

CHARNWOOD LABOUR MANIFESTO

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We understand times are tough, and we must look after every penny. Like households and their budgets, the next few years will be challenging for the Council and its budget too. We want to assure you that Labour will invest in services that you need, and which provide a tangible beneficial outcome. We won't spend money for the sake of it and we won't spend it on frivolous vanity projects.

Our promise to you:

- Costs are increasing everywhere so we will cap any rise in Council Tax to 3% for Charnwood. If we are in control of Charnwood after the elections and we can find a way to not increase it then we won't.

- Identify and implement a cost reduction strategy on departmental budgets so that services are provided as cost-effectively as possible.
- Put more money into our community grants to support and grow our voluntary and community sectors and re-introduce grants to Environmental projects throughout the Borough.
- Bring Out Sourced council services back in house where it proves more cost effective to do so.



GETTING YOUR ENERGY BILLS DOWN

We will create a fund to help residents in the Borough make their homes more energy efficient and warm, to help keep bills down.

The cost of heating your home and keeping it warm is a real worry. Nearly everyone has been hit with the spiralling cost of energy. Labour wants to help residents improve the energy efficiency of their homes. It is important to us that everyone feels safe, warm and comfortable in their homes without having to worry about their bills.

Our promise to you:

- To set up a fund to which households can apply to help make their homes more energy efficient.

- Work in partnership with Energy companies to provide direct help with those most vulnerable and those struggling with pre-payment meters.
- Provide insulation and safe cladding for our Council owned homes.



MAKING OUR STREETS TIDY

We will negotiate a new waste contract that will keep our streets clean and your bins empty. We will freeze the cost of brown bin collections.

Labour wants our bins to be collected on time, our streets rubbish free and litter bins to be emptied regularly. Once our current contract with Serco comes to an end, we will negotiate a new contract or bring it back in house and make sure whichever option is chosen it is one that keeps our Borough clean and litter free.

- Freeze brown bin garden waste collection charges.
- Maintain our parks and open spaces to the highest standard.
- Improve household recycling rates so that less of our waste goes to landfill.
- Regularly sweep your road.

Our Promise to you:

- Keep streets litter free and regularly swept.

FIXING OUR HOUSING CRISIS

We will provide more affordable social homes, while making sure that any new developments are only in sustainable areas, built sustainably and provide the infrastructure and services our residents need.

Labour understands the need for the right homes in the right places and that we need a lot more affordable homes in the Borough. Homes though need to be provided in sustainable locations and new developments need to provide the infrastructure and services to be able to cater for the additional people moving into an area. This has not always been the case recently and our towns and villages have been struggling.

Our Promise to you:

- Build more Council homes over the next four years and use money from right to buy proceeds to replace those sold.
- Develop a new local plan covering the whole of Charnwood that by default refuses any development outside of existing town or village boundaries and instead setting a preference for brownfield sites to be developed first.
- Mandate that developers build sustainable and energy efficient homes in order to gain planning permission in the Borough.
- Streamline the Council housing application service with all applications determined in 4 weeks and scrap the current bidding process for council homes and replace it with a quicker allocation service.
- Fix Council owned empty and void properties so that we can house more people and reduce the current spend on temporary accommodation.

MAKING OUR COMMUNITY GREENER AND SAFER

We will protect our green spaces and enhance biodiversity, have a fully electric vehicle fleet by 2030, and do our part to combat the environmental crisis. We will take a zero tolerance approach to Anti-Social behaviour so that you can live peacefully and quietly in your homes.

Our planet is precious to us and so is the Borough we live in. We all have a part to play in saving the planet and we believe the Council should take the lead. Reducing the council's own carbon emissions is the minimum you should expect from us. We want the council to take the lead and work with local businesses and community groups and be a driver for lasting change.

Our Promise to you:

- To invest in solar and wind power generation on council owned land.
- Strictly monitor the new incinerator in Shepshed to ensure that it operates as it should and not pollute the air.
- Provide car charging points in all council owned car parks including those in the villages.
- Set up a new Anti-Social Behaviour Enforcement team to tackle any instances of ASB quickly and enforce our zero-tolerance approach.
- Declare a climate emergency and work with local businesses to make our Borough the greenest it can be.

