

“LABOUR – TAKING THE CITY FORWARD”

Like many others, I came to Brighton and Hove as a student and never left. Over the last 15 years, I have seen the city transformed. Derelict buildings have gone and empty sites have been filled with modern and attractive developments and with a number of exciting ones to follow. Our Regency heritage has been restored and has never looked better.

Unemployment is at an all-time low and the fastest growing sector is in the arts and creative industries, meaning that there is always a choice about how to be entertained for an evening; we are turning out Brighton University trained fashion designers and interactive computer games which sell around the world.

One of the things I love most about this city is how age doesn't seem to matter; older people move here to enjoy retirement to the full, rather than take a rest. And the city has become more and more diverse, reflected in celebrations throughout the year.

Crime is low and our streets are cleaner. Our parks look great, are enjoyed by all ages and host many colourful events. The seafront playgrounds are real wonderlands for little ones. As well as the myriad of summer festivals in different areas of the city, there are special events that only happen here like Burning of the Clocks, Brighton Pride and the fabulous Children's Parade which kicks off the largest arts festival in England each year.

We have a beautiful new central library in Jubilee Square where you can surf the web, enjoy music, films or stories or simply read a newspaper while the wonderfully restored Dome and Museum arts complex is just a short stroll away. At the heart of our city we have proved how new services can be delivered in cutting edge sustainable buildings, whilst heritage is cherished for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

My children are thriving in school and enjoy so much here; watching an Albion game, acrobatics classes, a walk on the Downs or across the beach, street parties or a bus ride across the city to visit friends.

When I tell people I'm from Brighton and Hove they look interested and envious because they know what a lot we have to offer and how we are transforming into one of the most exciting cities in the UK.

So much of what we benefit from today was created under a Labour Council and it was no accident. In 1999 we made the successful bid to become the first new city of the Millennium and were delighted to be made one by the Queen. Some people moaned about brash Brighton and haughty Hove being melded together but we've shown communities can celebrate their differences whilst feeling part of a great city.

In my family, we know we could never live anywhere else but we are part of a generation that must look to the future with a greater sense of urgency than ever before. That's why the Labour-led council has been working in partnership planning for the future and taking measures to reduce car journeys, save energy and reduce our carbon footprint.

So, I am disappointed when people knock this great city of ours. I hope you'll agree this is a fantastic place to live and want to work with us to build **a sustainable future for all of us here in Brighton and Hove.**

Cllr Simon Burgess – Leader, Brighton & Hove Labour Party

Brighton & Hove Labour Party

This is Labour's 2007 Manifesto for the council elections in May. ***Taking the City Forward*** explains our vision for Brighton and Hove over the next few years and sets out what we promise to do next, if we are still in charge of the council. We have also taken the opportunity to remind you of some of the things we said we'd do when you elected us in 2003 to remind you of the progress made since then. There is a lot more to do and with your help we will continue to make our streets even safer and build on our great record of economic prosperity, cultural diversity, social inclusion and environmental wellbeing for a sustainable future for everyone in Brighton and Hove.

TAKING THE CITY FORWARD

As promised in 2003, we have:

- **taken the refuse service in-house, introduced wheelie bins and doorstep recycling, dealing with almost 30% of domestic waste**
- **made huge improvements in waste collection and street cleansing**
- **published a new Open Spaces strategy and gained five Green Flag awards for local parks**
- **opened the new central Jubilee Library revitalising a site left derelict for over 30 years**
- **worked with the police to reduce burglaries by 20%, car crime by 16% and unlike most of the country, reduced alcohol related crime.**
- **continued to invest in seafront improvements**
- **maintained the requirement for at least 40% affordable housing in all substantial new housing developments**
- **taken families with children out of bed and breakfast accommodation**
- **developed and established Children's Centres to ensure all children in the city have a good start in life**
- **opened over 2000 new childcare places**
- **improved school standards and exam results**
- **continued to tackle hate crime effectively in partnership with the police and local communities**
- **used the income from parking enforcement to boost walking, cycling and public transport**
- **continued to work with Brighton and Hove Albion to press for a new community stadium at Falmer**
- **set up an elected Older People's Council to represent 60+s**

Labour are

- leading a council judged to be performing well by government watchdogs
- working with communities to tackle poverty and disadvantage
- reducing violent crime involving injury and being tough on anti-social behaviour through our unique community safety partnership with the police
- working for a cleaner, greener Brighton and Hove: solving the waste issues
- championing design and sustainable development
- creating a vibrant economy with support for tourism, arts and creative industries and the knowledge economy.
- investing in skills and jobs; fostering learning and achievement for all
- taking tough decisions today for long-term benefits
- providing a voice and protection for vulnerable people
- tackling discrimination and celebrating diversity
- addressing the biggest long-term threat that we now face, the greatest political challenge of our generation; climate change
- delivering services effectively through careful resource management
- working in partnership to deliver flexible, people-centred services
- supporting free bus passes for over 60s with an initial year's subsidy of £1.5m

**IF YOU VOTE LABOUR INTO POWER IN BRIGHTON & HOVE
CITY COUNCIL'S ELECTIONS IN MAY WE WILL DELIVER:**

TAKING THE CITY FORWARD

- Tackle climate change
Reduce CO₂ emissions and raise charges for high polluting vehicles
- 40% affordable housing – leading the way nationally
A first step onto the property ladder in all new developments
- A Citizen's Card for local residents
Starting with special discounts for under 18s and seniors
- An April Spring Clean week
Working with local residents and businesses to spruce up our city
- Action to reduce crime further
With a stronger focus on violent offending
- A regular citywide newsletter
Keeping you in touch with council services and how to get involved in your neighbourhood
- Improving local schools
Increased attendance with better results and standards
- Sunday opening for the first time at the Jubilee Library
Read books and papers in the city's very own living room

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TAKING THE CITY FORWARD

Sustaining creative and economic prosperity in our city by the sea

We have big ambitions for the city over the next four years. We intend to complete the regeneration of the New England Quarter behind Brighton Station, continue the seafront improvements to include the fabulous i360 viewing tower at the West Pier and complete the new Jubilee Square, at the heart of the city's cultural quarter. We want to start work on Black Rock, the King Alfred, Lewes and London Road, the Marina developments, Preston Barracks, the Brighton Centre and the new community stadium at Falmer. The city needs modern, flexible employment space to keep pace with other areas and foster new businesses, as well as a range of housing to help deal with overcrowding and being able to afford a home. **We will seek to maximise the potential of brown-field sites like Shoreham Harbour to meet and balance these needs.**

We will continue to make the city people-friendly by improving signage, cycle paths and walkways. We took the bold step of pedestrianising George Street in Hove, despite vigorous opposition from the Tories, and it is now recognised that it was the right move. We are repaving New Road to make it more attractive and people-friendly in the 200th anniversary year of the Theatre Royal. We will continue to protect and enhance the urban environment to make it work for residents and visitors alike and to celebrate our rich heritage through key anniversary celebrations, high quality conservation areas and the city's very own Blue Plaque Scheme.

Culture, tourism and the economy

Brighton and Hove has a vibrant cultural scene for all ages. Since the refurbishment of the Dome complex and Museum and Art Gallery, the quality of events and range of venues has strengthened with the Arts Festival alone now bringing over £20m into the economy year on year. There is a full calendar of events, including fabulous new ones like the Food Festival and the Big Beach Boutique targeted towards younger local residents. Brighton and Hove remains a popular resort and conference centre but faces increasing competition from other cities here and abroad.

The Jubilee Library, pioneered by Labour, has not only been the catalyst for the regeneration of a derelict car park, replacing it with a new civic space, shops, offices, flats, a hotel and a restaurant but it has also won a large number of awards for its high quality and energy efficient designs. This is a model for how we want to move forward in Brighton & Hove; creating more employment and quality accommodation for our residents, whilst reducing our carbon footprint. In its first year, over 810,000 people visited the Library leading to a 76% increase in borrowing and upping its membership by a staggering 23,000; 1689 of these were 13 – 19 year olds.

We will build on the pioneering Renaissance in the Regions work making our museum collections more accessible, for example via the internet and by taking collections out to schools and community groups.

The Labour-led council was fully behind the City's first Business Improvement District, created by the North Laines traders. Now the city centre enjoys an impressive Christmas lights display and a safer shopping environment.

We are already thinking ahead to the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and want to grasp both the sporting and cultural opportunities to ensure our businesses and residents are able to play a full and active part in the run up and during the Games.

Labour will

- deliver a 21st Century conference centre making the most of its seafront location
- ensure the 2012 Olympics bring more visitors to the city and improved sports facilities
- work with Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society to help house its unique and historic collections
- open the Jubilee Library on Sunday mornings
- support more community festivals and street parties in our neighbourhoods
- work with business to create two more Business Improvement Districts
- maintain our 5 Green Flag parks and achieve a Blue Beach award
- support the diversity and independence of local shops and services with more access to affordable and good quality foods.
- continue to be a Fair Trade City and work with business, voluntary organisations and social enterprise to achieve this.
- support the expansion of the very successful Brighton & Hove Credit Union

Creating employment, adult learning and skills

Although Brighton and Hove has the highest unemployment rate in the South East it is now at its lowest ever level, thanks to Labour.

With a workforce of 161,000, we have the highest number of self-employed people in the region, many of them working in the knowledge economy and the creative industries. Other prominent employment sectors are business and financial services, tourism, retail and hospitality, as well as the public sector. Labour has worked hard to create an economic climate in which small and innovative businesses can thrive.

We know there are still many citizens who lack the basic skills needed to get on in a modern economy and that 40,000 adult residents still do not hold a qualification. There are also too many young people not in education, employment or training. Only Labour has shown a detailed understanding of the economic conditions and challenges in Brighton and fought for measures that will continue the growth in job creation and economic sustainability that benefits everyone.

Increased global competitiveness means we need constant investment in developing the relevant skills and suitable business premises for existing employers in the city or in order to attract new ones. Labour has been working with many of the larger employers to encourage their continued growth here in Brighton & Hove, rather than relocation or expansion elsewhere.

With an economy worth £3.7 billion, this is an unprecedented period of growth in our city and there are real opportunities for local people to learn a variety of skills and gain employment from the estimated £2 billion of construction that will take place in new developments here over the next 10 years.

Labour will

- reduce the number of 16 -18 year olds (currently over 10%) not in employment, education or training.
- work in partnership to produce the first comprehensive City Employment & Skills Plan
- establish a social enterprise business development programme
- increase training places in retail, hospitality, sports and care, building on the success of the Constructing Futures programme
- create clear vocational education pathways and increase opportunities for apprenticeships.
- increase the number of 15/16 year olds with at least one qualification.
- create 4% more jobs in tourism by 2008 – there were 6,500 in 2005
- help increase the number of companies in the creative industries sector by 500 by 2010

Creating a cleaner and greener city

The population of Brighton & Hove now stands at 255,000 and rising. Being sandwiched between the sea and the Downs is leading to increased urban density and more pressure on things like school places and doctors' surgeries, as well as vital resources like water, energy and transport. The growth in the economy and housing development needs careful planning and management.

We will use regional funding and community benefits from developments to put the necessary infrastructure in place to support them.

Brighton and Hove continue to improve and increase the amount of household waste sent for recycling, producing the second highest tonnage figures in the south east. Over 87% of the city's households now have access to a kerbside collection service. Our 'think inside the box' campaign was well received and encouraged more people to recycle.

Changes in the way waste is collected has led to significant savings in the cost of household waste collection and enabled significant investment in recycling.

We now plan to introduce recycling collection services to more of the city's high and low rise flats which should lead to over 90% of residents having access to recycling collection service and our recycling rate of 30% of total waste generated to be reached by March 2007. We will introduce kitchen waste recycling and reduce the household waste produced per head of the population.

Street cleanliness has also improved with the introduction of communal bins and regular refuse collections in all neighbourhoods. **We will work with you to keep your area looking good.**

We will identify hotspots with poor street cleanliness and environment and agree local action plans to improve. We will take action against fly tippers and quick action against graffiti. Offensive graffiti will be removed within 24 hours.

Labour is working hard to increase the use of renewable energy in homes and new developments. Some new council buildings already have wind turbines such as the Children's Centre at Whitehawk, the Westergate Business Centre and Downsview Link College.

Labour set up the Sustainability Commission which has pioneered a Climate Change Action Plan for the city. Brighton and Hove has signed up to the Nottingham Declaration; we have been getting our own house in order by looking to optimise sustainable energy use in council buildings, including the use of 100% renewable sources. We will encourage local businesses to follow our example.

The latest figures available show a slight improvement on the city's carbon footprint on the previous year - but not enough. We will work with you to help you make your homes and lives more environmentally friendly including via access to the Renewable Energy Grant scheme.

We will insist all new developments have a lower carbon footprint – using the Eco-Homes and BREAM 'very good' and 'excellent' benchmarks.

We are working with Brighton & Hove's Energy Action Partnership to help vulnerable people stay warm through energy efficient heating systems and full benefit take-up in deprived areas.

We will examine how the government's Local Authority Sustainable Procurement Tool can help us to buy more local and reliable goods and services, along with influencing the policies of the businesses we buy from.

Working in partnership with the World Health Organisation, Brighton and Hove is gaining a national and international reputation for healthy urban planning. We have introduced a new policy which ensures that new buildings and urban areas are planned with people's health in mind.

Labour is committed to getting the best out of the **natural environment** too. Following our extensive campaigning, we eagerly await the establishment of the South Downs National Park. We are putting the Parks and Open Spaces Plan into action to improve local spaces for residents. We are continuing our programme of environmental improvements to the seafront and actively pursuing the Heritage Lottery funding needed to restore the Bandstand to its former glory.

We will play our part in the regional strategy, for the assessment of need and allocation of additional pitches for gypsies and travellers. It is time for neighbouring authorities to provide their share and reduce the disproportionate impact on Brighton & Hove. It is vital that we engage members of the gypsy and traveller community to play a part in this process.

Working in partnership with Brighton & Hove Buses, winners of countless national and local awards, we have introduced real time bus information throughout the city and seen bus usage build year-on-year, boosted recently by the Labour government's introduction of concessionary travel for over 60s.

We won a bid to become one of five UK Cycling Demonstration Towns: bringing in £1.5 million to promote and build outstanding cycling facilities throughout the west of Brighton & Hove. This funding will help extend and improve the cycle network, making it easier to travel safely by bike. We have successfully piloted Personal Travel Planning in Hangleton and Portslade to encourage people to reduce car journeys through more use of public transport, cycling and walking.

Local people have told us what they want in terms of a sustainable **transport system** and we are committed to achieving these aspirations:

- reducing traffic congestion in central Brighton
- reducing traffic fumes and improving air quality
- more real time bus information
- promoting the benefits of cycling and walking
- provision of a rapid transport system

Labour will also:

- encourage more car clubs to be established and the use of electric cars and bio diesel
- encourage more bus and train use
- improve park and ride
- decrease the level of CO₂ emissions
- lead by example with the Council staff travel plan

Supporting children and families

Children's Services have developed enormously over the last four years including Children Centres being opened across the City, for example in Tarner, Hollingdean and Portslade. Our ground breaking Children's Trust has

created 3 area based integrated teams to construct a seamless path from birth to teenage years.

Over the next four years Labour will

- create 14 additional Children's Centres across the City
- develop the extended schools programme so communities have access to school buildings for other activities
- focus on children in care or at risk to ensure they have the support to thrive through specialist support.
- achieve Healthy Schools status for all schools.
- fund targeted parenting support to give early help to parents to prevent family breakdown
- put extra resources into keeping young people out of trouble
- implement our Child Safety Strategy, tackling issues like youth homelessness and bullying
- extend the Safe As Houses project citywide to deal with domestic violence

Improving and extending education

Attainment across the City is improving with 2005 seeing the best results ever in primary schools at Key Stage 2.

At Falmer, exam performance at age 16 has improved year on year and increased by 6% last year to 36% pupils achieving 5+ GCSE grades A* - C. This has been achieved by greater diversity in the curriculum and more programmes designed for individuals. Inspectors reported on the beneficial effect of extended school provision on the outcomes for children and young people.

Creating the right environment for learning is extremely important to us. We have encouraged a programme of public art in schools to stimulate children's creativity and imagination. We are working hard on providing healthy school dinners and improving children's eating and exercise habits to help them focus and play a full and active part in school life. Breakfast and homework clubs across the city are also helping them to thrive.

We recognise that parents in some neighbourhoods have long felt their children have been disadvantaged in terms of a lack of choice of secondary school places.

We have worked with schools and parents across Brighton & Hove to come up with a fairer scheme for implementation in 2008.

The new system will be fairer. We will also continue to improve school attainment and attendance.

Providing care and support

Brighton & Hove is a great place to grow old in. There are plenty of clubs and activities to get involved in to enjoy life and stay active. Labour's free bus pass for over-60s makes it even easier to get about the city.

We are very proud that Brighton & Hove was designated as a 'Healthy City' by the World Health Organisation in 2004, in recognition of our strong political and partnership commitment to improving health and wellbeing for all our residents.

The joint council and NHS services for vulnerable adults received a 3 star rating (serving most people well and with excellent prospects for the future) from inspectors in December 2006. In Brighton and Hove there are integrated teams for mental health and learning disability with services like Speakout and Advoact giving users a stronger voice. **We aim to create more employment for people with disabilities and to upgrade facilities for those with major impairments.**

We have cut room-sharing in residential care and nursing homes to a minimum. Our £3.5m New Larchwood home in Coldean demonstrates how we aim for excellence in our care for older people, by providing them with privacy, dignity and support. **We want to increase the level and co-ordination of services maintaining independence for older people and disabled people in neighbourhoods, clustered around GP practices and supported by extended polyclinic facilities.**

We will expand the number of Intermediate Care places like those at Knoll House which can give people help at home or in a unit for up to 6 weeks to help them rehabilitate after a stay in hospital or avoid them being admitted in the first place. This helps reduce the pressure on hospital beds.

Providing decent housing in safer and stronger communities

Housing is the biggest challenge in our city. From ensuring there is affordable housing to suit all households to identifying the funding to bring council housing up to the Decent Homes Standard by 2010.

Average house prices have increased by 72% over the last four years and the pressure for decent private rented accommodation is intense. Labour is proud of its record of working with housing associations to provide over 1100 new affordable homes on brown-field sites in the city over a 5 year period, with many of these operating on a shared ownership basis. There are another 960 of these in the pipeline, with Brighton & Hove receiving one of the highest levels of investment from the Housing Corporation in the South East due its strong track record of delivery.

Homelessness and rough sleeping have decreased significantly and we work to restrict the stay for families in need of re-housing in temporary bed and breakfast accommodation to a maximum of 3 weeks.

Labour will

- continue its commitment to 40% of new dwellings being affordable where developments are of 10 or more dwellings
- commit to 250 new affordable homes every year
- work to the government target of all new homes being carbon neutral by 2016
- continue to bring empty private sector properties into use - 376 empty properties have already been reinstated over the last 3 years
- continue to address the housing issues for vulnerable residents to ensure they live safely in their homes
- work with council tenants and leaseholders to bring about the necessary investment to bring their homes up to the Decent Homes Standard
- build on the successful pilot Local Housing Allowance scheme by extending it to all new claimants in the private rented sector.

Labour has worked hard to create a place where children, young people and adults from all backgrounds can feel safe. We have done this by reducing: crime and fear of crime, anti social behaviour, racially motivated and homophobic crime and tackling drug and alcohol related crime.

Your Labour-led council has a great record on tackling alcohol-related crime. It has fallen 22% in the city since we reformed the licensing laws against strong opposition from the Conservative and Green Parties. Yet Labour won't rest there; we will be targeting alcohol related crime and prioritising children and young people's safety as these are having the biggest impact across the City. Drug users sometimes raise money for drugs through theft, so our programme of drug education in schools and drug intervention schemes focusing on persistent offenders will not only reduce crime but also decrease the worrying number of drug-related deaths in the city.

The new licensing laws went live last year, meaning extended hours for many pubs and clubs. Although it is still early days in knowing the impact of the new opening hours, there is already a reduction in anti-social behaviour and violent crime as clubs and pubs close at different times. We have been robust in ensuring residents' views are paramount and have used the new powers to revoke licences and close down pubs which have created problems.

Labour is committed to improving local practice and will be working with licensees and residents to maintain a good and balanced quality of life. We are concerned about the recent licence granted by magistrates for a strip club and are working with police and others to maintain the right moral tone in the city and ensure that the lively and irreverent spirit of Brighton's nightlife does not descend into seediness.

Labour appointed a joint Director of Public Health for the City Council and the local NHS, responsible for ensuring that we all lead healthier lives to reduce the burden of illness on our health and social care services. Our WHO Healthy Cities programme continues to provide new and creative approaches to promote healthier lifestyles and reduce inequalities. We recognise that the quality and accessibility of education, housing, transport and the local environment, as well as how safe people feel in the city centre or their own neighbourhood all impact on the health and well being of our residents.

Successes include consulting widely with local people through the Big Smoke Debate about becoming a Smoke Free City: supporting businesses on developing smoke free policies; supporting their employees to give up smoking; and supporting families to have smoke free homes. We have led the way on healthier and sustainable eating with our Spade to Spoon citywide food strategy.

Labour is working to combat obesity and related health concerns. With funding from Sports England, six physical activity workers were appointed to work in the less well off areas of our city, encouraging people of all ages to be more active. A GP exercise referral programme is being piloted in 10 practices across the city offering a range of free or subsidised activities to improve patients' health e.g. fitness sessions at leisure centres, health walks, cycling lessons, swimming, tai chi and nature conservation work.

As part of the Celebrating Age Festival over 1,000 older people were consulted about how the city could be made a healthier place to live and grow old in. The World Health Organisation has praised Brighton & Hove for its 'success in mobilising the whole city with a range of artistic, educational, cultural, conference and consultation activities focused on promoting positive attitudes to ageing and the active involvement of older people in the life and governance of the city.'

A sense of pride and belonging is also fundamental to how people feel about their local area and the city. Our Labour government has funded the Neighbourhood Renewal programme which has brought benefits to a number of run-down areas. We have the first elected Older People's Council in the country and a brand new Youth Council for under 21s. Our diverse make-up is reflected in events such as the Hip-Hop Festival and the Turner World Music event, as well as Refugee Week. Labour introduced Civil Partnerships and Brighton and Hove began performing the ceremonies as soon as they became legal. Over 700 have already taken place in Brighton and Hove, the largest number outside of London, confirming our status as a city known for tolerance and diversity as well as giving a terrific boost to our tourist trade.

Labour will

- continue to support the Celebrating Age Festival
- use the new Community Call For Action powers to help councillors take up any local problem on behalf of their residents
- hold other public services to account through public scrutiny

- continue to consult you and to let you know the outcomes
- let you know about council services and city events
- work with residents who want to own or manage community buildings
- promote citizenship and encourage community cohesion
- challenge discrimination and hatred
- continue to support diversity, multi-cultural and faith celebrations, as well as activities of reflection such as International Day of Disabled People, Brighton Pride, Black History Month, Holocaust Memorial week and others
- further strive to promote tolerance and pursue policies that recognise the important contribution made by Brighton and Hove's LGBT community to the fabric of the city.

Managing resources

Council budgets get tighter year on year. However, we have provided good **value for money** by significantly improving services in recent years, whilst reducing expenditure. Efficiency savings of 5% have been achieved each year under the Labour-led administration since the last Council elections. We know that council tax increases are difficult, particularly for those on low and fixed incomes, so we have fought to keep increases to a minimum.

We hope you will judge us on our track record so far, as well as the strength of our plans for the future by voting Labour on 4 May 2007. Only Labour has both the vision and policy ideas to keep Brighton and Hove moving forward. Only Labour has harnessed the potential of a globalising economy to provide extra jobs and extra income to the city. Only Labour has fought for tougher action on anti-social behaviour. And only Labour really understands what makes Brighton and Hove tick.

Everything we have achieved has been through partnership with communities; businesses and residents alike. It took Labour vision and leadership to overcome the challenges of recent years, and the same will be needed if we are to ensure a prosperous future. If you care about economic prosperity, safe neighbourhoods and a tolerant society, then only a vote for Labour has a chance of delivering the clear majority we will need to **take the city forward**.

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We are the party continuing to fight for jobs, schools and hospitals, for the safety of our neighbourhoods, and for the environment we all live in.

We are about security; the security of knowing we can earn decent living wages to look after ourselves and our families, in a city where jobs are safer because of a growing, vibrant economy. We also want the security of living in a decent house on a safe, friendly street in all parts of the city.

We are the party that wants to make it possible for each of us to do the best for ourselves and our families. We are the party that gives people the freedom and the means to reach their potential. We are the party that ensures you don't have to be rich to see a doctor quickly, to have the best teachers for your children, or to live in a safe street. We are the party that fights for equality in our diverse communities and for a fair share of prosperity for everyone.

Brighton & Hove is a great British city, proud of its past, yet looking confidently to the future - the best place to work, to learn and to raise a family, the best place to get a new job or start a business in the most creative and dynamic economy in the South.

We want to help people look to the future, get the skills and qualifications that are needed to get that dream job, lead a full life and have an active and enjoyable retirement. Together we can make a contribution to protecting and improving the environment, both locally and globally.

This is a time for ambition, a time to build on solid Labour achievements and to continue winning the argument for progress and fairness. Other parties want a return to a divided city of rich and poor, or to use Brighton and Hove as a soapbox for their own single-issue agendas, and knock us at every step. This only strengthens our determination to lead the city for everyone, not to shrink from taking tough decisions and showing leadership when tackling our greatest challenges.

What Brighton and Hove knows, and have shown at every election in the city's history, is that Labour is the only party with the interests of all citizens at the heart of its agenda, and the only party with the ideas and momentum to ensure strong city government. We are strong because we have and always will **work with you to take the city forward** - the future of the city is in the hands of its people, and as we set our sights ever higher for the 21st Century, we know that by working together, governing with the support of the people of the city, that the best is yet to come.

Labour – **taking Brighton and Hove forward.**