deserves to live in a decent home. Locally we will build new, genuinely affordable homes and put local people at the front of the queue. House prices and rents are rising fast, making it harder for ordinary people to live in London. Ending the housing crisis means making big decisions - to tackle unaffordable rents, giving tenants the security they deserve, and building the thousands of extra homes that Lambeth desperately needs.

We Will:

Build 1,000 new council homes
We’ve already started work to build the first new council homes in decades - we will build 1,000 over the next five years.

Putting local people at the front of the housing queue
Lambeth Labour will introduce local lettings policies to ensure local people have the chance to move into new affordable homes - and we’ll continue to be tough on squatters and illegal sub-letting.

Bring all our homes up to the Lambeth Housing Standard
Lambeth Labour will invest £450 million over five years to ensure that every Lambeth Living tenant has a home that is secure, warm and dry.

Get tough on repairs contractors
Lambeth Labour will ensure that Lambeth Living offers a better service to residents - including making sure that repairs are carried out right first time.

Push for a fairer deal for private renters
Lambeth Labour will improve security for private renters by pushing for longer leases and cracking down on the rip-off agencies and rogue landlords that are forcing rents and charges up.

Axe the Bedroom Tax
A Labour Government would scrap the hated bedroom tax.

Warning! Lib Dem-Tory Coalition

HEARTLESS NATIONALLY
The Lib Dem-Tory Government has cut all funding for new affordable housing, introduced the hated ‘Bedroom Tax’, and wants to abolish secure lifetime tenancies for residents in council housing.

HOPELESS LOCALLY
Local Lib Dem-Tories have consistently opposed Labour’s plans for new affordable housing - they won’t build the homes ordinary people need.
Lambeth’s schools are now amongst the best in the country

School results are improving year on year

Lambeth Labour will support families and young people. Under Lambeth Labour local school exam results have improved every single year and Ofsted rate Lambeth’s schools as the eighth best in the country. We will call on the Government to make sure all Lambeth schools employ qualified teachers and fight for fairer funding to create more school places where we need them.

We Will:

Make childcare more affordable
We’ll work with Lambeth parents to make childcare more affordable and suit their needs.

Provide free breakfasts in all our primary schools
Lambeth Labour will provide free breakfasts in all our primary schools.

Support local schools
Building on last year’s record breaking exam results, Labour Lambeth will work with local schools to make sure they can create more places and improve their school buildings so every Lambeth pupil has a safe, modern place to learn.

Protect Children’s Centre services
Lambeth Labour will continue supporting your successful network of Children’s Centres, so that young children and their families are able to get the support they need as early as possible.

Give more power to young people
Lambeth Labour will give members of the Youth Council and the Young Lambeth Cooperative the power to decide what play and youth services are provided in the borough.

HEARTLESS NATIONALLY
By scrapping Education Maintenance Allowance, trebling tuition fees and cancelling Labour’s school building programme, the Lib Dem-Tory Government has made it harder for our young people to reach their potential.

HOPELESS LOCALLY
The Lib Dem-Tories don’t think young people should have a voice - they opposed Lambeth’s Youth Mayor and voted against the Young Lambeth Cooperative.

Local children welcoming the 2012 Olympics
Help to keep you healthy

With three new leisure centres and continued investment in parks and libraries, Lambeth Labour provides lots of activities that help keep you healthy.

We will:

Help older people to live long, healthy and independent lives
Lambeth Labour will deliver major improvements to the quality of older people’s housing by investing £30m to modernise existing schemes and build new ‘extra care’ accommodation.

Set up a network of Health Champions
Lambeth Labour will work with local GPs and hospitals to encourage people to become Health Champions to help residents keep well.

Reduce isolation and promote wellbeing for older people
Lambeth Labour will work with local communities to set up a new Lambeth-wide befriending scheme and introduce a card to promote local facilities and activities to the elderly.

Improve mental health support
Lambeth Labour will expand the Living Well Collaborative, which supports vulnerable residents struggling with mental health issues.

Provide more opportunities to play sport
Lambeth Labour will provide discounts to people on low incomes and disabled residents so everyone can take part in sport.

Invest in libraries and parks
Lambeth Labour will work with residents and local groups to make more of our libraries and parks.

Reflect Lambeth’s diversity
Lambeth Labour will continue to embed equalities in every area of service and we are proud to open Britain’s first black heritage centre in Windrush Square in 2014.
We are committed to making Lambeth a great place to live and work.

Join us and give your support to Labour on May 22nd

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