

## Message from Ben

Exeter has gone from strength to strength since Labour took over running the city in the 1990s. It has been a huge privilege for me to work with local colleagues building Exeter's success. From the Met Office and new medical school to John Lewis and the Rugby World Cup, Exeter has become a thriving, forward-looking city, and one of the best places to live and work in the country.

In spite of deep Government cuts since 2010, Exeter's Labour Council has protected vital services while still having one of the lowest council tax rates in England. Contrast this with Conservative run County Hall, which has closed our care homes, cut youth services, turned off our street lights and left weeds to run riot.

Our NHS and other vital services won't survive another Conservative government.

Please use your vote on May 7th so I can continue to work with Exeter's Labour Council in the best interests of our city.





Ben Bradshaw and just some of the Exeter Labour Party Candidates, Councillors and Volunteers who work hard for Exeter throughout the year

Since 2010, the coalition Government has cut support to Exeter City Council by 40%. We have already saved over £9million, but will have to save another £4million by 2018. This will mean some difficult decisions. However, we will face these challenges together - working with people, community groups, businesses, the NHS and other local organisations to protect vital services and continuing to invest in the future of our city.



St Leonard's

# Ben Bradshaw and Labour's Local Council Candidates

Working together we have achieved a lot for Exeter and with your help and support on May 7th we can continue our work for the city.

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### **Keeping Our Promises**

In our 2014 local manifesto we promised communities a greater say in how local services are designed and delivered. We have kept that promise, working with allotment holders, council tenants and many other community groups over the past 12 months. Thousands of you responded to our Stronger Exeter consultation to tell us about the services and facilities you value. If re-elected, our next step is to consult on detailed budget proposals for the next 2 years.

This is a summary of progress on our promises so far, and what we plan to do next. Our full manifesto is available on our website: www.exeter-labour.org.uk

#### We have:

- 1. Secured Council approval for a new Swimming Pool and appointed designers
- 2. Introduced the Living Wage for City Council employees
- 3. Introduced new Council apprenticeships
- 4. Secured 35% social and affordable housing on new developments and built new lowenergy Council Houses.
- 5. Set up the Exeter Health & Wellbeing Board to improve working with the NHS
- Launched an Allotment Forum to improve communication and partnership working with allotment holders across the city
- 7. Invested in community and cultural projects with our Grants schemes
- 8. Supported the development of Exeter Pound to benefit local businesses
- 9. Worked with the Police and businesses to tackle the problem of Legal High shops
- 10. Secured commitments from developers to join the new district heating network in the Monkerton area.



Great Hill View Play Area, just one of our important community play areas.



Council built, low-energy homes, providing new homes and reducing fuel poverty.

#### We will:

- 1. Work on the next stage of the Swimming Pool, including consulting on the design
- 2. Introduce a Local Labour Agreement to increase local jobs in construction
- 3. Work with businesses to provide more apprenticeships for young people
- 4. Continue to build new energy-efficient Council Houses to reduce fuel poverty
- 5. Explore new ways to provide affordable homes, including co-operative housing
- Work together with residents and local businesses to build a legacy from the Rugby World Cup.
- 7. Work in partnership with local people to protect our parks and play areas
- Work with a credit union to improve access to ethical and affordable credit
- Support the completion of new train stations at Newcourt and Marsh Barton
- 10.Continue to work towards the delivery of the new Monkerton district heating scheme.