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DELIVERING A DERBY TO BE PROUD OF

Our vision for Derby 2023 and beyond,
with a Labour Council and Labour Government



INTRODUCTION

From the Derby Labour Leadership Team

Derby, we know we are in hard times. There isn't a day we don't watch our spending, worry about our bills and watch our outgoings heading north. Thanks to the mismanagement and waste of funds over the last five years, council services are declining to a bare minimum and delivery of current and new projects is under threat. We know there is so much we need to do locally and nationally. Labour is here to listen and work with you to get all of us and our city back on track.



This May, you have the opportunity to vote for change!

This year's all-out election sees all 51 council seats up for election. 2024 will bring a desperately needed general election. If we want a thriving city and thriving people, a more equal society, a higher standard of living and a halt to climate & ecological breakdown, we NEED Labour leading the way. Many of our amazing candidates are Labour and Co-operative Candidates. We know that working cooperatively is the way forward. **With Labour in charge of the council and in charge of the country we will see investment once again, in our city, our infrastructure and our people.**

Until that change in government comes, Labour will be standing alongside you locally, prioritising council funds where they are most needed, listening to you, supporting you, making *PEOPLE* our top priority and preparing to deliver the vision of Derby we present here to you. We have listened to residents, charities, businesses and partners regarding what *YOU* want Derby City Council's priorities to be. In this time of financial uncertainty we have highlighted five key priorities. Our vision lays out what we aspire to deliver in our first year, over the four year term and what we will achieve for Derby with a long-term Labour council. We pledge to continue to listen to you and be guided by those who live, work and shape our city.

At the core of this manifesto, we put PEOPLE first. Our FIVE key priorities are built around you and your well-being. When we invest in people, the economy follows.

It's time for change. We know Derby deserves better; YOU deserve better. We are ready to deliver a Derby to be proud of. Trust our vision and use all your votes for Labour on May 4th.

Baggy Shanker & Nadine Peatfield

Since 2010 the Tory Government has starved local councils of the funding they need to deliver services and Derby is no exception. In the last five years the Conservative Administration of Derby City Council has wasted money, depleted reserves and made bad decisions.

THEY PROMISED:

A refurbished Assembly Rooms for £10m

Five years later and ££millions wasted, it remains an eyesore. Only a fraction of the funding required has been secured for a new theatre.

To have a "responsible but flexible approach to the use of the Council's reserves"

Labour left control in 2018 with a healthy £32m useable reserves. It is now dangerously under £10m.

A spending cap on use of Consultants

They have spent £22m on consultants since 2018.

To encourage recycling and reduce fly tipping by working to deliver a second major recycling and waste centre

No second centre, use of Raynesway tip is down, recycling figures are down, flytipping is rife.

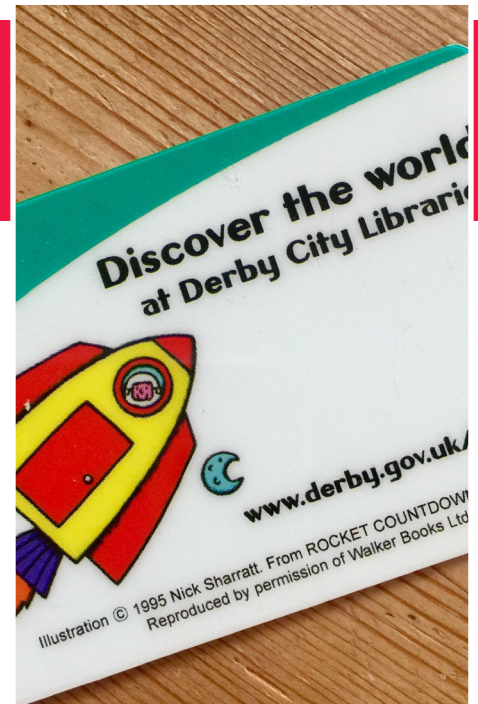
Putting people first

In our first year we will:



SAVE ASHGATE NURSERY AND WORK WITH PARTNERS TO KEEP LIBRARIES OPEN

People are our priority. Libraries will be key to connecting our neighbourhoods, delivering localised support through the cost of living crisis. Ashgate Nursery is a vital resource for Derby's children.



Labour's vision for creating a more equal city with opportunity for all:



- Create a Good Landlords' Charter incorporating minimum housing standards for Derby tenants
- Campaign for a real Living Wage for Derby
- Work with the current Food, Youth, Health, Faith, Poverty & Disability Alliances, creating new equality alliances to focus on levelling up inequality in Derby
- Work with partners to give paid and unpaid carers and end users a united voice



- Appoint a Cabinet Member for Inequalities, prioritising ending child hunger in Derby
- Host credit unions alongside council services, investigating city-wide credit union options
- Work in co-production with city partners, parents and carers to review Derby's SEND provision, its challenges, gaps and shortfalls. Dignity, not discrimination is key
- Embrace the diversity of Derby, celebrating different cultures through education, the arts and multi-cultural and multi-faith events
- Understand and measure our successes and the gaps in our society and across our city by introducing environmental, social and economic impact assessments
- Introduce a Derby Violence Reduction Partnership to bring together specialists to work with communities to reduce violence and causes, with added focus on knife crime and violence against women and girls



- The Derby Promise for every child:
 1. Opportunity of experiences through school to inspire
 2. Develop inspiration through work experience opportunities
 3. Live online vocational lessons with local experts
 4. 16+ options and opportunities in one place
 5. Wider apprenticeship options to nurture aspiration
 6. Next step 18+ guidance to achieve their aspiration
- Introduce positive youth programmes across the city
- Improving our city centre and neighbourhood environments with people's health and well-being in mind



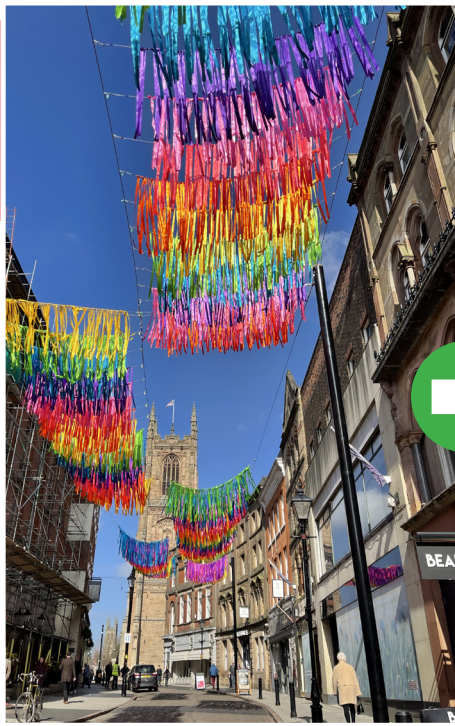
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A city centre for all

In our first year we will:



CREATE A CITY CENTRE TASK FORCE TO SAVE OUR HIGH STREET

Derby city centre is our priority. We will bring together expertise, businesses, organisations, trade unions and residents to transform our tired centre into a modern high street, giving Derby an identity, bringing vibrancy and pride back to Derby city centre.

Labour's vision for our city centre:



- Allocate a Cabinet Member for the city centre
- Launch a competition for local talent to create artwork, sculpture and signage for our city centre, entrances and exits that reflects Derby's identity and heritage
- Ensure our museums remain affordable, accessible and our cultural city offer is protected
- Develop an online, one-stop-shop of resources, support and information to encourage and support new businesses, co-operatives and social enterprises to take up space in our city centre
- Ensure Derby Market Hall is the right space for Derby businesses and visitors alike
- Support displaced Eagle Market traders to find a new home



- Make Derby city centre a safe, clean, accessible and welcoming place to spend a day without spending a fortune
- Utilise our historic buildings and landmarks, reimagining the beautiful buildings we have, supporting our vision for a city with a sense of belonging and participation
- Support community purchase of Assets of Community Value through share offers
- Support the University of Derby's aspirations for Derby Theatre
- Encourage the growth of a city centre up-cycling industry
- Shuttle services from Nightingale to Cathedral Quarter and from bus to train station



- Green regeneration and jobs through a joined-up green city plan from the train station to Cathedral Quarter, with green spaces for shade, clean air and well-being
- Create a city centre park
- Blue regeneration and celebration of our river, refocussing our city to the Derwent, bio-diversity and river access
- Reopen the Guildhall Theatre for community use
- Work with partners to deliver a centrally located swimming pool



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Protecting our planet

In our first year we will:

DELIVER A CLIMATE AND RECYCLING HUB

Decarbonisation is our priority. We will work with experienced partners to introduce a specialist climate hub providing a recycling centre for difficult to recycle items, training for greener jobs, climate education and development.



Labour's vision for becoming a de-carbonised city:

- Climate impact will be woven into council structure, becoming a prime priority before decisions are made
- Activate the Green Board and work cross-city to deliver short, medium and long-term actions to cut carbon and create a sustainable Derby
- Build a credible council climate department
- Support the creation of a not-for-profit solar panel loan scheme for high energy output businesses, with the profit being re-invested into home insulation grants
- Work with residents to develop low traffic neighbourhoods
- Support carbon reduction businesses to reduce single-use plastic
- Support the introduction of a Carbon Rating Scheme for businesses
- Produce a Clean Air Plan for the whole city
- Prioritise using available council land for community energy and green projects
- Community-led tree and hedge planting, green roofs and walls, street trees, urban agriculture and rewilding, creating a green corridor from Allestree to Alvaston
- Support the community re-wilding of Allestree Park and other areas across Derby
- Introduce safe & accessible cycle and active travel paths, segregated from traffic
- Grant schemes to support zero carbon communities and businesses
- Together with partners, deliver an Active Travel Hub to support our aim of cheaper, easier active travel in and around Derby and active travel plans for all schools
- Bring buses back into council control to improve services, increase routes and reduce fares
- Support an arms-length, not-for-profit retrofitting company to insulate our housing stock and retrofit heat pumps or thermal storage
- Invest in renewable energy such as solar farms

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Responsible leadership



In our first year we will:

REVIEW THE 2023 TORY BUDGET

Spending public money in the most supportive way is our priority. The Tory budget was a bad budget. Our first act upon taking control of Derby City Council will be to review the budget and make the changes necessary. We will also launch a campaign to demand the Government properly funds our council in order to provide our residents with the standard of services they deserve.

Labour's vision for a responsibly run, people first council:



- Welcome input into local and city-wide changes by diversifying and opening up the way we listen. Hold inclusive, meaningful and accessible consultations and where appropriate, public meetings
- Demonstrate responsible, ethical and climate-conscious spending in line with our key priorities
- Comply with our Socio-Economic Duty to avoid contributing to making people worse off



- Establish a Community Wealth Building strategy including:
 - Work with Trade Unions to achieve a council living wage
 - Local progressive procurement, suppliers & supply chains - redirecting money back into our local economy
 - Promote co-operative ownership of businesses
 - A local Community Bank & Co-operative development agency, investing in local businesses
- Implement localised Article 4s for better control of Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO)
- Create a Local Plan that ensures we get the best affordable housing projects that prioritise low carbon homes, space for nature, climate-conscious projects and investors, encouraging community-led housing projects and curbing HMO build-up
- Sign a Democracy and Diversity Declaration for Derby to educate, promote voter registration, encourage diversity in local politics and restore faith in democracy and the council



- Re-build our reserves to ensure we have the resilience to cope with unforeseen events
- Pay Foster Carers an adequate allowance to keep fostered children in family homes, not outsourced private companies
- Prevention-first policies for vulnerable children, working with partners to avoid children going in to care. Protection-first policies for those in care from County Lines, exploitation and supporting them in life opportunities as they become young adults



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Delivering your services



In our first year we will:

➔ OFFER A FREE BULKY WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

Cleaning up our communities is our priority. We will offer a FREE bulky waste collection service, introducing mattress recycling and other large recycling & reuse collection schemes with increased penalties for fly-tippers.

Labour's vision for delivering the services you need most:

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- Raynesway Tip will offer a variety of bookable appointments and open sessions
 - Work with partners to keep Derby's Libraries open
 - Increase street cleaning in our city centre
 - Introduce Twenty's Plenty and other traffic calming measures where there is demand or need
 - Install large, clear road restriction signs where fines are enforced
 - Prioritise our Neighbourhood Teams to tackle anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping, street drinking, support neighbourhood pride, community inclusion and development

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- Community Hubs will include Libraries, financial and specialist advice, a Locality team base (Public Protection Officers, Neighbourhood Officers, Councillors, NHS Local Area Co-ordinator), community shop and community space hire
 - Initiate a waste review to create a comprehensive waste strategy including school and home education on recycling, composting and source waste reduction
 - Work within legal and financial boundaries to keep the Sinfin Incinerator closed
 - Rethink our green spaces and grass verges, prioritising bio-diversity, encouraging natural barriers to grass verge parking

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- Rebuild our Public Protection Officer team back to full strength
 - Introduce School Safety Zones for all Derby schools
 - Invest in our road and pavement infrastructure while rebuilding our in-house highways resources
 - Introduce courtesy crossings at non-traffic light junctions to give people right of way before cars
 - Build energy-efficient, carbon-neutral social housing and affordable housing

➔ Within 1 year

➔ Within 4 years

➔ With a long-term Labour council

On May 4th 2023 all 51 council seats are up for election

That means this is your last chance to make a change to the way Derby City Council is run for 4 years. If you don't vote for change in this election, you won't get another opportunity until 2027.

In most wards you will be voting for *three councillors*, except for *Chaddesden Wards* where you will be voting for *two councillors*. **Please use all your votes to vote Labour.**

You will need photo ID to vote.

Visit www.electoralcommission.org.uk to check which forms of ID are acceptable or apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

If you would like to discuss our manifesto, request a postal vote form or any other enquiry, email labourlistens@derbylabourparty.co.uk



We are ready to deliver a Derby that you can be proud of

Vote for change. Vote Labour.



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