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Standing up for Cambridge



Inside: An update on how Cambridge City Council is working to improve our city

Your 2019 Council Report

Working to create one Cambridge – fair for all

A message from Cllr Lewis Herbert:

Dear Resident,

I hope you enjoy our fifth Annual Residents' Report, detailing how your Labour-led Council delivers for you and our wonderful city.

1. We protect your vital services despite receiving zero core Government grant, compared to £5.6m in 2014, by transforming your council assisted by our dedicated staff.
2. We've helped Cambridge residents who need us the most with over £1.6 in targeted projects, plus £1m/year funding for voluntary organisations helping disadvantaged people and £720,000 for homelessness projects.
3. We're building over 500 more much-needed new Council homes at affordable rents, with



construction already underway at Mill Road Depot and Anstey Way Trumpington, after completing 242 others in recent years.

4. We are increasing action on climate change and biodiversity in 2019, cutting the city's carbon emissions faster and planting thousands more trees, creating more wildflower gardens and cutting herbicides.
5. We ensure new developments are matched with extra community facilities and added cycling and walking routes, like the cross-city Chisholm Trail now begun.

We're achieving all this having invested over £40m previously left idle in near-nil interest accounts under the Lib Dems. And we continue to stand up for Cambridge, including our motion backing Daniel, our MP, in demanding a

second public vote on Brexit including the option to remain, and in pressing for the retention of an effective city centre police station.

Help us continue to create "One Cambridge - Fair for All" by voting Labour on Thursday 2nd May. If you have any questions on this report, please email me.

Lewis

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NIGEL GAWTHROPE

One recent very sad event was the unexpected death of our much-loved Mayor Nigel Gawthrop, who died in office. Nigel revelled in, and excelled at, his role as Mayor and as a councillor in North Cambridge where he grew up. We will always remember his warm heart and caring work for the people of King's Hedges and Cambridge.
Rest in peace, Nigel

Vote

Polls open:
Thursday 2 May
From 7am to 10pm

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Protecting services



Protecting our services from government cuts – Labour has:

- Continued to subsidise the street lights so that they operate at a brighter level in the evenings.
- Maintained our free pest control service and dealt with over 900 call-outs for rats and other pests in the last year alone.
- Maintained our street cleaning service and grounds staff
- Protected the full budget of our Children and Youth Services.
- Continued to fund sports facilities through S106 funding, including £230,000 for new water play at Abbey Pool.
- Provided free events such as the Big Weekend and the Bonfire Night firework display.
- Secured £227,000,000 to create sustainable new community in NE Cambridge.
- Run Community Clear Up days help with disposal of bulky items and avoid fly tipping.
- Maintained noise enforcement teams, and teams to deal with anti-social behaviour and fly tipping.
- Carried out hundreds of hygiene checks on cafes and takeaways
- Emptied over 7.5 million bins across the Greater Cambridge area with an average collection rate of 99.7% and increased recycling rate to 53.35%.
- Brought Cambridge Live back in house to ensure the city continues to enjoy a high quality cultural offering.
- Agreed to invest a further £6,000,000 in Lion Yard, which we part own.
- Begun a consultation on a community centre at the Meadows in King's Hedges and underwritten funding for a new community hub at Cherry Hinton Library.

Championing Community Safety – Labour has:

- Introduced a £600k CCTV replacement scheme.
- Significantly reduced aggressive punt-touting in the city centre following legal action.

Housing



Tackling the city's housing crisis – Labour has:

- Built 242 new council homes since 2015 and have sites in progress for 535 more using the £70,000,000 won by Labour for Cambridge through the Devolution Deal.
- Prevented homelessness for over 2,000 households last year and is helping families maintain their tenancies by topping up their Housing Benefit.
- Set up the Cambridge City Housing Company, providing private renters good-quality, affordable accommodation
- Brought back into use over 100 empty, private sector homes since 2015.
- Built the first homes using our own council workforce in over 30 years, in Romsey.
- Cut rough sleeping by a third compared to 2016 set against a nationwide increase of 13% over the same period. We help long-term rough sleepers off the street with a clinical outreach team, and are expanding our provision of Housing First flats, a new approach to helping vulnerable people escape from the streets.
- Created Cambridge Street Aid so people can donate towards grants to help rough sleepers directly, with over £40,000 in donations so far, helping over 150 people
- Provided £720,000 of grant funding this year to organisations working with the homeless and rough sleepers.
- Cracked down on rogue landlords with legal action on safety and overcrowding.
- Housed over 100 vulnerable refugees from Syria and other war-torn countries.
- Taken action after the Grenfell tragedy by inspecting and advising on safety in Council flats.
- Invested £5 million over five years in council estate environmental improvements. We have also continued the commitment to the decent homes standard to ensure people can live in modern, comfortable, safe and secure properties.

- Continued to stand up for the people of Cambridge in discussions with the Police and Crime Commissioner, including pushing to retain a proper police station in central Cambridge.
- Introduced Public Space Protection Orders to control street drinking and maintained a policy of restricting licensing of new outlets for the sale of alcohol in the city centre and Mill Road area.

Environment

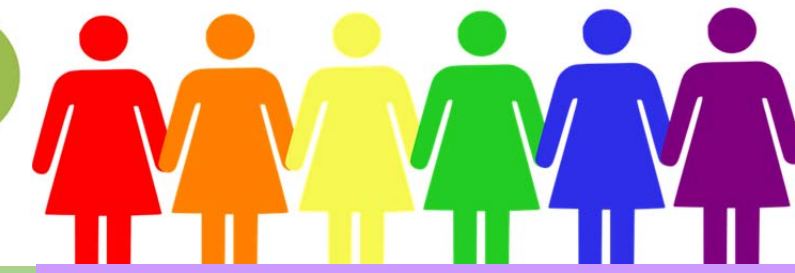


Creating a cleaner, greener Cambridge – Labour has:

- Declared a Climate Change Emergency and signed the UK Cities Cleaner Air Charter.
- Added a further £100,000 to the Climate Change fund to transform the energy efficiency of council buildings and improve heating, lighting and ventilation improvements.
- Installed our first 6 of 21 electric taxi charging points and have celebrated our first 20 licensed electric vehicles (as opposed to just 2 licensed to date in South Cams).
- Reduced carbon emissions from council buildings and services by 18.4% since 2014.
- Given Sustainable City grants of up to £10,000 per group, to help local not-for-profit groups run green projects in Cambridge.
- Funded a permanent Air Quality officer to tackle air pollution, through our Air Quality Action Plan.
- Supported work starting on the transformational cross-city Chisholm Trail for cyclists and walkers.
- Continued to replace our council vans with electric vehicles on renewal, where possible. We now have a fleet of 10 electric vehicles (and another on order), plus a self-propelled pavement sweeper.
- Installed our first new water fountain, on Parker's Piece, and helped to roll out the Refill scheme across the city.
- Updated our market regulations to ban unnecessary single-use plastic for our market stalls.
- Improved play areas, pavilions, landscaping, noticeboards and benches, including planning consent for major improvements to the Chesterton Rec pavilion and a planning submission for a new pavilion at Nightingale Rec.
- Planted 13 wildflower meadows, including Chesterton Rec, Histon Road Rec and Fulbourn Road, with more planned for future years.
- Planted trees, e.g. overseen the growth of the Trees for Infants Scheme, which offers a free tree for every child in the city, and made plans for 1000s more trees in the coming years.

- Worked with partners, including the Police, in the Community Safety partnership, setting priorities for joint action including tackling knife crime and domestic abuse.
- Supported initiatives to deal with drug-related antisocial behaviour, including supporting the new Operation Carmel initiative to tackle street-based drug-dealing.

Equality



Making Cambridge more equal – Labour has:

- Championed the Real Living Wage campaign, helping 67 employers so far to become living wage accredited, and paying Council staff a minimum of £10 per hour, well above the Real Living Wage.
- Served over 2000 free holiday lunches in 2018 to help families avoid holiday hunger.
- Provided an annual £1million Community Grants fund, focussing on tackling inequality.
- Removed child and young people funeral fees at our council-run cemeteries and the crematorium.
- Helped low-income households save an average of £200 from their fuel bills.
- Part-funded a support worker to help support Universal Credit applicants at the Job Centre.
- Given over £300,000 to the Citizens Advice Bureau for projects including debt advice and casework.
- Given discretionary housing payments and council tax reductions to those who need extra help.
- Funded community development workers, focussing on new communities and areas of greatest need.
- Continued to champion the Encompass Network's LGBT+ Safer Spaces campaign.
- Given grants to projects to support vulnerable women, including at Cambridge Women's Aid and Cambridge Women's Resource Centre, the Meadows Children and Families Wing, and Turtle Dove.
- Supported anti-domestic violence initiatives, including retaining White Ribbon accreditation, and running a yearly conference on Domestic Abuse.
- Supported 100 GP free exercise referrals in 2017-18, with a further 69 in the first half of 2018-19 alone.
- Supported Black History Month, Holocaust Memorial Day and LGBT+ History Month.
- Supported LGBT+ groups and projects with grant-funding, including the Kite Trust, the Encompass Network and the Museum of Cambridge.
- Started a project to make sanitary towels free in community centres.
- Run free Let's go Girls events to encourage women and girls to get more involved in sport.
- Retained our city-wide elderly people's support team.