Camden Labour

Standing together in tough times

Manifesto 2018-22
Camden is a special place. We have a vibrant and diverse borough where people look out for each other.

But years of austerity, kicked off by the Tory-Lib Dem coalition in 2010, puts what we love about our borough at risk. The council has lost half of its budget. The police have lost nearly a third of their officers. Our local NHS is facing a hole of almost £1 billion across North Central London and our schools’ national funding has reduced.

We expect things to get harder with more Conservative austerity looming and rising demand for services. Camden Labour will never walk away from these problems — we will fight to protect our public services and our residents.

Despite the grave challenges we face, we are optimistic about the future. We know that Camden has a rebellious and creative spirit. On every street and estate in our borough there are residents working to make Camden a better place.
Together we will stand up for our EU citizens. We will speak up for public services from schools to the NHS. We will work with the police and our communities to tackle the rise in crime in the borough and we will continue to take bold action to deal with the massive housing challenges we face in Camden.

Camden Labour wants to build an alternative here to Tory public service cuts, isolationism and extremism and we invite everyone who lives or works in Camden to help us. We believe in the public sector and the good that public services like libraries and Sure Start centres can do in communities to fight inequality and improve people’s lives.

We know that there are things that the council needs to improve and we want to do that with you. The people of Camden are the most powerful force we have and we want to work together to keep what we love about Camden alive.

Georgia Gould
Labour Leader of Camden Council
Camden Labour’s record

New council housing
We have built 229 council flats, invested in improving existing council homes and community facilities like employment space, community centres and schools.

- Camden Living Rent homes
  We have built the first 79 Camden Living Rent homes for key workers, such as nurses, police and teachers.

- Investing in comprehensive education
  We have invested £86 million into 48 schools and children’s centres so our young people have state-of-the-art buildings to learn in. We set up Camden Learning to protect what makes Camden education special — local authority comprehensive schools, connected to our communities.

- A campaigning council
  We have won concessions around green space, replacement homes and much more from HS2, halted damaging housing policies, made the case for more money for older people’s services and stopped the splitting up of Camden’s schools.

- Keeping residents safe
  We have increased spending on tackling domestic abuse and supporting those who experience it to safety and recovery. We have retained investment in CCTV, community presence officers and new teams to deal with drug-dealing and anti-social behaviour.

- Supporting children and young people
  We have grown Camden Sure Start with joined up health and education support to give all children the best start in life, delivered over 1,000 new apprenticeships, investing £5 million in youth services when many boroughs have cut all youth provision, and set up the Young
Progressive taxation where we have the power to act
We have introduced 150% council tax on empty second homes and we have taken more than 15,000 of the poorest residents out of paying council tax, and exempted foster carers and care-leavers from paying council tax.

Camden Foundation to bring in more money for youth sector projects. We are recognised by Ofsted for our work to keep children and young people safe.

• Investing in Camden’s vibrant voluntary sector
We have invested £5 million into our voluntary sector and kept a comprehensive welfare advice and financial support service going.

• Looking after private tenants
We have set up a social lettings agency for homeless families, and landlord licensing to protect tenants. Over 700 homes each year now receive home energy advice visits with £350,500 in efficiency grants being awarded to low-income privately-rented households since 2014.

• Working for cleaner air and streets
Recycling rates have increased. We have introduced new powers to combat engine idling, set up our first council-owned low carbon energy network, Somers Town Energy, now being expanded to include combined heat and power. We have introduced 20 miles per hour zones across the borough.

• A Living Wage borough
Camden Labour has led the way by guaranteeing all council staff are paid the London Living Wage and we have pushed the vast majority of our contractors to do the same; we have introduced a minimum guarantee of £20,000 for Camden’s own staff. We have signed up to the Unison Ethical Care Charter to make sure care workers in our borough have decent pay and conditions.

Proud to support the largest number of refugee families in London

Image Credit: (Mark Titchner)
We are proud of what we have achieved, but as austerity and inequality deepen under a Tory government, we believe the time has come to promote radical new ways to defend our families and communities.

Government underfunding means we will have smaller budgets and will still need to make savings.

We commit to working with the community every step of the way. We will be a campaigning council willing to fight for the changes that Camden needs to house, protect and educate our residents. We will not be afraid to take a root and branch look at how our services are provided and delivered alongside residents. We will critically challenge the outsourcing of services and commit to finding new ways to work together. Above all, we will put our residents at the heart of all we do.

Our principles

- **To be a campaigning party** that always speaks up for our residents and the issues they face — from austerity to HS2, from Brexit to air pollution.
- **To be determined and radical** in how we challenge inequalities in our borough.
- **To invest our money** in the things that make the biggest difference.
- **To make difficult decisions** with our communities, be open, honest and hold ourselves to account.
- **To work alongside anyone** who wants to protect what is special about Camden.
- **To make sure people have a say** in how services are organised and run and, wherever feasible, deliver them directly. Where this is not possible we will prioritise delivery through the voluntary sector, community organisations or cooperatives.
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We are calling on the government to back us to build the homes our communities desperately need.
We will build the homes our community needs

Camden is facing a housing crisis. Schools, hospitals and other public services are struggling to recruit as young people growing up in Camden are forced to live far away from the communities they call home.

Through our Community Investment Programme, we are determined to build more council housing and introduce more Camden Living Rent homes that allow nurses, police, teachers and other vital workers to live locally.

In 2010 Camden Labour stopped the local Tory/Lib Dem policy of selling off Camden council homes. While Tory boroughs like Barnet are tearing down council homes we have built 229 council homes with a further 800 to be built by 2025, the first council housing built in Camden in a generation. We are proud that this has allowed more than 1,000 residents to move out of damp, cramped and overcrowded homes into new state-of-the-art council housing.

Alongside these new homes we have invested in the community facilities that our residents need, such as schools, employment space and community centres. Whether our residents are private renters, home owners or social tenants, we want them all to feel part of the social mix that makes Camden great.

We are calling on the government to back us to build the homes our communities desperately need and give us the funding to do so.
Invest in new homes

- **Support the delivery of regeneration schemes** designed by and for our communities such as in Agar Grove, Gospel Oak and Haverstock — delivering better and new council homes for thousands of Camden residents.

- **Support the delivery of thousands of new jobs and homes** for local people in the Camley Street and Regis Road areas.

- **Maximise the number of social rent homes** on all Camden developments through the planning process. We will push this by making sure developers publish their behind-the-scenes calculations (viability assessments).

- **Provide 500 more Camden Living Rent homes** for key workers like teachers, nurses and voluntary sector staff, as well as young people who have grown up in Camden.

- **Explore new methods of construction** to reduce building costs, as well as using smaller sites to increase the supply of genuinely affordable housing. We will work with our communities to explore new community models such as inter-generational and co-living to promote innovation.

- **Invest in new state-of-the-art hostel accommodation** to give people a pathway out of homelessness.

- **Regeneration Pledge**, outlining our commitment to partnering and engaging with residents, including a ballot of existing and future eligible residents where we propose estate regeneration.

Make things better for tenants and leaseholders

- **Work with residents** to make sure our housing stock is safe and that we have the in-house capacity to lead and manage development and housing improvement.

- **Make it easier** to report and track repairs and noise nuisance.

- **Bring estate cleaning in-house** and build up the role of our caretakers.

Provide better homes for all

- **Support residents** in all home tenures to improve energy efficiency.

- **Take on rogue landlords** and make sure private tenants in shared homes have safe and suitable accommodation through our landlord licensing scheme.

- **Continue our strong track record of housing homeless families** by continuing to invest in homelessness prevention and, wherever possible, finding permanent accommodation in Camden.

- **Continue to fully scrutinise all planning applications** and enforce one of the most robust basement planning policies in the country.
Campaigning nationally

- Camden Labour stands ready to build more social housing. We need the government to get behind us and back us to build by:
  - Introducing a moratorium on Right to Buy, and if Right to Buy continues then the money raised to be locally-invested in new social housing
  - Freeing us from borrowing restrictions and re-instating government funding to support council housing
  - Investing in fire safety and sprinklers where they are identified as necessary
- End damaging cuts to housing benefits that are making so many of our families and young people homeless.
- For greater powers to enforce affordable and secure housing for private tenants in Camden.
- Campaign for a night-time visitor levy to tackle pressure on housing from hotels and accommodation agencies, where funds go directly back into local services.
- Fight the relaxation of planning rules that prevent local residents from having a voice in the planning process.

Put resident safety first

Following the tragedy at Grenfell we have put safety at the heart of everything we do. We have recruited a new Director of Resident Safety, the very first role of its kind in local government.

Less than ten of the estimated 800 blocks nationally with combustible ACM cladding have had it removed. We have removed all of the cladding from the Chalcots blocks and committed more than £50m to install a safe cladding system. We know it has been difficult for tenants on the estate but we have acted swiftly to ensure they are safe, despite no help from the government. We are committed to working with them, and tenants across Camden, to ensure their homes are of the highest standard of safety.

We are stepping in where the Tory government has failed. We will be pushing hard for them to keep their word and make sure Grenfell truly does change things nationally.

- Publish Fire Risk Assessments and action plans for all our blocks.
- Contribute to the national review of building regulations and make any recommended changes so our homes are of the highest safety standard.
- Work with our tenants and residents through our new fire safety panel and provide training on fire safety in estates.
- Build up our in-house capacity to oversee safety on our blocks.
We will give our young people the best start in life

Camden is brimming with culture, science, innovation and opportunity. We want every young person to have access to all this borough has to offer.

However, Camden also has the fourth highest level of child poverty in London. We want to make sure poverty is no barrier to young people growing up safe, healthy and able to thrive. We will continue to invest in children from their early years, through their education and into employment.

We believe in fostering the energy and creativity of Camden’s young people. To thrive, they need to feel safe, valued and that they belong. We are deeply concerned about the rise of youth violence in our communities and are committed to working with the police and our local communities to end this.

We will:

• **Continue investing in youth provision**, and create a new Youth Safety Fund to implement the recommendations of the youth safety task force.

• **Work to protect Camden’s family of schools** — our shared vision of a collaborative local comprehensive education system. We want all our students to achieve academic excellence and grow up to be active and engaged citizens. We will invest in Camden Learning to help our schools deal with government cuts and develop new vocational pathways.

• **Work to make sure every child in Camden has a place at one of our schools** and explore options for a school south of Euston Road.

• **Fight to protect what we already have** — Sure Start, domestic abuse victim support and support for families.

• **Seek to mitigate the impact of benefit changes** on our residents, particularly the recent introduction of Universal Credit.
We will work for gender equality in Camden

100 years of progress in women's rights has not brought us far enough, and has left too many behind.

Women in Camden disproportionately work in low-paid jobs, experience discrimination and fear for their safety. We want to actively take this on and work alongside Camden women to achieve equality.

We will:
- **Set up a Women’s Forum** with female leaders from different walks of life.
- **Support women who have been out of the labour market** due to caring responsibilities back into work through championing high-quality, flexible work, and launching a women returners’ programme.
- **Tackle the gender pay gap** using our procurement process and pension investments.
- **Challenge harmful gender stereotyping** and exploitation in our communities and schools.
- **Encourage and support women and girls in Camden** to take part in sport.
Together we can change the way we do things to make a cleaner, greener Camden
Residents from Holborn to Hampstead are deeply concerned about the air we breathe. Camden Labour made this the first borough in the country to sign up to the World Health Organisation’s tough air pollution targets. We want to see ambitious, collective action for cleaner air in our playgrounds, streets and parks.

We will support residents who are working to improve their neighbourhoods, from running Play Streets — where communities take over a road for a day — through to community/guerrilla gardening.

Camden Labour wants to plant more trees and work with local groups to “green” our streets, and we will be tough on the engine idlers, litterers and fly-tippers who ruin things for the rest of the community.

Eighty-five per cent of Camden household waste can be recycled but we recycle just a quarter of that — this has increased over the last year but we want to work with residents and businesses in Camden to go further, and end the “throw away” culture.

We will work with local residents and Camden’s in-house enforcement team to make sure our streets continue to be clean and well kept.

Together, we can change the way we do things to make a cleaner, greener Camden.
We will:

- **Plan our route to cleaner World Health Organisation air quality levels** and involve the borough’s residents and businesses in producing a Clean Air Action Plan which also tackles the important issue of carbon emissions.

- **Reduce air pollution** around our schools by supporting schools to close roads, and support a new School Low Emission Neighbourhood in NW3, investing £350,000 won from the mayor and using new powers to protect children from filthy air.

- **Create the next generation of cycle infrastructure** and take a more radical approach to make Camden a better place for walking, to reduce car dependency.

- **Support projects that make it easier to get around Camden by foot**, such as the Camden Highline project, a project designed to transform the disused railway between Camden Town and King’s Cross.

- **Continue weekly collection of food and recycling waste** and work with residents and businesses, including BIDs, to keep our streets clean, and drive up the borough’s recycling rate, including investing in recycling infrastructure on estates and in areas of high population turnover.

- **Link preventing food waste to saving people money**, minimising packaging and sharing food through innovative community projects. Food waste costs the average household around £500 a year.

- **Continue Camden in Bloom** and support the creation of new green spaces and new Play Streets, particularly targeting areas that are short of open space.

- **Push for electric buses and step-free access** at Camden stations, starting with Kentish Town and West Hampstead stations.

- **Implement our commitment to 100% LED street lighting**.

- **Double the number of electric car charging points** in Camden and continue to increase their number thereafter.

- **Double fly-tipping fines** to £400.

- **Become a plastic-free council** and campaign against the single-use culture in supermarkets and takeaway outlets.

- **Use the most advanced and sustainable vehicles** for our housing schemes and push private developers to adopt the same high standards.

- **Campaign for low-carbon investment options** through the London CIV and continue to maximise the clout of the Local Government Pension Scheme to challenge and change the behaviour of companies on environmental and social issues.

- **Appoint a tree-planting coordinator** in order to scope out new sites and make sure we plant as many new trees as possible across Camden.
We will encourage economic growth that works for Camden residents

Camden is at the heart of creativity and innovation in London, leading the world in science, technology, medicine and culture.

We want our borough to be the best place in London to start and grow a business.

In a borough like Camden everyone should have access to a good job, the chance to progress in their career and a fair share of the benefits of economic growth.

We want to create an economy where people keep learning throughout their lives and job flexibility does not mean exploitation.

We will support people out of poverty and help residents gain the skills and opportunities they need. We will invest more to support those who face discrimination, such as people with disabilities, or those from minority-ethnic backgrounds who face higher rates of unemployment than the rest of Camden’s society.

Camden Labour wants every young person to see themselves reflected in their leaders across every sector, championing representation from women, all social backgrounds, BAME communities, people with disabilities and LGBT+ communities.
Make Camden the best place to work

- Launch an inclusive growth charter that recognises and supports excellent employment practices to make good work for all a reality.
- Work with our businesses to increase the number of people who earn the London Living Wage, so that at least three out of four businesses in Camden pay the LLW where currently only 58% do.
- Ensure that Camden council’s employment practices and procurement processes always take account of wider social, economic and environmental impacts and outcomes and continue to be a Fair Trade and Living Wage council.
- Value the role of trade unions in helping us make good decisions. We are committed to continuing to develop a modern partnership with Camden’s unions.

Make Camden the best place to grow a business

- Increase the supply of affordable workspace so local people can easily start their own businesses.
- Continue to champion and support our music, theatre, cultural and creative industries. We will launch a new Evening and Night Time Economy Framework, supporting the sector while balancing the needs of residents.
- Continue to lead the way in sharing data through our Open Data platform and supporting greater use of modern, digital technology.
- Emphasise local procurement as part of a circular economy that keeps wealth generated by the community in the community.
- Set up a commission on re-invigorating Camden’s high streets and markets, looking at issues like the diversity of our high streets and long-term empty shops.

Make Camden the best place to progress

- Support 1,000 new apprenticeships by 2022 with a renewed focus on residents with disabilities.
- Deliver skills and jobs for the future through investment in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) hub to work with our schools and businesses to give our young people opportunities for experience, mentoring and inspiration. We want to protect arts education and the opportunity for our young people to express themselves creatively.
- Commit to life-long learning and jobs brokerage for unemployed residents in key sectors. Focus on those who are more likely to be unemployed, such as those with disabilities, people from BAME communities and the homeless.
We will:

- **Stand up for residents** to make sure the HS2 development around Euston delivers jobs, genuinely affordable homes and green space.

- **Work with residents** to make sure they influence the future of Euston through a Euston Citizens’ Assembly.

- **Hold HS2 to the assurances they have committed to**, from noise insulation and replacement housing to green space.

- **Work to protect Camden residents** from the impact of development through the creation of those new green spaces and new road safety measures.
We will work with the police and local residents to tackle rising crime

The Metropolitan Police have been forced to make cuts of £600m since 2010/11 with a further £400m expected by 2020/21. This £1bn cut to London’s police force is a false economy — the impact of crime ends up costing us all.

In July 2010 there were 863 police officers in Camden but we have now lost 264 officers to the cuts. We are also seeing closures of police counters, the visible presence of policing in our communities.

We are feeling the impact, with crime going up in Camden and London. Last year we saw an increase in recorded crime of 22% in our borough. Drug activity, youth violence, theft and moped-enabled crime are all becoming bigger problems.
The impact of **crime** ends up **costing us all**. We are **dedicated** to keeping residents safe.

We have continued to dedicate council resources to keeping residents safe by:

- maintaining funding for CCTV, and re-investing in our Holmes Road control centre.
- retaining council street patrols.
- setting up new teams of neighbourhood officers to tackle crime in the most affected areas.
- setting up the Youth Safety Taskforce.
- increasing funding for domestic abuse victim support.
- introducing the Late Night Levy and using the resource to invest in additional police officers.

**We are pushing the Tory government to**

- **Commit to no further cuts** to the Metropolitan Police.
- **Increase the government’s Police Grant** and put more local police officers on the streets.
- **Increase the funding that the Met receives** for policing a capital city, so that London gets a fair deal and residents can feel safer.

**We will continue to work hard to keep residents safe**

- **Invest in new hotspot teams** of police, community wardens and homelessness experts to take on the sources of crime, anti-social behaviour and drug dealing, and help rough sleepers at risk of exploitation receive support.
- **Invest extra resources for safety** on our estates, including a new housing patrol service with enhanced powers.
- **Create a youth safety fund** to implement the recommendations of the Youth Safety Taskforce. Continue knife violence prevention in our schools and youth centres.
We will ensure that improving health and wellbeing and reducing inequalities is a focus in all the council’s work.
We will help residents look after their physical and mental health

There are large health inequalities in Camden, with poverty drastically affecting peoples’ health and wellbeing.

Camden has some of the highest levels of mental health need in the country, and high levels of childhood obesity, but we also have people in our community suffering from malnutrition. Our population over the age of 70 is set to double over the next ten years and we want people to be able to enjoy their old age in good health. We want to see our residents through their strengths, not their vulnerabilities and help them to live independent, healthy and fulfilling lives.

We know that eating well, staying active and being socially connected can help keep people well and that it plays an important role in preventing ill health.

We will ensure that improving health and wellbeing and reducing inequality is a focus in all the council’s work, from housing through to green space, and we will encourage and support our residents to take action to improve their own health and wellbeing.

We will also call on the government to invest in the NHS and adult social care so that our residents are supported by quality public services.
We will:

• **Work with our voluntary sector and health providers** in Camden to tackle the health inequalities in our borough.

• **Distribute a £1.2m fund over two years** to invest in the voluntary sector to support rough sleepers, and help those who are feeling isolated due to mental health issues, or frailty, take a more active part in community life.

• **Work with our local NHS** to make sure residents get all the support they need close to home. We will help create neighbourhood teams where home care workers, district nurses, mental health support workers and GPs work alongside community groups to support people in their local community.

• **Implement our new approach to adult social care**, *Supporting People, Connecting Communities*, to improve the health and wellbeing and independence of older adults in our communities, investing in new technology and community support to achieve this.

• **Protect our community libraries** and work with residents to find imaginative ways of improving and maintaining existing council-run libraries so they remain at the heart of our community, signposting residents to other services.

• **Ensure there are plenty of leisure facilities and opportunities** for residents to stay active. We will make sure there are free activities and target free and concessionary rates for those most at need.

• **Produce a healthy food strategy** for Camden to make it easier for residents to enjoy affordable healthy meals. We will be looking for creative ideas to support food co-ops, community projects and social enterprises.

• **Continue support for breakfast clubs** at Camden schools so our children don’t go hungry.

• **Open a new Centre for Independent Living** as a state-of-the-art centre, run by disabled people for disabled people and helping to provide those residents with choice, control and new opportunities.

• **Create a Camden accessibility strategy** to improve the borough’s accessibility for all including those with dementia, learning and physical disabilities.

We will invest **£1.2m in the voluntary sector** to support those most in need, such as rough sleepers.
A national solution to the adult social care crisis. More than £3 billion has been cut from adult social care nationally. The government has given councils limited powers to raise council tax but that is nothing more than a sticking plaster. Local taxpayers should not be expected to fill the black hole created by ideological government cuts.

Changes that will help make the healthy choice the easy choice.

Defence of our NHS. We want to see a properly-funded NHS, free at the point of use. We will reject any top-down re-organisation of local services. We will only support changes to services which:

- Do not increase damaging privatisation.
- Have full, local democratic accountability and transparency.
- Are developed together with residents and patients.
- Are focused on improving accessibility to services and on improving the health and wellbeing of local people.
We are proud that to be a citizen of Camden is to be a citizen of the world
We will campaign to protect Camden's EU citizens and our strong links with the rest of Europe

In Camden we are proud to be the gateway to Europe through St. Pancras International. We are proud that to be a citizen of Camden is to be a citizen of the world — to live alongside people from every country who have made this borough their home.

Camden's European citizens are friends, neighbours and colleagues, with 24,000 residents born in other EU countries living in the borough and 36,000 working here. Camden Labour is determined that their voices are heard.

The Single Market and Customs Union are a bedrock for many of our businesses and public services. Many universities, research centres, hospitals and businesses in the borough have benefitted from freedom of movement within the European Union and they rely on a European workforce, EU funds and wider European networks to continue to be successful.

Following the Brexit vote, Camden Labour set up a cross-party Brexit working group to make sure we understood the impact of Brexit in our borough and could lobby for the best deal for our residents.
We are determined to protect their rights and the inclusive, open borough we love.

We will campaign for Camden’s people to send a strong, collective message that our great, diverse home rejects the isolationist path the Tory government is taking us down.

We will:

• **Defend the rights of Camden’s EU resident citizens** to live, work and vote in Camden and ensure they have political representation.

• **Continue to provide advice and support** for EU citizens living in Camden on their rights.

• **Maintain the closest possible relationship** with the rest of Europe.

• **Support the Mayor of London’s proposal** for a London Visa and any other proposal that may help the mobility of students and workers.

• **Continue to lobby** with local and national organisations for a Brexit deal that protects the prosperity of the borough and the cohesion of our citizens. We will campaign for a guarantee that the final decision on any Brexit deal not be taken before democratic legitimacy has been secured.

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**Protecting our diversity**

Many residents have raised fears that our communities are experiencing fragmentation following the Brexit vote. We believe our diversity is our greatest strength. We will work with residents to protect it and take on institutional racism wherever we find it. We will:

• **Celebrate the stories** and cultural diversity of our residents through the *Camden Alive* project after a successful funding bid to the Mayor’s London Borough of Culture Fund.

• **Embed cohesion across all our work**, in order to fight discrimination, celebrate diversity and promote inclusion.

• **Continue to work to bring together** the diverse communities of Camden and will maintain grants for our popular community festivals.

• **Challenge all forms of discrimination and hate crime including Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and homophobia** through the Camden Community Safety and Youth Offending Partnership Board.

• **Continue to publish data on the pay gap for BAME workers**, mirrored by the Mayor of London, and improve progression for BAME workers in Camden.
We will put residents at the heart of everything we do

Over the past few months, Camden’s Labour-run council led one of the biggest, open conversations the borough has ever had, asking what the community wanted for Camden in 2025. Our plans for Camden come from that community-led vision.

We want to work differently with residents, businesses and community partners — our goal is to open up the council at every level. We want everyone in Camden to think of the council as a place where they can go to help make change happen in their communities — where their voice and experience will be valued, listened to and acted upon.

To tackle the tough challenges we face, from air quality to obesity, we need to use the passion and expertise of our shared community.

We will:

• **Make it easier to talk with us** in the way you want — whether on our new website, over the phone, or face-to-face.

• **Commit to work in different ways** with our community partners. This includes giving residents the skills to be able to challenge the council and advocate on behalf of their communities.

• **Build a network** of peer-to-peer community champions who will work with their neighbours to improve
health, wellbeing and their shared environment.

- **Open up decision-making**, putting those people impacted at the heart of the process and making sure they have a voice.
- **Continue to support a new generation of community and civic leaders** through our Youth MP and Youth Council.
- **Give residents a role in making decisions** about how local developer contributions are spent.
- **Celebrate the contribution of Camden’s citizens** by supporting volunteering at all ages, and holding annual Camden civic awards.

We want everyone in Camden to think of the council as a place they can go to make change happen
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