

North East Hampshire Labour Party

Meeting the challenges facing North East Hampshire

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Hampshire's County Councillors make decisions on essential services provided to residents throughout Hampshire. Decisions that affect everyone; decisions that affect you and your families.

The prevailing Conservative agenda has systematically stripped our communities of public assets, hit the poorest in society with welfare cuts, and assaults the autonomy of local authorities by starving them of funds.

The period of austerity is set to continue and that means even more cuts to the services on which our people, neighbourhoods, and businesses depend. Hampshire County Council has offered little resistance to that agenda.

But there is an alternative. We in the Labour Party do not accept that agenda as the best way forward, especially with the growth planned for this area. Labour wants to see investment in our communities for a better, more inclusive future for everyone and will strive to meet the challenges facing us by:

- protecting the environment in which we live
- maintaining the services and amenities we have
- improving those services that need it
- helping our town adapt to change and growth

It's time for a change.

Hampshire County Council Elections

Thursday 4th May 2017

Vote Labour





Joyce Still for Hartley Wintney, Eversley and Yateley West



Joyce has lived in Yateley since 1985 and was a member of Yateley Town Council for many years. Her three children all attended Yateley School where she was a school governor. She has worked as a nurse, midwife, district nurse and is now a health visitor.

Joyce is seeing on a personal level the negative effect of the Government's costly NHS reorganisation and how it is affecting her patients. She is also seeing the effects of the austerity cuts every day and is deeply concerned that many of the people she comes into contact with on a day to day basis are becoming more and more reliant on food banks.

Joyce is active in her union, Unite, especially for the Health Sector.

NHS and Social Care

More and more of existing funding provides profits for private sector suppliers. According to the regulator, social care is approaching a 'tipping point'. If nothing is done, in the next five years Frimley Health will see a funding gap of £236m, and Hampshire a gap of £577m in health and £192m in social care.

Labour is committed to investing in our "secure, publicly-provided NHS" and social care by challenging privatisation and ensuring corporations pay their fair share of tax. Hampshire Council's current response to this crisis is to propose to cut £55.7 million more from adult health and care in further "efficiency savings".

Transport

Did you think that local public transport provision couldn't get any worse? Think again. Some £19 million is set to be cut by Hampshire Council from its Economy, Environment and Transport Department budget in the next two years alone. These funding slashes will affect every section of our community; whether you commute to work, rely on buses to get to school, hospital, or family, or walk home on dim winter nights, your services are due to be needlessly sacrificed upon the altar of austerity. Our candidate will strive to protect our area's vital infrastructure in several ways, including bringing private bus services back into local government control and providing support for renationalising railways.

Local Schools

The government's plan to force all schools to become academies, irrespective of the views of parents, teachers and governing bodies, is driven by ideology, not educational best practice, and takes no account of the needs of local people. Theresa May's latest vanity project, the revival of grammar schools, is diverting desperately needed funding meant for all children into a system that privileges the very few. Labour councillors would help schools in North East Hampshire to challenge the damaging and expensive plans, of which Hampshire's own executive member for education called "[a] statement of policy [that] could lead to the country's education system imploding."

Housing

North East Hampshire has some of the least affordable housing in the country, with no sign of anyone in power at local or governmental level providing any solution. Nationally, house-building has fallen to its lowest peacetime rate since the 1920s. Rents are soaring, home ownership is plummeting, and more young people than ever are stuck living with their parents for longer, even while in full-time employment, unable to start their own families. We intend to apply pressure in accordance with Labour's promise to build over a million new homes and tackle the broken private rented sector, so that our children won't grow up in overcrowded and insecure housing.

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