Labour is building a CITY OF OPPORTUNITY where everyone counts

When Labour won control of Southampton Council in 2012, we said we would get the City moving again - and we have.

Labour inherited chaos from the Tories in 2012. The dispute in 2011 left a million bin bags rotting on the streets and services falling apart, while investment in our City had stalled. Despite £65 million cuts to our budget from Westminster Tories, our first priority was to get Southampton’s economy moving again, creating new opportunities for local people.

Since 2012 your Labour Council has:

- Created over 600 jobs for local people, with 700 more planned at Watermark and about 1,000 in the next few years on the old Ford site
- Created 6,600 new apprenticeships so young people can get a decent training, leading to a decent job
- Kept open all 14 SureStart Centres and supported improvements in play areas at Peartree, St James’ Shirley, Houndwell Park and the Common to give youngsters the best start in life
- Protected services by working with local organisations to keep all libraries, the Oaklands Pool and youth centres OPEN.
- Increased house building by working with developers and housing associations to provide 422 affordable homes compared with a Tory target of 166.

The election on Thursday May 5th is about whether you want Labour or the Tories running Southampton

What is at risk if you vote Conservative?

**AT RISK** REGULAR BIN COLLECTIONS Remember the bin bags piled up on the streets last time the Tories were in charge?

**AT RISK** INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE Tories across Hampshire are shutting SureStart Centres. We have managed to keep all 14 in Southampton open.

**AT RISK** NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENTS The Tories were opposed to our Licensing Scheme for Homes of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) and the Late Night Levy that protect neighbourhoods.

**AT RISK** INVESTMENT IN HOMES Under the Tories renters will lose security, neighbourhoods are blighted by HMOs and Council housing will be sold off.

Southampton Labour - Building a City of Opportunity Where Everyone Counts
I have lived and worked in Southampton for many years and was proud to be chosen as Labour’s local candidate for Portswood ward. Portswood is a diverse ward and I recognise both the opportunities and challenges that this brings, from providing decent housing for everyone living here to creating a thriving and mixed high street on Portswood Road. These things are made difficult by the massive cuts to local services by the Tory government, but despite these cuts I will strive to work with you to make Portswood an even better place to live.

If you elect me in May 2016 my priorities would be:

- To tackle and work to maintain and improve the quality of housing in the area with the help of MP Alan Whitehead.
- To ensure that the City Council supports local charities and action groups such as Friends of Portswood Rec and Common Sense in their efforts to improve their local area.
- To defend our remaining local facilities against Tory Cuts.

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A Vote for Labour on 5th May is a Vote for

- Competent stewardship of your money so that Council Tax is frozen for the year ahead
- Attracting businesses to invest in jobs and affordable homes for local people
- Working with cruise ship bosses to cut diesel fumes polluting our air
- Keeping all SureStart centres and libraries open
- A fair lettings agency for renters
- Consulting on reducing the ratio of Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) and extending HMO additional licensing
- Doubling investment on road resurfacing
- Prioritising house building with a focus on starter homes

Labour Keeps All Libraries Open

Despite massive cuts to local services handed to us by the Tories, we are pleased to report that your Labour-run City Council has managed to keep all of the City’s libraries open. We’ve been working hard with organisations to provide the best possible library service at no extra cost.

Labour Freeze Your Council Tax

We’ve managed to freeze Council Tax, despite massive cuts to our budget by the Tories. Aside from George Osborne’s social care levy of nearly 2% there will be no extra increase to your Council Tax bill this year, in stark contrast to some Tory Councils in Hampshire who will be raising Council Tax by nearly 4%.

John Savage – Your Labour Candidate for Portswood

If you vote for any party other than Labour or do not vote at all, the Tories win and you lose

Make sure you’re registered to vote. Go to: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or ring Electoral Services 023 8083 2245

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