



# Cambridge Labour City Council Report 2023



**Labour in Cambridge is all about taking actions and this report outlines our top 40 achievements in the past year.** Despite difficult times financially, we've consistently delivered against our four key pledges.

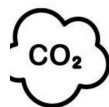
**We aim to be compassionate, forward-thinking and ambitious for Cambridge whilst managing our finances prudently.** The Cost of Living Crisis has been our biggest priority this year in ensuring our residents have been fully supported.

**We want all our communities to thrive.** To be able to do that, they need enough to live on; safe, warm, decent, genuinely affordable homes; to have access to good food and green, open spaces; and to have clean air and safe streets. We're proud of our record.

## Our 4 pledges



**Tackle Poverty and Inequality** in spite of the cost-of-living crisis and Tory austerity. Cambridge Labour are promoting food and fuel justice.



**Achieve a Net Zero Council by 2030** addressing the climate and biodiversity emergencies.



**Build a New Generation of Sustainable Council Homes** and work to reduce and prevent homelessness.



**Protect Local Services and Businesses** while modernising the council to best support and represent Cambridge residents.

However, we don't do all this alone. We are so lucky in Cambridge to have so many charities, faith groups, voluntary groups and businesses who contribute so much to our community. I want to thank them and I commit to continuing to work cooperatively with them to serve our city.

The next few years are not going to be easy for any of us. But what I can promise is that we will continue to work tirelessly as councillors, with and for our whole city and those who live and work here.

**Cambridge deserves a compassionate, principled council with a strong track record and a clear vision for the future.** One that understands the links between social, economic, and environmental justice.

**It's only by voting Labour on May 4th** that you can guarantee that the work we've been doing can continue, and that we can continue to work together to create *One Cambridge, Fair for All*.

Cllr Anna Smith,

Leader of Cambridge City Council


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Top 40 Cambridge Labour Achievements in 2022-23



We were recognised as joint 14th best local authority for our work tackling climate change- in the top 10% of all authorities nationally and 5th greenest city centre in the UK

Supported 510 refugees arriving from Ukraine



Funded 42 warm spaces across the city and pop up events to address the cost-of-living crisis



Continued the consultation process for our Draft Local Plan with over 9000 comments received and 30 online or in-person events held at community centres, forums, and webinars

Provided 20 rooms this winter for people who may otherwise be sleeping rough

Supported food hubs to distribute over 200 tonnes of food



Delivering 800 electric charging points in council car parks


Secured £1.3m package to help support people, communities and businesses under the Govt Shared Prosperity Fund



Supported healthy living with 46,644 concessionary swims for those on low incomes

Funding secured from Green Recovery Fund in partnership with Cambridge Nature Network to trial grassland restoration techniques on our commons

Confirmed our ongoing commitment as a Real Living Wage Employer, with employees receiving the new uplift




Provided new facilities for young people, including a pump track at Chesterton Recreation Ground and a new 15-metre slide at Abbey Leisure centre

£30,000 in sustainable city grants for projects reducing waste and carbon emissions



Provided free hot lunches with local partners to low-income families in 7 wards during the school holidays

A trial of 8 bin lorries fuelled by vegetable oil saw their net carbon emissions cut by 90% and a second electric bin lorry was introduced



Future Business Centre operated by Allia opened, supporting start-ups, charities, and enterprises



Completed 1,857 emergency repairs & 12,000 responsive repairs to council homes



Awarded over £1 million in community Grants

Started work on the first Passivhaus council homes at Fen Road




We received purple flag reaccreditation recognising our efforts to promote night-time safety




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Provided £20,000 in energy vouchers to our residents in urgent financial need



28,000 eligible Cambridge households received their £150 energy rebate



Reduction in reported cycle theft by 58% since 2019

Successful Domestic Abuse Conference at the Guildhall



Set up a Private Renters' Forum and are working to support private tenants

Completed 8 Cambridge Investment Partnership developments, with work underway on a further 11 sites, beating our target of starting 500 new council homes on site a year early with 694 council homes either completed or underway




Music in the Parks programme with 7 free concerts across the city

Prevented homelessness for 394 households



Our equalities programme supported Black History Month, Refugee Week and Holocaust Memorial Day, GRT History Month and Cambridge Pride

Secured Govt funding to undertake a study to explore the feasibility of developing a City Centre Heat Network with Cambridge University



Working to reduce energy consumption in council homes & low-income homes after securing £6.46m with other Cambs local authorities from Govt

Supported rough sleepers with self-contained accommodation & £324,000 in grants to voluntary groups supporting homeless people



Brought back the City Bonfire and Fireworks event



Planted over 1,400 trees, cleared 2,392 cases of fly-tipping and collected over 43,000 tonnes of materials for recycling and composting




Doing research to create a place-based, social investment organisation



Administered £36m of Covid business grants and rate relief

Provided 700 Christmas hampers with our partners for families struggling at Christmas



Region of Learning programme was launched promoting learning, training, and work opportunities for young people

