Labour is delivering a fairer future for all in Southwark

Labour’s local manifesto inside

Labour will...

✔ build 11,000 new council homes
✔ guarantee education, employment or training for every 18 year old
✔ provide more affordable childcare including two new community nurseries
✔ make swimming and gyms free for all residents
✔ deliver a quality kitchen and bathroom for every council tenant

Use all 3 votes to vote Labour on May 22nd
In 2010, after eight years of a Lib Dem/Tory Council, you voted for Labour and our plan for a fairer future for all.

We have kept each and every promise we made to you. We ask for your support on May 22nd so that we can keep delivering a fairer future for all in Southwark.

**What we pledged...**

1. Make regeneration work for the community, not property developers
2. Halve the cost of meals on wheels
3. Council tax increases at inflation, improve collection and cut waste
4. Double the recycling rate
5. Extend CCTV coverage where it’s needed

**What we did...**

1. Over £153 million from developers for new affordable housing and over 900 jobs created using developers money
2. Delivered - now the lowest price in London
3. Froze council tax every year and now collecting £14.3million more in year by making sure people pay what they owe.
4. Increased recycling from 20% to 39%, introduced food waste recycling and opened a new recycling centre on the Old Kent Road.
5. Invested £1.4m in new CCTV across 20 estates – trebling detection since 2010

**We’ve kept our promises**
Delivering a fairer future for all - here’s how we’ll keep doing it.

4 years ago you elected Southwark Labour to deliver a fairer future for all. By listening and using your money wisely we have delivered the commitments we made to you such as free healthy school meals, doubled recycling, cut violent crime, built more and better homes and frozen council tax.

The Lib Dems and Tories in Government are hitting the poorest the hardest. They have slashed Southwark’s budget by more than a quarter and so we had to work hard to do more with less money.

Southwark is an amazing place. More and more people want to share in the new opportunities that we are creating every day. But there is still so much more to do to improve our schools, to get people into jobs and to build more affordable homes for local people. Labour is on your side and asking for your support and your vote on May 22nd, so that we can keep delivering a fairer future for all in Southwark.

Councillor Peter John, Labour Leader of Southwark Council

Labour is delivering a fairer future for all in Southwark - Open out the leaflet to see our plans to keep improving Southwark.

Every penny as if it’s from our own pocket

The Lib Dem/Tory Government has already cut Southwark’s budget by over £79 million with more to come. That is £249 for every man, woman and child in the borough. We have cut out waste and worked hard to get more out of every penny that we spend.
Southwark Labour: Delivering a fairer future for all...

...by creating quality affordable homes

✔️ We will build more homes of every kind including 11,000 new council homes.

London faces a housing crisis and needs new homes. Southwark Labour has already given permission for over 11,000 new homes of every type in the borough and have also started building 11,000 new council homes. Whether your home is privately rented, shared ownership, council or private, we will make sure there are more homes for local people.

Labour is getting the basics right: making every council home Warm, Dry and Safe, using money wisely and keeping your rents low.

- We will keep improving council homes. We will deliver a quality kitchen and bathroom for every council tenant.
- We must improve standards in privately rented homes. We will introduce compulsory licensing to crack down on rogue landlords.
- Leaseholders deserve to know they are getting a fair deal. We will put leaseholders in charge and establish an independent leaseholder management company to hold the Council properly to account.
- A repair is only good enough when you say it is good enough. We will introduce resident inspectors, putting you and your neighbours in control of repair quality.

- We’ve taken back 822 illegally sublet homes – the highest in the country. We will continue to stop illegal subletting, so that council homes only go to genuine tenants.
- With thousands of new homes being built, you and your family must come first. We will ensure that at least 50% of all new council homes go to people from that area, with the rest going to other Southwark residents.

WARNING! – Lib Dem/Tory Coalition
- Left a £600m hole in the housing budget, and a department independently judged as “failing”.
- 9,000 council homes were sold off or demolished under the Lib Dems/Tories. Labour are building 11,000 new homes!
Southwark Labour: Delivering a fairer future for all...

...by supporting the best start in life

✔ We will invest in our children’s centres to deliver more quality affordable childcare and open two new community nurseries.

We want parents to have quality affordable childcare which is why we have kept all our popular nurseries open. We will invest in the borough’s children’s centres and work with parents to set up two new community nurseries to increase the number of affordable places in the borough. We will launch a Childcare Commission to bring together experts, parents, providers and employers to find new ways to guarantee care and early education to help parents and carers to balance work and family life.

- We all want our children to get the best education. We will drive up standards. We want over 70% of students at every secondary to get at least five good GCSEs.

- More children than ever are getting their first choice of school. We will guarantee a local primary place for every child and open new secondary schools to meet demand.

- We all want our children to be healthy and have fun. We will ensure a top quality children’s playground in every local area, and extend free fruit to all primary school children as a morning snack.

- We must protect children when there is abuse or neglect. We will invest in early support for families, keeping young people safe at home and in our community.

- Children in care deserve a home where they are loved, safe and secure. We will help more people to foster and adopt by paying their Council Tax for them.

- Labour is funding university fees for 26 Southwark students on low incomes. We will double the number of Southwark Scholarships.

WARNING! – Lib Dem/Tory Coalition

- Campaigned against free healthy school meals and keep voting to cut funding needed to pay for it.

- Cut £6.1million of funding to nurseries in Southwark and backed plans to reduce childcare support by up to £1,500 per family.

Every child will have a local top quality playground.
Southwark Labour: Delivering a fairer future for all...

...by building a strong local economy

✓ We will make sure our young people are ready for work and guarantee education, employment or training for every school leaver.

Southwark is a borough of growth and opportunity: a great place to do business, and to work. We will support 5,000 local people into jobs and create 2,000 new apprenticeships over the next 4 years. We want to make sure that Southwark residents are at the front of the queue to get them. We will make sure that our young people are ready for work; we will guarantee that every school leaver has something to do whether training, education or a job.

- Small shopping parades rely on local and passing trade. We will provide an hour’s free parking in our shopping parades to help you shop locally.
- The Lib Dems scrapped child trust funds which helped young people save. We will open a credit union account with a £10 opening deposit for every 11 year old, and help them get good money advice.
- Businesses, small and large, should help shape business policy in the borough. We will establish a Southwark Business Forum.

- Our high streets should serve our communities. We will stop the spread of pawnbrokers, betting shops, gambling machines and payday lenders.
- High rents can stifle new businesses. We will invest in more affordable business space, street markets and encourage pop-up shops to help start up businesses.
- Southwark now has more than 200,000 jobs. We will support 5,000 more local people into jobs and create 2,000 new apprenticeships.

WARNING! - Lib Dem/Tory Coalition
- Opposed Labour’s Youth Fund providing funding, training and employment opportunities for young people in Southwark
- Voted against the money for Southwark staff to be paid the London Living Wage.
Southwark Labour: Delivering a fairer future for all...

...by supporting healthy and active lives

✔️ We will help people to stay fit and healthy by making swimming and gym use free for all residents.

Labour will make it easier for people to be healthy, so that in Southwark you can live a full life, whatever your age. We will help you to keep fit and so will make swimming and gym use free for all residents in our leisure centres. Labour is on your side to stay active, and by your side when you need extra support. We will drive up homecare standards, making sure our staff are only ever judged by the quality of care they provide to our older and more vulnerable residents.

- Labour has invested in better cycling. We will use Dutch expertise to deliver Southwark a safer cycling network and work with the Mayor to extend Bike Hire across the borough.
- Southwark Labour brought an end to the scandal of 15 minute visits to vulnerable people. We will implement an ethical care charter to drive up the quality of homecare, with better paid carers and an end to zero hours contracts.
- Our residents volunteer millions of hours of their time to Southwark. We will work with the voluntary and community sector to establish a commission to enhance this vital work.

- We want to make it easier for you to be healthier. We will double the number of free NHS health checks to catch problems like heart disease and diabetes.
- We want you to get the best out of Southwark, whatever your age. We will become an “Age Friendly Borough” to help do this.
- We’re making Southwark a 20mph borough to make our streets safer. We will introduce ‘play streets’, where some streets are closed to traffic during school holidays.

We’ll help you keep fit and lead a full and active life, getting the best from Southwark.

WARNING! – Lib Dem/Tory Coalition

- Lib Dems proposed a 137% increase in the price of Meals on Wheels for older people.
- When they ran the council, adult social care went from one of the best to the 8th worst in the country.
Southwark Labour: Delivering a fairer future for all...

...by getting the basics right

We will continue to keep your Council Tax low by delivering value for money in all our services.

In 2010, we promised to keep council tax at or below inflation. By spending wisely we have frozen it, so you are still paying the same as then. We make the same commitment to you today - our record shows that we can be trusted to keep your Council Tax low. We’re using money wisely, so even with 25% less money from the Coalition Government we are keeping our streets clean, improving bin collection and making the borough safer.

- We want clean, green and safe streets. We will keep your streets clean, and clamp down on people who litter or don’t clean up after their dogs.
- Labour has doubled recycling rates. We will continue to drive up recycling rates and divert more than 95% of waste away from landfill.
- We’ve brought down violent crime, and are cracking down on anti-social behaviour. We will go further with zero tolerance on noisy neighbours, increased CCTV and more estate security doors.
- Historic underinvestment in roads means we’re faced with expensive bills to fill potholes. We will double capital investment into roads making them safer with better surfaces for all roads users.
- Everyone has the right to feel safe. We will introduce a new Women’s Safety Charter and work with the Police to deliver a Domestic Violence Strategy.
- Regular estate cleaning doesn’t remove the old ground-in dirt. We will keep your estates clean and introduce new deep cleans of built-up grime in corridors, stairwells, lifts and bin rooms.

WARNING! - Lib Dem/Tory Coalition
- Put up Council Tax by 17½%. Labour froze it – saving you £400 since 2010.
- Since 2010 the Lib Dems have called for over £138million of new spending, that’s a 50% council tax rise for every family
Southwark Labour: Delivering a fairer future for all...

...by taking pride in our borough

✅ We will revitalise our neighbourhoods to make them places that we can all be proud to live and work in.

Labour is ambitious for Southwark’s future. After years of the Lib Dems and Tories talking down Southwark, Labour is transforming our borough for you and your neighbours. There is huge investment in Walworth, Camberwell and Peckham, and big improvements at the Elephant & Castle and Canada Water. We will have new leisure centres, affordable homes, libraries and community spaces. We want Southwark to be the best it can be, Labour is working to take Southwark forward.

- Government cuts mean lots of councils are closing libraries. We will invest in our libraries and keep them open, increasing access by giving a free library card to every secondary school child.

- We’ve doubled the parks which have reached the national green flag standard. We will bring at least ten more parks up to green flag standard.

- Saving energy keeps your costs down, and is the green thing to do. We will double the number of estates receiving green energy from SELCHP that’s powered by waste.

- Labour supports the growing reputation of our artistic and creative community. We will enhance and expand affordable studio and performance space and award scholarships to local young people from low income backgrounds to study art foundation courses in Southwark.

- We are proud of the vibrant and diverse cultures and backgrounds in Southwark. We will introduce a new diversity standard to make sure that people from every community get their voices included when decisions are made.

- The Tory Mayor has cut over 300 Southwark police officers and PCSOs since 2010. We will campaign to get them back.

We're keeping our libraries open, with modern spaces for homework and study.

WARNING! - Lib Dem/Tory Coalition

- Lib Dem proposals mean developers will land-bank empty sites rather than building desperately needed new homes.

- Voted against Labour’s plans to keep all 12 Southwark libraries open.
The Lib Dems cannot win in Southwark, they always have to work with the Tories, just like they are doing in the Coalition Government.