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Introduction from the Leader



I am proud to present this manifesto: Nottingham Labour’s vision for how we will improve the lives of people in our city.

Whether you live, work, visit or study in Nottingham, this is a clear plan for how we will continue our work to make things better for you.

To help us create this manifesto, we’ve listened to the people of Nottingham - and we know what matters to you. You’ve told us you want a council that can deliver on jobs and houses, cut anti-social behaviour and clean up your neighbourhoods.

Nottingham Labour has a strong track record in this - and while our manifesto has an immediate focus on the next four years, I believe it also builds on our past achievements and offers a firm foundation for how we can continue to build into the future.

We know this won’t be easy. We present this manifesto in the face of the ongoing financial challenges - from both the lack of investment from the Government, but also as we continue to recover from the pandemic. Our council is also currently on a journey of improvement - but I believe this will require us to be even more innovative and even more creative in the way we make changes for the better.

We know the people who live in Nottingham have so much potential and we believe we can unlock that potential with an active, well-run city council that supports and develops people, encourages growth and investment and provides people with security through essential public services.

This is an ambitious manifesto. Why should the people of Nottingham settle for any less? If elected to run the council, Nottingham Labour will work the pledges in this manifesto into an action plan to help achieve this vision for Nottingham.



Cllr David Mellen

Nottingham Labour's Vision for Nottingham

Nottingham is a great place to live. People here are proud of their city, care for each other and know things can be even better if we work together.

Our plan for the next four years sets out how we can come together to build a better city that is cleaner, greener, safer and has opportunities for everyone to achieve their full potential. Together we can help people with their household bills, build more affordable homes for local people, keep our streets and neighbourhoods clean, support people into work and safeguard our city for future generations by becoming the first carbon neutral city in the country by 2028.

We know this can be done because it is what we have been doing over the last four years. Out of the 140 pledges we made in 2019 we have delivered 127 of them. This includes building over 1,023 new affordable homes, helping 7,635 people into work, training or education alongside protecting welfare advice services, 75 Community Protection Officers, six leisure centres and 15 community libraries.

Nottingham Labour is the only party that sets out its vision for how the future can be better for everyone. Before every election we say what we want to do and report back on what we have done.

We ask you to use your vote on Thursday 4th May for Nottingham Labour so together we can continue to build a better and fairer future for our city.

Delivering on our promises

Report back on top five pledges:

- ✓ Delivered 1,023 new affordable homes for Nottingham people
- ✓ Created 9,953 new jobs for Nottingham people.
- ✓ Built the new Central Library which will open by the end of this year
- ✓ Cut anti-social behaviour by 7.4%
- ✓ Recruited 7,000 Clean Champions who regularly litter pick to keep neighbourhoods clean



The new Broad Marsh Car Park, Bus Station and Central Library as part of a transformed gateway to Nottingham city centre

20 things Nottingham Labour has delivered since 2019:

- 1** Provided 1,023 new affordable homes for local people
- 2** Protected private renters in 45,000 properties through strong licensing laws
- 3** Insulated 7,000 homes and installed over 4,000 solar panels
- 4** Planted 24,000 new trees across the city
- 5** Completed 2890 meters of new cycle paths
- 6** Supported 7,635 local people into work, training or education, including 2,228 young people
- 7** Maintained high quality green spaces with 74 Green Flag Awards for local parks
- 8** Invested in affordable and reliable public transport with 78 new electric buses through Nottingham City Transport
- 9** Facilitated £2 billion of investment to regenerate the southside of the city
- 10** Opened the Broad Marsh Car Park and Bus Station and the new Nottingham College Campus
- 11** Developed a vision for Broad Marsh Shopping Centre which has green space at its heart
- 12** Brought back 15 vacant sites into use to create jobs for local people
- 13** Provided free books to 5,944 Nottingham children through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- 14** Raised education standards with 86% of schools in Nottingham rated Good or Outstanding
- 15** Reduced anti-social behaviour by 7.4%
- 16** Installed 32 new CCTV in neighbourhoods and kept 75 Community Protection Officers
- 17** Filled in 48,632 potholes, resurfaced 84 footpaths and repaired 89 roads
- 18** Delivered a programme of family friendly events across Nottingham
- 19** Secured a Devolution deal with £1.14 billion worth of funding
- 20** Helped 20,000 people with councillor casework

Our top five pledges to you

1 Help Nottingham people cope with the cost of living crisis

2 Work with housing associations and house builders to provide 1,000 new affordable and social rented homes to rent or buy

3 Keep streets, neighbourhoods and the city centre clean

4 Become the first carbon neutral city in the country

5 Support 3,000 Nottingham people into work

Pledges to improve our city

Nottingham Labour's manifesto is guided by our belief that things can be better and that by working together we can build a fairer, safer, cleaner city with properly funded public services and opportunities for everyone.

We will do this by focusing on the things that matter to you:

- **Your money**
- **Your job**
- **Your home**
- **Your clean city**
- **Your environment**
- **Your community**
- **Your council services**
 - **Your health**
 - **Your family**
 - **Your city centre**
- **Getting about your city**
 - **Your leisure**
 - **Your safety**

In total we have put 105 pledges in this manifesto and if elected on Thursday 4th May we will adopt it into an action plan that we will report back to you on regularly.

Your cost of living

Labour run councils are essential to protecting people from the damage of the Government's cost of living crisis.

Despite reduced funding from the Government, the average council tax charged in Nottingham is amongst the lowest - 45th lowest of 309 local authorities in the country - whilst the city council maintains the services that matter to local people.

We have protected essential community spaces like local libraries, maintaining 15 across the City, built a new library in Sherwood and progressed work on the Central Library which will open this year. Through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library we have also provided free books to 5,944 Nottingham children over the last four years.

Thousands of Nottingham children have benefited from free holiday activity clubs each Summer, Easter, Christmas and October Half Term break since 2021. This year we secured £1.8 million from the Holiday Activities and Food programme to provide free holiday clubs for the 17,800 city pupils who are eligible for free school meals in the city.



Bulwell Forest Labour councillors advice surgery in Top Valley



Nottingham City Transport's Orange Line 36 bio-gas bus

Nottingham people also have a publicly owned bus company that is the envy of other cities, and we go above and beyond on concessionary passes for people in our city. We have also continued to improve insulation in homes, helping tackle the climate crisis and bring down people's energy bills.

Through our Nottingham Jobs Hub we have prioritised supporting people into opportunities, helping 7,635 local people into work, training or education in the last four years, including 2,228 young people. We have also protected the Council's welfare advice services and funded many voluntary groups who help local people get the support they are entitled to.

We know these challenges are not going away anytime soon which is why if we are elected, we will help Nottingham people cope with the cost of living crisis.

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- ✓ Continued to support residents into work through the Nottingham Jobs Hub - between April 2019 and June 2022, the City Council supported a total of 7,635 city residents into work
- ✓ Ensured all SME businesses have access to support through the Nottingham Growth Hub to help businesses grow the value of jobs on offer and worked directly with 500 SMEs run by under-represented groups
- ✓ Helped 500 people who are over 50 into work or training
- ✓ Encouraged and facilitated the development of low-cost supermarkets where they are wanted, such as on the Beechdale Baths site
- ✓ Helped people on low incomes to budget and manage their finances better and promoted Nottingham's Credit Union as an ethical alternative bank
- ✓ Continued to provide debt and benefit advice to thousands of Nottingham people, both through in-house provision and in partnership with the voluntary sector
- ✓ Supported thousands of Nottingham residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing practical and financial support

Your money

Our pledges for you...

- 1** Help Nottingham people cope with the cost of living crisis, including protecting the benefits and welfare advice service
- 2** Tackle inequality by launching an anti-poverty strategy
- 3** Ensure no household is excluded from online services and activities because of a lack of access to digital technology or decent broadband
- 4** Promote free food where it is needed and support community food hubs, working towards nutritious, affordable and culturally appropriate food for all
- 5** Address period poverty by providing free sanitary products in all our community centres and libraries
- 6** Make Nottingham a Real Living Wage city through the work of a Living Wage Officer, encouraging local employers to pay the Real Living Wage, so that people of all ages are paid a fair wage

Your job

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Support 3,000 Nottingham people into work
- 2** Promote decent, paid employment opportunities for people with disabilities and mental ill health
- 3** Support businesses to navigate financial support packages and grants available from Government
- 4** Work with the Green Partnership to provide workshops and information points for businesses wanting to make the switch to carbon neutrality
- 5** Support SMEs in Nottingham through the UK Shared Prosperity fund and help people into employment through the Nottingham Jobs Hub
- 6** Continue to support the BAME business sector, including ensuring that our procurement framework facilitates an increased number of under-represented groups in our supply chains
- 7** Promote and deliver an active corporate social responsibility agenda in Nottingham and encourage employers to provide work experience opportunities to Nottingham young people
- 8** Encourage Nottingham students to stay in the city after they graduate by providing greater employment opportunities
- 9** Campaign for overseas qualifications to be recognised in England, enabling those moving to Nottingham with skills to make a fair contribution
- 10** Target our support to help people into work towards those most likely to experience barriers in accessing employment
- 11** Seek to reduce the over representation of certain groups within the unemployment figures in the city, such as BAME populations, over 50s and those with disabilities



Since 2019 Nottingham Labour has helped 7,635 city residents into work

Your home and neighbourhood

Nottingham Labour believes everyone in our city deserves decent quality and affordable homes in neighbourhoods that are clean and have plenty of things for people to look forward to and enjoy.

We have prioritised council house building and provided over 1,023 new affordable homes since 2019. This includes 36 one-bedroom apartments in Clifton alongside an additional 120 new homes in Bestwood. Building warm, safe, and energy efficient new homes not only provides much needed housing but also helps bring derelict sites back into use, encouraging investment which creates more jobs and opportunity for local people. We have worked with developers to bring difficult industrial sites forward for housebuilding, particularly near to Trent Basin in Colwick.

A large proportion of our city population rent privately, and they too deserve high standards for their homes. Nottingham Labour protects tenants through strong licensing schemes which requires private landlords to obtain a licence, demonstrating that they and their properties meet good standards which everyone should expect. This is currently benefiting 45,000 renters in our city.



Basford Labour councillors unveiling new family homes at Daybrook Mews

We know Nottingham is a city where people are good neighbours and care for one another. This is why we prioritise the things which help make our communities stronger. Our annual programme of events across the city helps celebrate our diverse communities and brings people together as one city. We will continue to ensure there are events for people to look forward to in their local area.

Nottingham Labour shares the pride people feel about their city which is why we have always prioritised ensuring our neighbourhoods and city centre are clean and tidy. Through our Clean Champions Scheme we have recruited over 7000 volunteers who regularly give up their time to litter pick and we will recruit more volunteers over the next four years. We also know waste collection is essential to our climate aspirations and will be looking to roll out a city-wide food waste collection and increase Nottingham recycling rates.



Aspley Labour councillors litter picking

At the last election we promised and have delivered

- ✓ Brought communities together and created good neighbours through an extensive programme of community events and activities in every neighbourhood, reflecting and celebrating Nottingham's diversity
- ✓ Worked with partners to be a city that welcomes those in need of refuge or shelter
- ✓ Ensured the development of 4,000 new homes
- ✓ Delivered 1,023 new affordable homes for Nottingham people
- ✓ Encouraged purpose-built student accommodation in places where it reduces pressure on family housing
- ✓ Used our landlord licensing schemes and all other powers to improve the overall standards of private rented accommodation in Nottingham

Your home

Our Pledges to you...

- 1** Work with housing associations and house builders to provide 1,000 new affordable or social rented homes to rent or buy
- 2** Protect family homes by encouraging purpose-built student accommodation and build on our ambition for balanced communities
- 3** Work with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service to ensure every Nottingham home has a smoke alarm
- 4** Enforce higher standards in private rented homes by extending our licensing schemes across more areas of the city where the need is greatest
- 5** Work with the voluntary sector to reduce homelessness
- 6** End the use of hotel accommodation as temporary housing for homeless families in Nottingham
- 7** Ensure council tenants receive an improved service when Nottingham City Homes is brought back in-house
- 8** Proactively tackle damp and mould cases within council properties

Your clean city

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Keep streets, neighbourhoods and the city centre clean
- 2** Introduce a weekly food waste collection and increase Nottingham's recycling rate to 40%
- 3** Clear graffiti in public spaces and on public buildings within two working days
- 4** Increase the number of prosecutions for fly-tipping and street littering, expanding the use of CCTV in fly-tipping hotspots
- 5** Encourage and promote the work of our Clean Champions, and work with them to expand our network to 10,000 people
- 6** Continue to invest in Nottingham's neighbourhoods through the Decent Neighbourhoods Programme

Your community

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Work with partners to be a city that challenges systemic discrimination and works to be a fair place where everyone can thrive
- 2** Work with community groups to promote and hold annual cultural events in our communities, including Black History Month, South Asian Heritage Month, Pride, Carnival, Mela, Disability Awareness Month, International Women's Day and more
- 3** Work with faith communities as partners to help support the city's priorities and promote multi-faith events
- 4** Work with other councils to maximise the investment in Nottingham Communities through the Mayoral Combined Authority
- 5** Work with community organisations to continue to provide a network of community centres across the city

Our environment

Nottingham Labour believes we have a responsibility to safeguard our city for future generations. That's why we have led nationally on this issue and put together the most ambitious carbon reduction plan, aiming to be the first carbon neutral city in the country. It is not only essential for the environment but will also improve our quality of life as the air we breathe is cleaner, our bills cheaper and our neighbourhoods more attractive.

Since 2019 Nottingham Labour has been delivering on its Carbon Neutral Nottingham 2028 Action Plan. The latest data shows that since 2005, Nottingham has reduced overall CO₂ emissions in the city by half. These reductions put Nottingham in the top 10% of all local authorities for emissions reduction and enhances our city's reputation as a place that is leading on this important issue.

We have delivered this by ensuring over 7,000 social and private homes have been insulated since 2012 and over 4,000 social housing properties have had solar panels installed, both helping people heat their homes for less while also reducing carbon emissions. Over 50% of Council vehicles are Ultra Low Emission Vehicles and we have the highest number of Electric Vehicle Charging Points per head of population for any UK city, helping ensure the air we breathe is cleaner. Alongside this we have planted over 24,000 new trees since 2019, enhancing the natural beauty of a city as well as helping reduce our carbon footprint.



New trees outside Nottingham College



Cllr Sally Longford in an Electric Taxi

Achieving a greener future is the responsibility of everyone which is why we are working in partnership with local organisations, businesses and workplaces. Currently there are 1,700 city residents signed up to our Green Rewards app and free carbon literacy training is being offered to Nottingham City businesses. We are proud large organisations in the city such as The University of Nottingham, Trent University, Nottingham Universities Hospital NHS Trust and the Nottingham Justice Museum are all supporting Nottingham's carbon reduction effort through their own actions.

We will continue to build on this success and enhance Nottingham's reputation as a global leader in tackling climate change.

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- ✓ Planted over 24,000 trees across the city since April 2019, with thousands more planned
- ✓ Provided bee-friendly habitats in every neighbourhood
- ✓ Installed the highest number of EV charge points per head of population of any UK Core City, well above the national average, with 81 recently installed in the new Broad Marsh Car Park
- ✓ Been recognised as one of the top 120 cities in the world for climate action by a leading not-for-profit charity which focuses on climate disclosure and action
- ✓ Ensured over 50% of the Council's vehicle fleet are Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) with more planned



Electric vans and zero emission cargo bikes available to hire

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Continue to play a leading role nationally in tackling the climate and ecological emergencies, including becoming the first Carbon Neutral City in the country and a Net Zero Council by 2028
- 2** Replace city council vehicles and tools with electric as the default option
- 3** Engage with our diverse communities through a Nottingham Climate Assembly, working towards a more informed and resilient city
- 4** Support households to access high quality insulation and smart meters to reduce energy bills and carbon emissions
- 5** Continue to support energy efficiency and renewable energy generation projects to make Nottingham more energy self-sufficient and reduce our bills
- 6** Continue to reduce air pollution by campaigning for electrification of the railways and reducing motor transport on our streets
- 7** Support biodiversity across the city, by reducing herbicide use, planting trees and encouraging more volunteering in nature

- 8** Increase our efforts to tackle the Ecological Emergency by working across all areas of the Council and with partners to ensure that continuing enhancements to biodiversity and our natural environment are made in all parts of the city
- 9** Work with partners to increase protection for our communities from extreme weather events, such as flooding and heatwaves
- 10** Produce a Carbon Neutral Supplementary Planning Document to ask developers for more sustainable features in future new builds



Flowers blooming outside Wollaton Hall and Deer Park



New recycling points for small electrical items



Nottingham's Tram has more than 17 million passengers every year

Serving Nottingham

To tackle the issues our city faces we need hard-working councillors who are proud of the communities they serve and ambitious for their future.

All of Nottingham Labour's candidates at the coming elections live in the city and are motivated by their belief that things can be better and that by working together we can build a fairer city with properly funded public services and good paying jobs. Half of them are women, they reflect the diversity of the city, they range from people in their twenties to people in the seventies.

It is these values which guide our priorities and decisions and why in the face of reduced funding from central Government we have worked hard to maintain and improve the essential council services that local people need, while still having a balanced budget and delivering on our election pledges. We will continue to safeguard the city's finances, reduce debt and prioritise procuring goods and services from local businesses, wherever possible. We will work with the Trades Unions representing our dedicated staff to defend strong working practices and protections.



Nottingham Labour's 2019 intake of Women Councillors



Labour supporting Nottingham Pride

Our candidates know the challenges people in our city face. Every day they hear about the hardship people are facing because of the cost-of-living crisis and a decade of reduced Government funding. Since 2019 Nottingham Labour councillors have done 20,000 pieces of casework, helping people with issues such as housing repairs, welfare rights, anti-social behaviour and traffic. They hold advice surgeries at least monthly, regular consultations, ward walks and are proactive in tackling issues. As volunteers at regular litter picking sessions, Nottingham Labour candidates also ensure they help make their communities clean and tidy.

We will always put the interests and needs of Nottingham first and working with Labour's Members of Parliament, Labour councillors are a powerful voice to fight for the money and opportunities that our communities need and deserve.

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- ✓ Set a balanced budget for each year for the period 2022/23 to 2025/26
- ✓ Protected 6 leisure centre and 15 community libraries
- ✓ Generated £65 million through the sale of land and property the Council no longer requires
- ✓ Ensured 74.5% of council contracts are awarded to suppliers who pay the Real Living Wage
- ✓ Made sure students have a voice in elections by increasing voter registration in university managed-student halls by 17.7%
- ✓ Extended garden waste collection service to include November
- ✓ Helped 20,000 people with councillor casework, including housing repairs, anti-social behaviour, welfare advice and road repairs
- ✓ Distributed £100 million of Covid support grants to 3,000 local businesses
- ✓ Facilitated £2 billion of investment to regenerate the southside of the city
- ✓ Secured a Devolution deal with £1.14 billion worth of funding

Your Council

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Safeguard the city's finances so that the Council can continue to deliver high quality services for Nottingham people
- 2** Pay the Real Living Wage and become a Real Living Wage Council
- 3** Deliver a refreshed Workforce Strategy for care workers, including refreshed terms and conditions and levels of pay
- 4** Be a Stonewall top 100 employer
- 5** Ensure no 'fire and rehire' practices for council jobs and work with other employers to rid these practices from the city
- 6** Communicate the work of the city council in a proactive, accessible and community-friendly way
- 7** Scrutinise our own policies and practices to avoid structural or unconscious biases and challenge prejudice, and support and champion other organisations to do the same

- 8** Use our spending power to support the local economy, procuring goods and services locally wherever possible
- 9** Ensure that all city council buildings are breastfeeding-friendly and encourage other employers and venues to do the same
- 10** Work with our trade unions as the recognised voice of our workforce
- 11** Introduce a work experience scheme aimed at young people from Nottingham families where parents did not go to university
- 12** Ensure that Nottingham City Council remains a signatory to the Race At Work Charter
- 13** Work towards making Nottingham City Council an organisation that reflects the demographics of the city at all levels of the organisation

Labour councillor's pledges to you

- 1** Campaign tirelessly for a Labour Mayor of the Combined Authority who can deliver our Labour values right across the East Midlands
- 2** Hold regular advice surgeries for residents, seeking to address problems they face
- 3** Attend community events and resident meetings regularly
- 4** Respond to emails, phone calls and messages promptly
- 5** Go out regularly to see the issues being faced by residents



Labour activists out campaigning for a better Nottingham

Your health & family

The pandemic reminded us all just how fragile our health can be and how essential being in safe and loving homes is to ensure people have happy and successful lives.

We know the first few years of life can determine someone's future life chances which is why over the last four years we have worked hard to ensure children in Nottingham can have the best start in life possible. Through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, we provided a free book every month from birth to five years for over 10,000 of the poorest Nottingham children, introducing them to reading early which will help improve their attainment at school. Too many children in Nottingham have their potential squandered by unfair exclusions from school and we will continue to work with local schools, groups and parents to reduce this number and ensure children are in school and learning what they need to for later life.

The Nottingham Jobs Hub has supported 2,228 young people into learning and work over the last four years and we have also helped create 500 new apprenticeships to give young people the employment opportunities they need and deserve.



Cllr David Mellen reading to children as part of the Big Reading Challenge



Nottingham Labour is working to make Nottingham a UNICEF Child Friendly City

We have also worked to encourage new parents to breastfeed for longer to make babies healthier and protect them from infection. Many businesses across the city have also adopted breastfeeding friendly spaces to reduce the stigma associated with it. We have started our journey towards being recognised by UNICEF as a Child Friendly City and if elected we will contribute to this by providing books and toys in council buildings where children are waiting with their parents.

Preventing ill-health is much more effective than treating it and physical exercise can help ensure people do not suffer from a range of different health conditions. We will continue to work with partners such as Active Nottingham to promote the benefits of physical activity and increase the use of Nottingham's six leisure centres. The last four years has seen a number of park runs begin across the city and our expansion of Nottingham cycling lanes is helping make it easier to get around the city by bicycle.

Together we can make a healthy city, where people look after themselves and each other, and ensure children have the best start in life possible.

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- ✓ Provided a free book every month from birth to five years for over 10,000 Nottingham children
- ✓ Worked with more than 500 young people each year at risk of becoming involved in gangs and knife crime or at risk of exploitation
- ✓ Supported 1,000 Nottingham young people into learning and work, and worked with businesses to create 500 new apprenticeships
- ✓ Supported new mums to breastfeed for longer, increasing the number of mums breastfeeding at six weeks and encouraged businesses to go the extra mile to welcome breastfeeding mums
- ✓ Ensured free sanitary products are provided to young women who need them
- ✓ Increased opportunities for people in the City to become more physically active

Your health

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Help everyone live a healthy life by tackling underlying causes of ill health, such as poverty, poor housing and discrimination
- 2** Work with the NHS to ensure people get access to information, health checks and vaccinations, improving the vaccination rate in line with the national average
- 3** Work with community and voluntary organisations to support people to grow their own food in order to improve health and wellbeing
- 4** Work with partners such as the Active Nottingham partnership to promote the benefits of physical activity and improve participation, such as by supporting Park Runs in our city parks
- 5** Work with Nottingham schools to promote cycle proficiency training and work with the voluntary sector to offer more adults cycle training to help people get active
- 6** Ensure that Nottingham's older people and those with disabilities can access activities in their communities and have the support they need to do what matters to them
- 7** Lead the city by example, adopting a 'Women's Health at Work' policy, addressing issues including menopause

Your family

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Work towards becoming a UNICEF Child Friendly City
- 2** Work with local schools, groups and parents to reduce school exclusions and off-rolling
- 3** Host a range of parent/carer and toddler groups in council venues
- 4** Work with the Carers Federation to champion young carers in Nottingham
- 5** Put children's voices at the heart of our decision making, listening through our Primary Parliament, Youth Cabinet and Youth Climate Assembly and campaigning for the voting age to be lowered to 16
- 6** Work with schools to implement a Race Equality Action Plan in Nottingham
- 7** Extend the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, gifting a free book every month, to 2,000 more Nottingham children
- 8** Be a child friendly council by providing books and toys in council buildings where children are waiting with their parents
- 9** Help children in the council's care and those who are care experienced to achieve their potential and thrive
- 10** Develop an affordable and inclusive school uniform policy and work with schools to make life easier for Nottingham families in a cost of living crisis



Councillor Cheryl Barnard reading to Nottingham school children

Living in Nottingham

Nottingham is a great place to live, work, learn and have fun and we are proud of how our public transport, parks and open spaces, heritage and events are all nationally recognised for their high quality.

Our publicly owned and award-winning bus company, along with the tram network, help people get around the city with affordable and reliable routes. We are also making it easier to get around through alternative means of travel, completing more miles of cycle lanes where appropriate as well as introducing Electric Scooters and Electric Bicycle schemes. We have also prioritised maintaining our streets by filling in 48,632 potholes, resurfacing 84 footpaths and repairing 89 roads in the last four years.

Nottingham Labour values our green and open spaces and is proud that they are nationally recognised with 74 Nottingham parks being accredited with Green Flag Awards, the most anywhere outside of London. At the same time, we have ensured we maintain and improve the quality of our playgrounds with several being refurbished in the last four years, giving families positive activities in their local area. In 2019 we were pleased to see the completion of the new World War One Memorial at Victoria Embankment and look forward to the completion of improvements to the Memorial Gardens and the re-opening of the paddling pool.

We will continue work with the Theatre Royal, Nottingham Playhouse and Lakeside Theatre along with other cultural organisations to enrich the lives of local people and those who visit here. We have invested in libraries with a recently opened new library on Strelley Road and new libraries being completed in Sherwood and in the city centre.



Celebration in Market Square after Nottingham Forest were promoted

Through our programme of free and low-cost community and cultural events we ensure there is always something going on in Nottingham, whether it is the Goose Fair, Nottingham Beach or the Winter Wonderland in Old Market Square. Nottingham continues to attract world class sport and entertainment through venues such as the Nottingham Tennis Centre and the Motorpoint Arena, bringing people from all over the world.

Local businesses can be assured that Nottingham Labour will create clean and safe environments for them to operate, supporting them to grow and thrive. The ongoing transformation of Broad Marsh is essential to that. New green public spaces around the new Nottingham College building, along with the recently opened bus station and new car park, is attracting more people into the city to spend money supporting local businesses. When the new Central Library opens later this year, we will also be able to begin the first phase of work to create the Green Heart on part of the old Broad Marsh Shopping Centre site which will help further improve this important gateway to our city centre.

We will continue to make Nottingham a great place to live work, learn and have fun and build its global reputation.

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- ✓ Brought 20 vacant sites back into use for employment opportunities for local people
- ✓ Hosted international events for Nottingham residents and visitors
- ✓ Worked with the Nottingham Business Improvement District to maintain Nottingham's Purple Flag status
- ✓ Completed the World War One Centenary Nottingham Roll of Honour and successfully bid for funding to restore and improve Victoria Embankment Memorial Gardens
- ✓ Maintained and improved 100 play areas across the city
- ✓ Maintained 24-hour staffed CCTV monitoring
- ✓ Continued to enforce the city centre Public Space Protection Order to create a safer, cleaner and more enjoyable environment to visit
- ✓ Used Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in neighbourhoods that need it
- ✓ Filled 48,632 potholes, replaced 84 pavements and resurfaced 89 roads citywide
- ✓ Kept Nottingham moving through comprehensive road and pavement gritting and maintenance programmes
- ✓ Further developed Nottingham's cycle network by upgrading existing cycle routes to encourage more leisure and commuter cycling

Your city centre

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Seek funding for further heritage restoration projects in the city centre, including the Council House
- 2** Deliver a high biodiversity 'green heart' at the centre of the Broad Marsh redevelopment, in line with the results of the consultation and Broad Marsh Vision
- 3** Make Broad Marsh Car Park a connectivity hub with easy parking, bus and taxi access as well as electric bikes, scooters and electric disability vehicles to allow access to the city centre, creating an electric highway to the Market Square
- 4** Improve the experience for pedestrians in the south of the city centre by reducing traffic, creating social spaces, seating area and 'greening' the area
- 5** Restore the fountains in the Old Market Square so that Nottingham people can enjoy them once again
- 6** Continue to provide free public toilets in the city centre
- 7** Open the Council House regularly for Nottingham people

Getting about your city

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Improve the condition of Nottingham's road network, filling 40,000 potholes, resurfacing 100 roads and improving 50 pavements
- 2** Campaign to expand the existing tram network
- 3** Continue to expand Nottingham's excellent cycle network, by securing funding to create dedicated access to shops, schools and businesses, working through the Mayoral Combined Authority to improve connectivity with cycle highways
- 4** Maintain our reputation for the best public transport outside of London, continuing to value and promote our publicly owned bus company, Nottingham City Transport
- 5** Support the switch to electrified transport by creating electric vehicle car clubs and sustainable transport hubs in every neighbourhood
- 6** Promote the e-scooter rental scheme as a sustainable form of transport, encouraging careful riding and working with partners to take action against those riding dangerously
- 7** Make Nottingham pavements disability friendly, working towards 1.5m space on pavements, removing A boards and street clutter, as well as auditing our drop kerbs and protecting blue badge parking

Your leisure

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Restore the Embankment paddling pool
- 2** Bid for UK City of Culture by 2030
- 3** Create a community-led manifesto for high quality public art, invest in Nottingham's thriving artistic and cultural life, and support community arts
- 4** Work to ensure that Nottingham Castle becomes a thriving, internationally renowned tourist attraction as well as a locally treasured asset, opening for free to Nottingham residents at least three times a year
- 5** Maximise the potential of Nottingham's caves and reopen them to the public
- 6** Ensure every neighbourhood has access to a good quality local playground, maintaining at least 100 across the city
- 7** Ensure all our parks are accessible for children with disabilities and their carers and that there is at least one item of wheelchair or disability friendly play equipment in a playground in each area
- 8** Maintain a high-quality library service across our city and ensure Nottingham Central library is a quality place for all to access, with an excellent children's library
- 9** Continue to provide an extensive programme of free and affordable events for Nottingham people to enjoy
- 10** Retain UNESCO City of Literature Status and build on our literary heritage

Your safety

Our pledges to you...

- 1** Ensure Nottingham is a safe place to enjoy a night out, working with the Nottingham BID and the Police to achieve 'Purple Flag' accreditation
- 2** Cut crime and reduce anti-social behaviour by 10%
- 3** Fight for Nottingham to receive its fair share of police funding and for a central police station to remain in the city centre
- 4** Work with local schools, campaign groups and enforcement to make access to schools safer and greener
- 5** Work with the Police and community groups to make Nottingham's streets safer for women, continuing to call for misogyny hate crime to be nationally recognised
- 6** Work with the Police to implement our Hate Crime Strategy, increasing reporting and reducing repeat incidences of hate crime



Nottingham Light Night in Old Market Square



Nottingham Labour has protected 75 Community Protection Officers to work with the Police to make Nottingham safer



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