

Nottingham Labour

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Nottingham**

Nottingham Labour- Proud of Nottingham

Since 2003 -

- Crime has been cut by 20%
- GCSE results have improved twice as fast as results nationally
- 113,000 more homes with kerbside recycling
- Halved the number of dirty streets in Nottingham
- Over £746million of public investment secured or committed to our City

Over the next 4 years we will:

- **Cut Crime** - by a further 25%
- **Make Nottingham England's cleanest big city** - and double Nottingham's rate of waste recycling
- **Raise Nottingham's aspirations** - with the fastest rate of improvement in exam results in the country and investment in early years education and parenting
- **Dramatically improve our neighbourhoods** - more investment in schools, pavements, street lighting and housing in every community.
- **Help make Nottingham one of the UK's top 3 'Science Cities'** - linking science and technology to help local schools, create local jobs and ensure sustainable growth.

Introduction

**Leader of Nottingham City Council,
Councillor Jon Collins**



This is Nottingham Labour's manifesto for our City and through it we will outline our plans for the future. We have been out and about talking to people who live and work in Nottingham and we hope this document reflects what you told us. We will continue to ask you what you think about the place you live and work in. We will do this through attending meetings of Tenants and Residents Groups, organising 'Labour Listens' events on relevant issues, and through our Councillors' Surgeries.

Nottingham Labour has always worked hard to tackle the issues that matter to you. Creating jobs and tackling unemployment, investing in schools and good education, trying to make Nottingham a place where we are all proud to live and can bring up our children safely.

Our Neighbourhoods – Labour's Big Project

Above all however, Nottingham Labour believes that it is in our neighbourhoods that people want to see change and it is for this reason that we want to put the Council's investment firmly and squarely into making that difference.

That's why during the next four-year term of the Council, we intend to secure a lasting improvement to the prosperity of all neighbourhoods. As a priority we intend to bring the life experience of those in our most deprived neighbourhoods up to that enjoyed by the majority in the conurbation. Our aim is to improve the quality of the environment, people's job prospects, aspirations of our children and young people. We wish to give people more involvement but in return we expect a greater contribution to making the neighbourhoods better.

At the core of our approach to neighbourhoods will be our commitment to creating sustainable communities with a mix of skills, incomes, types of homes and opportunities. We need to stop the unnecessary movement of people out of their neighbourhoods because of a shortage of the right type of home.

Local services will reflect local need, expectations and priorities as defined and agreed by local people. We believe you are the best people to be shaping the place where you live, which is why we will listen to, and act on, what you tell us

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about the priorities for your neighbourhood.

Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

We are successfully tackling crime and anti-social behaviour through our Respect for Nottingham campaign. All areas we focussed on have now improved – begging, prostitution, anti-social behaviour, street cleanliness and other environmental crime. We have employed 76 Neighbourhood Wardens to act as the Council's eyes and ears and who are enforcing the new legislation available to us to tackle the issues you have said are important to you.

Education and Training

We think a good education and training is the foundation which gives our children choice later on in life. That's why we are investing heavily in Sure Start, Children's Centres and our Primary and Secondary Schools. We are also actively supporting the development of Breakfast and After-school Clubs.

Transport

Nottingham has a reputation for being one of the UK's leading transport authorities. We have invested heavily in the transport infrastructure in Nottingham through constantly improving our Public Transport with modern and smart buses and the first Tram Line. We have been successful in getting the green light for our 2nd and 3rd Lines to take the Tram network out to Beeston and Chilwell and through to Clifton and Wilford. We are also radically tackling congestion and carbon emissions in our City Centre and elsewhere in the City.

Nottingham and the Outside World

In the 1990s Nottingham created more jobs than any other city in the UK. However many were in retail and the services. These jobs are important but if we are to make progress in the 21st Century then we need higher value added activity. Already Nottingham is becoming one of the major cities in the UK for Science and Technology innovation and the demand for land and facilities is growing. We will invest in Nottingham's future as a scientific and technological centre. We will harness this development as a major source of sustainable growth and jobs for local people.

Finally, in shaping our manifesto we feel that our values are important and are what makes Nottingham Labour different from the other

parties in Nottingham. We think governing the City is a shared responsibility and we want to do it **with you** rather than **for you**.

We believe in –

- Rights balanced by respect and responsibilities
- Making tackling poverty through job creation a priority
- Encouraging and building social cohesion
- Active community involvement and self-help
- A vibrant, ambitious city and pride in place
- Neighbourhoods and communities as the basis for delivering local services
- Delivery of quality services to our citizens and neighbourhoods
- Encouraging entrepreneurialism and citizens taking the initiative
- Supporting diversity and promoting mixed communities
- Supporting the climate change agenda 'Local Action – Global Protection'
- Councillors as accountable and active representatives
- The accountability that comes with Public ownership

But most of all we're proud of Nottingham, of the opportunities it offers and the people who live here. We will work hard to defend the City from those who try to put it down, who find fault in everything and those who don't respect it. We care about Nottingham as much as you do. Placing your vote and your trust in the Labour Party on 3rd May 2007 will make a difference: we promise a safer, cleaner, greener, ambitious Nottingham, a City we are all proud of.

1. Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods

We want to improve the way Nottingham feels for people living, working and visiting here. Over the next term of office we pledge to invest in housing and the environment to improve the quality of life for people living and working in our neighbourhoods. We will work with partners and local people to Transform Neighbourhoods to achieve radical change in our most deprived communities.

We have invested in our neighbourhood management infrastructure. We have set up Neighbourhood Teams to build on the successful work of our Area Committees. We have been successful in developing a wide range of neighbourhood working with examples such as the development of Children's Centres, local Community Safety Partnerships, Joint Services Centres and local engagement with a range of partners. We want to involve local residents with our service delivery. One example of good practice is the development of Neighbourhood Policing that we intend to roll out across the City.

Since the last election we have:

- Delivered phase 1 of the leisure centre transformation, through a renovation of John Carroll Leisure Centre and improvements at Ken Martin, Southglade and Portland Leisure Centres
- Allocated over £22 million to improve pavements and the local environment in a 3 year programme
- Appointed 9 Neighbourhood Managers to take responsibility for delivering City Council services at the local level
- Appointed town centre managers in Bulwell, Clifton and Sherwood to work to improve our Shopping Centres
- Encouraged balanced communities by working with residents and colleges to build new accommodation for students to free up family accommodation in residential areas,

Over the next 4 years a Labour City Council will:

- Seek to create sustainable communities with a mix of skills, income and opportunities. We wish to raise aspirations and expect in return a greater contribution to the Community. In particular we will work with developers and the ALMO to improve, secure or replace housing in rundown areas
- Work with the new Chief Executive and the Board of Nottingham City Homes to provide a better service to council tenants with fewer empty properties, better and more responsive repairs and a fairer housing allocations system. We will seek to achieve a 2* housing service. We will also work with tenants to deliver better than decent homes standard in every neighbourhood
- Replace every old street light in a £32 million replacement programme
- Deliver phase 2 of the Leisure Transformation programme – including new public swimming pools on the Djanogly Academy School site and a replacement for Beechdale pool next to Harvey Haddon Leisure Centre
- Increase further still the high level of spending on neighbourhood paths and environmental works. This means that between 2007 and 2012 we will be investing over £38m so that we can have a real impact on the quality of the local environment. **Local area committees will decide where and how the money will be spent.**

We will also:

- Identify and publish, as a basis for discussion with local people, the geographical neighbourhood areas that you have told us you feel you relate to. And when they have been agreed with you we will make them the basis of the way the City Council thinks, feels, works and is developed
- Increase the involvement of local people at neighbourhood level in determining and monitoring local services – for example on street services, parks, play areas, youth services, cleansing, grounds maintenance, roads and neighbourhood planning,
- Ensure that, as needs and expectations differ between neighbourhoods, so services

will be tailored to reflect that difference

- Systematically review our services and budgets to identify what can best be delivered at the neighbourhood level, learning from best practise nationally and internationally
- Let you know a timetable for introducing these changes, which we will introduce as soon as possible
- Set up Neighbourhood Environmental Action Teams to blitz environmental problems in each neighbourhood
- Work with the two Universities to develop the UNIPOL project in Nottingham to provide a "not for profit" accommodation agency offering student housing in ways that better fit with the needs of students and communities across the city
- Implement 20mph School Safety Zones outside every Nottingham School
- Replace or refurbish every Secondary School by 2012 and begin a programme of primary school improvement
- Improve Parks, provide a Warden in each major Park and invest to bring every Park to a Green Flag standard

2. Respect For Nottingham

We launched Respect for Nottingham in 2003 to deal with problems and issues that have been identified on the doorstep. Local people told us that they were tired of people begging in the City Centre, drug dealing, street prostitution and anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhoods. They also made it clear that they felt that litter and graffiti were a major problem.

Because these are the public's priorities we have been determined to make them our priority too. We have invested heavily in measure to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and wholeheartedly embraced legal changes brought in by the government to tackle these problems. This approach has worked despite the cynicism and often the opposition of Tory and Liberal Democrat Councillors.

Since the last election we have:

- Cut all crime by 20% and gun crime by 70%
- Employed 72 Community Protection Officers across the city – with a Neighbourhood Team in every area
- Employed four Anti-Social Behaviour Task Force Teams and a specialist Prostitution Task Force to tackle anti-social behaviour, prostitution and kerb crawling in our neighbourhoods
- Reduced street begging by over 80% percentage and cut the number of persistent street drinkers in the city
- Set up and funded weekly hot-spot tasking meetings with the police, youth services and other agencies to target resources at crime and anti-social behaviour hot-spots
- Seized and crushed over 130 mini motos
- Over the last 10 years we have helped more than halve the wait for drug rehabilitation

Over the next 4 years a Labour City Council will:

- Develop the package of measures necessary to make Nottingham 'Early Intervention City'. This means helping parents develop skills, which will improve their children's health and education and help prevent anti-social behaviour, truancy, and drug abuse
- Work with the Police and other partners to cut crime by a further 25%
- Increase the number of Wardens to 100 and integrate them into local Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Develop Youth Inclusion Projects across the city and boost funding to the youth service to help tackle the problem of gangs of young people on our streets
- Engage the top 50 anti-social Families in a touch programme of support and initiatives to tackle their behaviour. Failure to engage with the programme will lead to eviction and enforcement action.

We will also:

- Reduce the number of prolific street drinkers by 50% and introduce alcohol designation zones in District Shopping Centres and neighbourhoods where street drinking is a problem

- Evict tenants with convictions for drug dealing and violent offences
- Seize and crush mini-motos used on the streets and public land while campaigning for a national ban on their import and sale
- Continue to set a licensing framework in the city to reduce the number of nightclubs and big bars, to limit the number of casinos and encourage a diverse range of smaller venues and restaurants
- Constantly target the twenty worst managed licensed premises for enforcement action with the police, while promoting good management practice amongst responsible licensees
- Create a night-time warden team to tackle anti-social behaviour at night in the city centre
- Set up and support a new drugs squad with Nottingham Police
- Organise multi-agency "Days of Action" each year in every neighbourhood to target individuals and families involved in anti-social behaviour and low-level criminal activities
- Deliver, with probation officers and the police, an adult offending team to manage prolific offenders when they leave prison or are sentenced in the community
- Continue to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour in our communities by enforcing tough tenancy agreements.
- Develop the 14-19 Training and Apprenticeship programme to provide constructive alternatives for young people

3. Choose Nottingham

Nottingham is a great City, the Regional Capital of the East Midlands and one of England's 8 most important cities outside of London. It is also one of the UK's leading centres for scientific research and development. Nottingham Labour is committed to keeping it that way and to securing the major public investment to make that happen. This is not just for the sake of prestige but because it's the best way we can make sure local people have the opportunities and standard of living they want. We also know that the City needs to be vibrant and attractive to bring investment but that we

must then work hard to ensure the jobs created go to local people.

In contrast, our opponents have consistently opposed investment in the City and its infrastructure even when the money invested isn't Council money. In the past they were against building the Royal Concert Hall, the Ice Stadium, the Tram. More recently they have also refused to support investment in the Turning Point traffic scheme which aims to reduce congestion in the City, the New Market Square and City's new art gallery and are against Lines 2 and 3 of the Tram. In all they have opposed over £500 million of external funding into our City.

We want more people to **Choose Nottingham** as a place to live, work, visit and invest in and over the last 4 years we have set out to achieve this.

Since the last election we have:

- Improved the proportion of City residents working for the Council from 43% to 54% and ring fenced all "entry level" jobs for and training opportunities for people living locally
- Helped 1,353 people find employment and engaged over 4,000 more through Nottingham Works and the "Making the Connection" initiative
- Attracted £3.5 billion external investment into the City including £7 million for the Market Square, £11 million for the Turning Point Traffic and Pedestrianisation Scheme, around £800 million for Nottingham's Tram and £70 million for the development of Trinity Square, helping secure Nottingham's position in the top 5 UK shopping destinations
- Secured "Science City" status for Nottingham and helped build a strong partnership with the City's Universities, BioCity and bioscience industries to capitalise on this
- Secured funding from outside the City for a major new arts gallery and £6 million to restore Wollaton Hall and further develop the Castle and Newstead Abbey as major visitor attractions.

Over the next 4 years a Labour City Council will:

- Help turn Nottingham not only into one of the UK's top 3 cities for scientific and technology development but also a city which links this development with local jobs

and local schools

- Give all residents a free City card from the Council that will include free travel offers, discounts in shops and leisure centres, and incorporate a library and bus pass all in one card
- Continue to increase the number of City residents employed by the City Council, as a proportion of the total workforce, as a way of ensuring that our workforce better reflects the communities it serves. But also expand the scheme we have which helps get local people into local jobs. We will concentrate particularly on the building sector in which up to £2bn will be invested in the next 5 years
- Ensure that Nottingham will have one of the most extensive events programmes of any City. This will have a neighbourhood-centred approach complemented by citywide events. The range will cover all age, faith, ethnic and community groups. Within this there will be a Children's Festival during one of the school holiday periods
- Develop the tourism offer based on the promotion of Robin Hood as the internationally recognised symbol of identity for Nottingham
- Strengthen local civic pride.

We will also:

- Ensure local residents are linked with jobs and training opportunities in the construction industry that arise from new developments in the City
- Ensure provision of access courses for vulnerable young people and adults to give them the life skills they need
- Redouble our efforts to promote sustainable regeneration in the City supporting major initiatives including the Waterside, Southside and Eastside developments as well as the redevelopment of the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre
- Build on the success of "Making the Connection" to help local people get jobs with new employers who invest in Nottingham
- Support the development of the New Arts Exchange Centre for Community Arts in Hyson Green
- Develop a positive reputation for Nottingham building on the progress we have made towards becoming a safe,

clean, green and ambitious City

- Seek funding for to develop a new central library in the City centre

4. Serving Nottingham Better

Nottingham Labour believes that Nottingham residents should be able to expect the best service from their City Council. People wouldn't accept poor service from their bank or their supermarket and we believe Council services should better that performance. That is why we are always working to make it easier for people to access Council services.

Serving Nottingham Better is about delivering top quality services and part of that is listening to what local people want and responding to their needs. By doing this we hope to develop services that are flexible and deliver what Nottingham people want at every stage of their life.

Since the last election we have:

- Set up 'Infopoint' making it easier to access services and information and transforming the way in which the Council responds to enquiries
- Transformed the Housing Benefits into a service independently rated as "excellent" and amongst the best in the Country
- Giving residents a genuine say in how money is spent in their area, through area based consultation exercises that let local people decide how £22 million of neighbourhood investment should be spent in their neighbourhoods
- Established Clifton Cornerstone, and the Mary Potter Centre, the first of a number of Joint Service Centres bringing together health and a number of council services into new, purpose-built accommodation at the heart of two of our most established areas
- Expanded the Council's website to allow more payments to be made online, as well as the reporting of problems and access to information on Council services.

Over the next 4 years a Labour City Council will:

- Organise regular consultation meetings across the City so that the Council can listen and act on the comments of local people through a range of issues important to their neighbourhoods
- Establish two more Joint Housing, Health and Social Services centres in Hyson Green and Bulwell, building on the success we have had with Clifton Cornerstone
- Establish a new Customer Contact Centre to ensure more enquiries from the public are answered first time and without keeping people waiting on the phone
- Extend opening hours of key services to ensure Council services are available when people need them.
- Deliver over £1 million of efficiency savings over the next four years in addition to the Council's planned 'Gershon savings' and invest the money saved into front line services to tackle anti-social behaviour, improve street cleaning and recycling and invest in our schools

We will also:

- Continue to drive improvement in Council services so that the authority is independently rated as good or better
- Keep people informed of what the Council is doing and how it is responding to consultation through the Nottingham Arrow delivered monthly to everyone's door
- After saving £34million over the last 4 years, we will drive down costs by a further £18million by 2009/10
- Expand our (floating) support service to vulnerable service users in their own homes to help them sustain tenancies

5. Cleaner, Greener Nottingham

People care deeply about Nottingham and particularly how clean and well looked after it is. Nottingham Labour cares deeply about the cleanliness of City streets too, and we have already invested to make Nottingham the cleanest major City in England (over 200,000 population). However, we believe that we have to keep raising the bar and we will continue to invest in cleaner streets throughout the life of the Council.

Nottingham has always taken a positive approach to tackling environmental issues and caring for the planet as a whole. 2006 saw the launch of Respect for the Climate and Nottingham Labour is determined to work to ensure that our actions leave as little impact on the planet as possible.

Since the last election we have:

- Invested to ensure Nottingham became the cleanest Core City in England
- Delivered an expansion of the twin-bin kerbside recycling scheme to 47,000 city homes, lifting the number of homes with kerbside recycling to 113,000
- Continued our drive to making Nottingham's streets cleaner by installing 1,000 additional litterbins across the City, meaning dozens of new bins in each area
- Increased weekend and evening kerbside cleaning to ensure that rubbish is cleaned away as quickly as possible and with as little inconvenience as possible to local people
- Launched Respect for the Climate which included 60 measures to tackle climate change in Nottingham.

Over the next 4 years a Labour City Council will:

- Become the cleanest big city (over 200,000 population) in the country, and ensure District Shopping Centres are as clean as the City Centre,
- We will double our recycling to 40% of the City's waste by 2011

- We will significantly reduce the Council's energy consumption and seek to encourage all public and private organisations in the City to follow this lead
- Ensure that every house in the City has kerbside recycling for at least four recyclable items including glass.
- Use all planning and building regulations to raise environmental standards and campaign generally for a sustainable approach to all construction in the City

We will also:

- Create a Nottingham Carbon Offset Trust to allow individuals, companies and organisations in the City to support activities that counter the effects of global warming
- Increase the frequency of street cleaning in areas where the population density is highest and where standards remain below those experienced elsewhere in the City
- Promote Bio-diversity through the Council's Open Spaces and Nature Conservation Strategies
- Halve the number of incidents of graffiti and fly tipping occurring within the City
- Set up Neighbourhood Environmental Action Teams to tackle vandalism and blitz environmental and cleansing problems in neighbourhoods, reporting to each Neighbourhood Manager
- Ensure all bulky waste collections within the City are done by appointment within 10 days of being reported
- Transform Nottingham into a zero Carbon emission city, ensuring that Nottingham's success is not at the cost of the planet
- Increase the use of and drive a market for recycled goods through the Council's buying power and encourage private and public organisations in the city to follow this lead
- Significantly reduce the Council's energy and water consumption and fit solar panels and other energy generating and saving technology as standard to all new Council buildings.

6. Getting Around Nottingham

Nottingham's modern convenient transport system is one of our greatest strengths, but we're always looking to improve the service we offer and ensure more people are well connected through our public transport network. Nottingham's Tram is the best in the country and with two award-winning bus companies and one of the newest and most modern bus fleets in the country we have a lot to be proud of. We are also committed to reducing congestion and road traffic pollution in the city.

Since the last election we have:

- Delivered Line 1 of the Tram, the most successful tram line in the country
- Won Transport Authority of the year in 2003 and been judged excellent by government for the Local Transport Plans submitted over the last 4 years
- Developed the Link Bus Initiative – Uni-Link (Universities), Medi-Link (Hospitals), Work-Link (Industrial Estates and Large Employing Organisations) and Sky-Link (Nottingham with its Airport), My Bus – local bespoke bus services
- Introduced Kangaroo Tickets that allow for travel with different bus operators and on the Tram – one of the first cities in the country to deliver this
- Installed CCTV on buses and the Tram and worked with partners including the police to ensure that everyone is able to travel in comfort and safety.

Over the next 4 years a Labour City Council will:

- Continue work to deliver Lines 2 and 3 of the Tram – connecting the Meadows, Clifton, Wilford and the QMC.
- Redevelop Nottingham's Midland Station and create a full transport interchange between trains, trams, buses, bikes and cars
- Introduce the use of bio-fuels into the city's bus and vehicle fleet

- Improve the effectiveness and enforcement of bus lanes to ensure passengers get to their destination as quickly and easily as possible and expand the Medi-link bus service along the Ring Road.
- Introduce the Work Place Parking levy to encourage reduced congestion and traffic emissions but also to pay for investment in clean transport options within the city, including the Tram

7. Senior Nottingham

Nottingham has a large and growing over 60s community who we think deserve to live in comfortable homes and in stable and supportive communities. They need to have choices as they get older - they can choose to stay at home knowing that, if they become less mobile, help is available from the City Council and Health Services.

But, we also recognise that older doesn't always mean less mobile: there are a large number of independent, healthy older people who want to continue living life to the full and our services will help this happen too.

Since the last election we have:

- Expanded the City Card, broadening the concessionary fares scheme to cover the tram and areas outside the city boundary
- Included access to our Leisure Centres and Libraries with the City Card
- Supported the Nottingham Elders' Forum as a key opportunity for older people to have their voices heard about the quality and delivery of council services
- Invested £1.3 million in the last year alone to keep older people independent and in their own homes
- Achieved 2 star "Good" rating for services to older people and 2 star performance for our Supporting People programme.

Over the next 4 years a Labour City Council will:

- Deliver a Handyman service in each area

of Nottingham to carry out small jobs for older residents.

- Introduce extra 'Hoppa' flexible bus service to meet local neighbourhood needs and in particular those of the elderly and people with disabilities
- Further develop our citywide garden assistance scheme for older and disabled people
- Build the Clifton Elderly Persons Village, and develop further extra care packages for those that need it so that older people can stay independent for longer
- Roll out Telecare equipment for all our elderly service users and actively look at extending the provision of Telecare to all other elderly citizens in our city.

We will also:

- Work closely with groups, including the Nottingham Elders' Forum and Nottingham Pensioners' Action Group, to deliver improved services from the Council and other organisations delivering services to older people
- Ensure that Council continues to provide care packages for people with a wide range of moderate to severe care needs
- Further expand the City Card to include new discounts on retail and leisure in the City
- Develop a Nottingham Elders' Partnerships Board
- Support and encourage the Voluntary and Community Organisations working specifically with older people – for example Lunch Clubs and Home Care
- Support and encourage Black and Minority Ethnic organisations working with Black Elders in local communities.

8. A Nottingham for Young People

Education and Training have been a major priority for Nottingham Labour ever since Nottingham City took control for Education in 1997. That is why we have worked so hard to drive up school results, invest in modern school buildings and introduce job training courses for 14-16 year olds in our schools

Our vision for young people goes way beyond schools, however, to include, Children's Centres and Sure Start, Youth activities, and the opportunity for young people to make the most of what Nottingham has to offer

But we know that in order to improve the lives of many of our children, and in order to improve education standards to meet the economic challenges the City faces, we must concentrate on the early years of our children's lives to improve health, safety, behaviour and learning. We must also involve and help support parents and carers in bringing up their children. This will be one of the main priorities for the council in the next 4 years. Nottingham intends to be a national leader in what we call "Early Intervention" in order radically to improve the life chances of our children.

Since the last election we have:

- Achieved Nottingham's best ever GCSE, Key Stages 1, 2 and 3 results ensuring that more young people than ever leave school with the best possible start in life. Nottingham has the most improved education results in England.
- Expanded Sure Start and Children's Centres across the City, providing support and encouragement to parents and the best possible start for children
- Invested an additional £½ million in youth provision in the City
- Implemented a new 14-19 strategy aimed at providing job training at school for young people. Developed two new motor mechanic (Toyota) Training Centres in Top Valley and Dunkirk
- Secured £260million to rebuild all Secondary Schools in the City
- Delivered brand new primary investment in Aspley, Clifton and the Meadows, providing purpose-built classrooms for hundreds of young people.

Over The next 4 years a Labour City Council will:

- Try to ensure Nottingham continues to have the country's fastest rate of improvement in GCSE and other exam results
- Direct resources and energy towards the early years of a child's upbringing to ensure improved education, health and parenting in an attempt to give children in the city a better start in life. In this project we intend

to become the most advanced Council in the UK in this field

- Have plans and finance in place to renovate every secondary school in the City by 2012, and to begin a comprehensive programme of primary school replacement
- Provide access to quality child-care provision in every primary school from 8am to 6pm throughout the City by 2008. In addition we will provide 7.5 hours a week of free care for two year olds in disadvantaged households until at least 2010
- Invest in education for pupils with either learning difficulties or physical disabilities so that they have a choice of either mainstream or special school education

We will also:

- Expand the number of Children's Centres in the City to 16, ensuring even more children and parents gain advantage from the support they offer and that almost every area is covered
- Continue the re-organising of Primary Schools throughout the City to ensure that money is spent on teachers, books and equipment rather than underused buildings
- Ensure looked after children receive extra support through extra investment into residential children's homes and continued support for the adoption and fostering service
- Ensure every 14-16 who wants to, has access to job training in trades such as mechanics, construction, health care and retailing
- Provide an after-hours school programme in all Secondary Schools, a programme of youth work in every neighbourhood area and detached youth work teams
- Promote events, activities and eating habits which improve the health of children and their families

Labour's Pledge to You

Labour Councillors care passionately about Nottingham. They live in the City and use local services. Labour Councillors come from the local community and want the local community to be served well by the Council. That is why they make every effort to make themselves available at surgeries, on the phone and by e-mail.

It's not just in running the Council that Labour Councillors make a difference. Having a Labour Councillor means you will have someone who will represent you and everyone that lives locally and take on casework to ensure their residents get the best possible service. This is not always the case with Councillors from other parties.

Since the last election we have:

- Made ourselves available by phone, post and e-mail throughout our time in office
- Carried out literally thousands of pieces of casework for local residents
- Regularly attended meetings of the Council on which we serve
- Kept constituents up to date with mailings and newsletters
- Attended community groups and meetings in the ward on a regular basis.

If elected a Labour City Councillor will:

- Hold regular advice surgeries
- Deliver at least 2 newsletters or mailings a year
- Regularly attend meetings of the Council to ensure that the views and concerns of local residents are properly represented and listened to
- Regularly attend area committee and residents meetings
- Reply to residents' e-mails and telephone calls within a week at the latest, and hopefully before

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