Protecting you and prioritising investment in tough times

Despite deep cuts from central government we were awarded “Council of the Year” in 2013, successfully oversaw the 2012 Olympic Games, and gained Royal Borough status. In these tough economic times we continue to focus on protecting services and prioritising growth and investment locally.

Over the last four years we've secured a number of major infrastructure projects. These include a new Crossrail station in Woolwich that will significantly cut journey times to central London and Heathrow Airport and a new Greenwich Centre on the Woolwich Road (due to open next year) that will include a new 820 sqm library, 25 metre swimming pool, learner pool, gym, cafe and creche.

These are just two examples of what we’ve managed to achieve in an extremely tough economic environment, building on our long record of improving the Borough through successful projects such as the redevelopment of General Gordon Square in Woolwich and the regeneration of the Peninsula.

If you vote for your Labour candidates on 22 May we will continue to work hard to protect local services and secure investment across the Borough.

In Blackheath Westcombe Ward

Over the last four years Nick Raynsford, Blackheath Westcombe Ward Councillor Alex Grant and Candidates Paul Morrissey, Cherry Parker and Damien Welfare have been working together, consulting with neighbours and businesses. The have:

- Ensured that Thomas Tallis and John Roan schools are rebuilt. We will fight to ensure the same for Invicta primary
- Refurbished council tenants’ homes. We will stand up for a better deal for private tenants.
- Pressed for the improvements at Maze Hill and Westcombe Park stations, and the lift at Blackheath, and helped to secure the 132 bus. We are pressing to minimise the disruption to passengers from the rebuilding of London Bridge, and for no-one to pay more.
- Improved the Royal Standard and refurbished Blackheath Library
- Worked closely with Lewisham councillors to keep a library open in Blackheath Village, and to promote the Village
- Opposed the Tories’ plans to cut the local police from six to as few as two
- Opposed new powers to cut maternity services, and close the A&E, at Lewisham Hospital
- Pioneered recycling, extended conservation areas, brought in 20 mph zones, and improved pedestrian crossings.

Council Tax Frozen for 7th Year in a row

We know how much strain the current government is putting you under, with the average family £1,600 worse off every year under this Conservative-led government, so we’re being careful with your money by freezing your Council Tax again.

The freeze will be the 7th year in a row our Labour Council has frozen your Council Tax. This maintains our record of keeping Council Tax low, while still providing the best services possible.

Council Tax in Labour-run Greenwich is now over £100 cheaper for a typical Band D property than in Tory-run Bromley and Bexley. It is also cheaper than similar rates in many other Conservative controlled Councils across London.

Over £70m has been cut from our Labour Council’s Budget by this Government. We will continue to protect the most vulnerable in our community and the jobs and services our families and neighbours rely on.

DID YOU KNOW?

Council tax for a typical Band D property is nearly £150 lower in Greenwich than in Bexley.

It is now lower than 22 other councils in London.
Let’s cut Crime, not Police Numbers

Greenwich Council part-funds the Violent and Organised Crime Unit (VOCU), a team of officers dedicated to tackling gang and knife crime.

We’ve recently set up a domestic violence police team (June 2013) which is already showing results.

Every category of crime has fallen in our borough for the last two years.

Tory Mayor of London’s cuts to the police has seen 1,700 police staff lost across the capital over the last two years including over 150 here in Greenwich.

Let’s cut Crime, not Police Numbers

Giving Our Children the best start

Greenwich Council will continue to improve educational attainment across our Borough with our local primary school pupils out-performing the national average at SATs. We’ve also committed to provide additional primary school places.

Last year nearly 90% of pupils achieved at least 5 A*-C GCSE grades in Greenwich secondary schools.

We’re also working hard to improve local facilities with Crown Woods, Eltham Hills and Thomas Tallis having already been re-built and a new John Roan School on the way.

Giving Our Children the best start

Defending our NHS

In 2010 the Conservatives said there would be no ‘top-down re-organisation of the NHS’ but since the election have spent £3.5bn on just that.

In spring 2010 they said they wouldn’t close Queen Mary’s A&E. It closed later in the year.

Labour opposed the proposals to close Lewisham’s A&E and maternity unit. This would have put more pressure on the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich.

The Council has also overseen plans to open the new Eltham Community Hospital.

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We’re here to help

Are there any issues that you would like to bring to the attention of your local Labour team? (please fill in the box below)

Which party do you most closely identify with?
- Labour
- Conservative
- Lib Dem
- Other (please say)
- I can deliver leaflets in my road
- I would like to join the Labour Party

Giving our Children the best start

Tackling Rogue Landlords

Our local Labour Council is working hard to tackle the housing crisis. We push for the highest number of truly affordable homes in all new developments to help people who grew up locally get on the housing ladder.

Our Council have also set up a team to tackle rogue landlords to stop local people from being ripped off by poor quality housing. The team have recovered 127 properties from illegal sub-letting this year alone.

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A Greener Greenwich

Our popular recycling system sees us recycle 40% of all the waste we collect, this make Greenwich one of the best in the country.

We are working to bring recycling to our blocks of flats and are committed to becoming the greenest council in London.

We are committed to making as much as the Borough cycle-friendly as possible and we have introduced 20mph Speed Limits across the Borough.

A Greener Greenwich

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