

Party Policies & Commitments - Council Elections 2010

Introduction

In compiling the following summaries of local party commitments we have used information from party manifestos or other information provided by the parties.

We have tried our best to portray each party's position as honestly as possible. In doing so we have excluded items that are:

- so general that they appear meaningless
- not in the council's control, e.g. things dependent on the results of lobbying central govt
- as far as we know, are merely commitments to complete existing projects

Labour Commits to.....



Ward Level

"Working hard to:

1. tackle illegal housing conversions and rogue landlords.
2. promote good quality rented accommodation and affordable housing.
3. support older people that need help with equipment in their homes.
4. work with the voluntary sector.
5. support Harringay festivals.
6. improve schools including buildings.
7. support safer school crossings.
8. support traffic calming measures.
9. deliver the improvement of Duckett's Common & other local parks.
10. deliver for cleaner streets.
11. promote more recycling.
12. deliver action against fly tipping.
13. deliver action on betting shops.



Borough Level

Crime & Anti-social Behaviour

1. Carry out anti-social behaviour workshops in schools.
2. Enforce a community focussed, zero tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour including action to tackle dangerous dogs.
3. Host a gang crime summit.
4. Introduce on-the-spot fines for dog mess and dumping.
5. Establish Neighbourhood Environmental Action Teams to tackle environmental problems.
6. Tackle rogue landlords.
7. Consult residents of housing estates about introducing a compulsory micro-chipping scheme for dogs on estates.
8. Clear dog mess in 24 hours.
9. Designate parks & open spaces as Dog Control Areas.

Brighter Future

1. Invest £8.5m in creating additional primary school places.
2. Create 300 new apprenticeships.
3. Develop a new credit union.
4. Provide adult learning facility for English language programmes.
5. Bring forward the regeneration of Lawrence Road.
6. Develop Marsh Lane as a centre for environmental business.
7. Start work on removing Tottenham Hale gyratory.

Environment

1. Make substantial progress on 40% carbon reduction target.
2. Establish a Carbon Management Service.
3. Establish an energy service company to enable use of greener more efficient power and energy systems in communities.
4. Expand the City Car Club.
5. Establish sustainable transport commission.
6. Work with traders to encourage shopping locally.
7. Ensure vibrant town centres including balancing needs of pedestrians and motorists.
8. Plant 1,000 new trees.
9. Invest in allotments and seek new places for growing food in new developments.
10. Manage waste to reduce landfill.

Neighbourhoods & Homes

1. Upgrade 15 play facilities.
2. Support the development of food co-operatives.
3. Encourage involvement of residents in looking after parks.
4. Establish 3 new nature reserves by 2014.
5. Step up use of Compulsory purchase of empty homes.
6. Tackle the proliferation of fast food outlets and take aways.
7. Seek new affordable homes.
8. Seek to bring forward building of new council homes.
9. Extra care housing for older residents by 2014.



Spending Wiseley

1. Keep Council Tax as low as possible.
2. Review spending to cut waste.
3. Give Area Assemblies greater control over local decisions.
4. Establish a self-help service to help all generations to work together to solve problems.

Liberal Democrats Commit to.....



Ward level

1. Carry out an appropriate holistic traffic survey of the ward and its immediate surroundings within the first two years.
2. Crack down on illegal conversions of family homes into flats and bedsits, using the council's existing enforcement powers.
3. Enforce controls on fly tipping and push for better, more frequent, street cleaning.
4. Reinvigorate local democracy by reforming our Area Assembly meetings - more inclusive and better publicised.
5. Introduce 24-hour policing in crime hotspots.
6. Install grit bins in Harringay ward.

Borough Level

Child Protection

1. Create a new scrutiny committee to identify failures & take action.
2. Commit £200,000 to a new training & development fund to support social workers & boost recruitment & retention.
3. Ring-fence Children's Services budget for five years.
4. Ensure better co-ordination & communication with other agencies involved in child protection.

Safer & Cleaner

1. Create at least 6 new 24 hour local policing teams in neighbourhoods most affected by crime.
2. 200 more litter bins.
3. More extensively resurface roads with the biggest pothole problems.
4. Treble number of grit bins.
5. Protect green spaces & parks from development.
6. Scrap current advertising campaign in parks & streets.
7. Boost policing in parks during summer holidays.



Power to residents

1. Devolve power to local assemblies including on spending.
2. Officers more accountable & accessible locally.
3. Devolve planning decisions as far as possible.
4. Make planning officers more accountable.
5. Make local housing service more accountable and accessible.
6. Allow opt-outs on digital aerial systems.

Spending Money

1. Freeze council tax till April 2012.
2. Scrap £11 million plan for new Civic Centre.
3. Divert spending from £3m PR budget to frontline services.
4. Invest in landmark historic buildings for community use.
5. Cut £250,000 from councillors' special responsibility budgets.
6. Protect Alexandra Palace & park for the use by the local community & improve its governance.

Environment

1. Put sustainability at the heart of everything.
2. Invest £5m in green projects.
3. Improve quantity & quality of recycling.
4. Cut Council's energy use.
5. Get more council services online.
6. Identify waste land to turn into allotments & community gardens.

Fairer

1. Back apprenticeships & internships including setting up 125 internships for local young people at Haringey Council.
2. Reinstate & extend access to free leisure services for older people with a new *Seniors' Leisure Card*.
3. New committee to scrutinise adult social care.
4. Develop a *Greener High Street Fund* to help urban regeneration by transforming run down high streets. Wood Green High Street will be the first priority.



Conservatives Commit to.....

Ward Level

Nothing Identified.

Borough Level

1. Save local health services.
2. Reduce Council Tax bills by £100 within 4 years.
3. Full CPZ review with local consultation.

Green Party Commits to.....



Ward Level

Nothing Identified.

Borough Level

Health and care

1. No privatisation of GP or other services.
2. Restore and expand health education and preventive services of all kinds; from foot care for the elderly to help with stopping smoking and avoiding alcohol and drug abuse.
3. Keep Sure Start, and health visitors to all newborn babies.
4. Cut social work bureaucracy, help social workers focus on families.
5. A social enterprise to provide social care on a non-profit basis.

Housing

1. Work to scrap the ALMO and bring Council housing back 'in house' with a real voice for tenants in how housing is run.
2. Warm, energy efficient homes; a mass insulation programme.
3. Build more council housing and bring empty homes (council and private) back into use.

Employment

1. Create jobs through a mass home insulation campaign, and through encouraging local renewable energy generation and local food production.
2. In Council services, we want to save energy to save money to save jobs.
3. All Council services and contractors to pay a London 'living wage' of £7.60 per hour. High management salaries should be capped to save money for the lower paid.
4. Support 'Buy Local' campaigns and measures to preserve small local shops.

Education

1. Good state-run local schools for all, no to 'academies' controlled by private companies.

Crime

1. Improve youth services to prevent boredom.
2. More preventive work with youth at risk of offending.
3. Attack alcohol abuse and drug abuse, which fuel crime better staffing of stations
4. Bring back park-keepers.
5. Make streets more pedestrian - friendly - more people walking means more people to look out for each other.

Matt Cuthbert Commits to.....

Ward Level

Nothing Identified.

Borough Level

Matt will support:

1. More sports participation & mentoring.
2. Parks.
3. Better representation for residents at council meetings.
4. Street safety and social respect.
5. Cultural diversity.
6. Green initiatives.

