

STANDING UP FOR HARDWORKING BRUMMIES

The Conservative Manifesto for the
Birmingham City Council elections on
22nd May 2014



PRIDE IN BIRMINGHAM

While the Council has to tackle the challenges that come with changing levels of Government funding, there is also a need to ensure that the Council puts residents of Birmingham first when looking at what spending changes to make. The attitude of the Council impacts on how the local media, business and residential communities view the city.

Therefore it is vital that the Council has pride in the city and helps spread pride with its actions. This is why the Council has an obligation even at time of reducing budgets to ensure that the hearts of our local communities are preserved. That the streets remain clean and free of litter and fly tipped rubbish.

The Council must ensure that services remain accessible and free at the point of delivery wherever possible.

The heart of our amendment restores those services which help residents have pride in their local neighbourhoods. By ensuring our local communities are protected we help to ensure the city is attractive to businesses and developers to invest in our great city to ensure that the City of Birmingham's economy and prosperity can continue to grow. This will in turn further increase the quality of life of our residents.

Our goal as the City of Birmingham should be to ensure that Birmingham is seen as a City of Aspiration, a city where residents want to live, work, bring up their families and grow old together. A City where residents feel the Council wants a better life for the next generation than was available to the last.

Most importantly people should view our city as one where no ladder of opportunity is pulled up behind you and where no glass ceiling can hold you back, a city which helps grow the greatness in everyone of us.

Cllr Lord Michael Whitby
Leader of the Conservative Group

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Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATIVE GROUP

Dear Resident

Birmingham is the greatest city and we know that all across our city and its suburbs residents are working hard to look after families and loved ones. This is why we believe the City Council should be supporting residents when it is needed, but also not causing obstructions when it isn't.

We all take pride in our homes and neighbourhood. When the Council introduces charges for green waste collection, it makes it harder for people to keep their garden and street clean. When the Council introduces charges to get rid of bulky waste, it makes it harder for residents to dispose of waste, while also encouraging more fly tipping.

We know the City Council must keep our city and suburbs clean, green and safe. That is why in our manifesto we will put the pride back into Birmingham.

We are asking residents to consider what Birmingham was like two years ago when Labour took control of the City Council. Is Birmingham cleaner now than it was then? Is it safer and is it greener?

After two years, Labour have left residents with increasing bills, more litter on the street and less refuse being recycled. But it doesn't have to be this way. On May 22nd, vote Conservative and help us put pride back in our great City of Birmingham

The Birmingham Conservative Group



The Big City Plan introduced by the Conservatives



BUILDING ON A RECORD OF DELIVERING FOR YOU!

A RECORD OF ACTION

- In Bournville, Conservatives have delivered a new quality micro park off the Pershore Road.
- In Erdington, local Conservatives supported the local High Street by delivering a new quality stone pavement.
- In Northfield, Conservatives have delivered children's play areas in local parks.
- In Sutton Coldfield, Conservatives delivered a skate park for local children.
- In Edgbaston Conservatives delivered a brand new Swimming Pool on the existing site in Harborne for local residents. Delivering leisure activities for a low cost.
- Between 2004-2012, Conservatives expanded recycling to a record high level, introducing paper, cardboard, glass and plastic recycling.

A PROMISE OF MORE

- A Conservative Council would ensure that 40 new public squares/micro parks were delivered across Birmingham's 40 wards.
- A Conservative Council would support suburban High Streets by providing 4 hours free parking for each Council District Car Park.
- A Conservative Council would cancel Labour's plans to close a 'minimum of 60' children's play areas.
- A Conservative Council would introduce a Youth Community Chest to support our city's future.
- A Conservative Council would cancel Labour's plans to close local Swimming Pools, giving residents a real say in what they would like locally, whether it be on the same site or a new location.
- A Conservative Council would reverse the fall in recycling by scrapping and refunding Labour's 'Garden Tax' on green waste recycling.

OUR PLEDGES TO BIRMINGHAM

ACROSS THIS MANIFESTO YOU WILL SEE PLANS FOR WHAT A CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL IN BIRMINGHAM WOULD LOOK LIKE. THIS PAGE COVERS OUR 6 CITY WIDE PLEDGES.



1 Scrap and refund Labour's 'Garden Tax'

We will scrap and refund Labour's 'Garden Tax' charge for green waste recycling collection and refund everyone who has already paid it this year. We will also scrap charges for bulky waste collections.

2 Introduce 4 hours free parking for district Car Parks

We will introduce 4 hours free parking for all car parks outside the City Centre to help support our local High Streets and shopping parades.

3 Introduce £100,000 Community Chest fund for each ward

Reinstate Community Chest funding for all 40 wards in Birmingham, to help provide community groups with funding and support they need to develop local communities.

4 Provide a dog and litter warden team in every local area of Birmingham

We will create new Dog and Litter Warden posts to tackle the increase in dog mess and litter on our streets. Litter has spiralled out of control since Labour axed over 20% of Birmingham's Street cleaning.

5 Build 40 new public squares/micro parks across Birmingham's suburbs

We will help restore pride in local areas by turning abandoned pieces of Council land into quality public open space.

6 A new 'Pride in Birmingham' clean up crew for each local neighbourhood

To help clean our streets up, following two years of Labour failing to pick up litter, we will introduce special clean up crews.

BUILDING COMMUNITY COHESION



Birmingham is a highly diverse place with many different communities, religions and social groups all co-existing together. In Birmingham we rightly celebrate equality and diversity. However it is important we must not forget what unites us all - the desire for a better place to live and work. While there is a lot to celebrate about Birmingham, there continues to be issues around deprivation, social exclusion and inequality. We are committed to addressing these social injustices to build a better Birmingham for everyone. This can only be done through a bottom-up approach with real community engagement and allowing the communities that make up this city to have a voice, a say and a role in how the services they rely on are run. To achieve these aims, a Conservative Administration would:

- Protect the most vulnerable and the lowest paid in society by abolishing Labour's financial burden. We would scrap the disastrous 'Garden Tax', freeze Council tax and continue to provide free council services for all, not just those who can afford them.
- Continue the Social Inclusion programme by working with our partners to address issues of inequality, deprivation, worklessness, and financial exclusion.
- Reduce the number of European and Equalities officers to bring them in line with the other Core Cities. It should not be the case that Birmingham has more of these officers when front line services are being cut back
- Ensure that everyone is able to access free advice and support to assist them with the problems they encounter. This would be through Neighbourhood Advice and external providers such as Citizens Advice Bureau
- Push further the devolution agenda so that more council services are be run at a local level through District and Ward Committees, ensuring they have real power to make local changes.
- Restore funding to District Committees to allow them to be able to run the valuable services that they provide, such as local libraries and youth centres
- Restore Community Chest to £100,000 per ward and create a Youth Community Chest of £20,000 per ward to help support the important community groups and get things done in the local area.



STANDING UP FOR HARDWORKING BRUMMIES

OUR KEY PLEDGES TO YOU

- Freeze Council Tax and abolish the 'Garden Tax' and bulky waste charges.
- Introduce 'Pride in Birmingham' clean up crews to keep our streets clean.
- Unlimited garden waste collections reinstated.
- Ensure that the Concierge and Night time security service on Council estates remains.
- Bring forward the 'Decent Homes Plus' programme.

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Birmingham City Council should be doing its utmost to support hardworking Brummies from across our great city. A Conservative Council would look after residents on low or fixed incomes by freezing Council Tax, axing the 'Garden Tax' on green waste collection and remove bulky waste charges giving every house a free bulky waste collection.

A Conservative Council would ensure that the litter that has built up on our streets over the last two years is collected. The Labour Council has ignored our suburbs and has allowed them to look uncared for. We would

deliver 'Pride in Birmingham' cleaning crews to ensure all our suburbs are cared for and well maintained. Since 2012 the amount of refuse recycled has collapsed in Birmingham. We would ensure this trend is stopped by removing the limits on green waste and paper recycling so ensuring that Birmingham leads the way in recycling.

Since 2012, Birmingham City Council tenants have been let down by the Council. The removal of a cabinet member and scrutiny committee for housing have meant the Council has put tenants' needs to the back. This has meant Decent Homes

Have your say on what matters locally to you at:-

<http://www.birminghamconservatives.org.uk/survey>

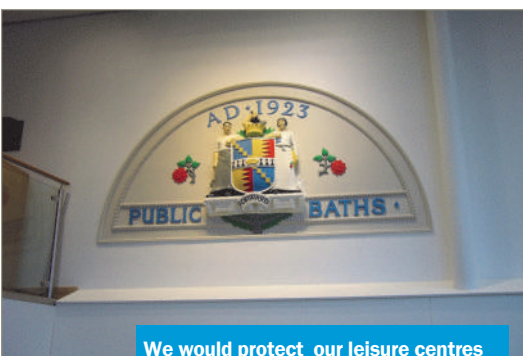


We would protect suburban libraries

Programmes have not taken place and the concierge and night time security service is now under threat of removal.

Children Social Services have been below standard in Birmingham for decades and now a step change is needed to ensure that we are looking after the vulnerable children in this city. We would work with Ofsted and the Government to make the changes that are needed to safeguard our children's needs. The educational outcomes of children in care remains appallingly low. Therefore we will investigate the suitability of placing more children in care in high quality boarding schools. We will work to increase adoption rates so that children in care, have stable homes to grow up in. School improvement services in Birmingham have failed to deliver the changes urgently required to raise standards. We will therefore enter negotiations with the most successful providers of school improvement services to provide that service for Birmingham.

Turning to our schools, thanks to funding from the Conservative-led Government, Primary School children



We would protect our leisure centres

will be given free school meals from September, while the Pupil Premium is providing millions of pounds of extra funding in Birmingham's schools. The Council has started a programme of school expansion to cope with the increasing demands expected to be placed on Birmingham schools going forward. We will work with Birmingham's Grammar Schools to ensure that the number of places on offer each year increases to ensure that there is no reduction in the percentage of places available.

In each suburb our local leisure centres and libraries provide vital hubs for the community to meet and socialise. In addition libraries help children's education and leisure centres help improve residents health. Therefore we would cancel Labour's plans to close some of the city provision and keep both our libraries and leisure centres open.

With libraries and leisure centres, local High Streets are the lifeblood of our communities. With the ever growing number of out of town shopping centres, high streets have struggled to compete. To support our hardworking high street shops we will provide free parking in all district Council car parks for up to four hours. This will help attract shoppers back to the High Street and ensure they have a bright future. We will also roll out the Government support scheme for small businesses rates relief.

- Work with the Government to improve Children's social care.
- Work with local schools to increase the number of Grammar School places available in Birmingham.
- We would keep our leisure centres open
- We would ensure our libraries remained open
- Provide free parking in local shopping centres and roll out the Government business rates support scheme
- Expand the Midland Metro and seek to build the Camp Hill cross city line.

A Conservative Council would seek both to create a Midland Metro network - building on the work of the proposed extensions, as well as to expand the rail network with the re-opening to commuter travel of the Camp Hill, Tamworth and Sutton Park lines and Six new railway stations in Birmingham and three in Sutton Coldfield would be built. These would be: Hazelwell, Kings Heath, Moseley, Balsall Heath, Fort Parkway, Castle Vale, Walmley, Sutton Park and Streetly.

We would support our local heritage by introducing the promised Birmingham History Week. This would be an annual event aimed at teaching our children about our past and the role Birmingham played in the shaping of the modern world. We would support local communities like Erdington and Acocks Green who wish to have conservation zones established. A Conservative Council would ensure that each suburb's heritage is remembered and celebrated.

STANDING UP FOR EDGBASTON DISTRICT - #SU4EDGBASTON

What our manifesto would deliver for the residents of Edgbaston District:-

- ◆ Those who have paid the 'garden tax' for garden waste collection service will be refunded.
- ◆ Grit bins retained
- ◆ Community Chest funding of £100,000 per ward, for local community funding.
- ◆ Bartley Green, Quinton and Harborne Libraries will remain open.
- ◆ School crossing patrols will be saved.
- ◆ Local CCTV cameras will be retained.
- ◆ Every household will be eligible for a free bulky waste collection.
- ◆ Local street lights will remain switched on.
- ◆ Children's play areas will be retained in local parks, to ensure local children have access.
- ◆ A Youth Community Chest to fund services for young people will be established.
- ◆ Local leisure centres, including Harborne and Bartley Green, will be protected.
- ◆ Free garden waste collections.
- ◆ A 'Pride in Edgbaston' clean up crew dedicated to ensuring the streets are clear of rubbish and fly tipped waste.
- ◆ New local dog and litter warden patrols will help tackle the blight of littering and dog mess left on our streets.



- ◆ Each ward will get a new micro park/ public square to improve quality of life in the coming 4 years.
- ◆ Improvements to the local Library network.
- ◆ Emergency Pothole repairs fund

STANDING UP FOR ERDINGTON DISTRICT - #SU4ERDINGTON

What our manifesto would deliver for the residents of Erdington District:-

- ◆ Those who have paid the 'garden tax' for garden waste collection service will be refunded.
- ◆ Grit bins retained
- ◆ Community Chest funding of £100,000 per ward
- ◆ Erdington and Castle Vale Libraries will remain open.
- ◆ School crossing patrols will be saved and local CCTV cameras will be retained.
- ◆ Every household will be eligible for a free bulky waste collection.
- ◆ Local street lights will remain switched on.
- ◆ Children's play areas, for example on Warren Farm Island and Short Heath Park amongst others, will be retained in local parks.
- ◆ Castle Vale, Erdington, Kingstanding and Stockland Green Leisure Centres will remain open.
- ◆ A Youth Community Chest will be established, meaning the Malcolm Locker can be retained.
- ◆ A 'Pride in Erdington' clean up crew dedicated to ensuring the streets are clear of rubbish and fly tipped waste.
- ◆ New local dog and litter warden patrols will help tackle the blight of littering and dog mess left on our streets.



- ◆ Each ward will get a new micro park/public square to improve quality of life in the coming 4 years.
- ◆ Improvements to the local Library network.
- ◆ Emergency Pothole repairs fund
- ◆ The Erdington Residents Parking Scheme would be delivered

STANDING UP FOR HALL GREEN DISTRICT - #SU4HALLGREEN

What our manifesto would deliver for the residents of Hall Green District:-

- ◆ Those who have paid the 'garden tax' for garden waste collection service will be refunded.
- ◆ Grit bins retained
- ◆ Community Chest funding of £100,000 per ward, for local community funding.
- ◆ Local Libraries, like Hall Green Library, will remain open.
- ◆ School crossing patrols will be saved.
- ◆ Local CCTV cameras will be retained.
- ◆ Every household will be eligible for a free bulky waste collection.
- ◆ Local street lights will remain switched on.
- ◆ Children's play areas will be retained in local parks, to ensure local children have access.
- ◆ A Youth Community Chest to fund services for young people will be established.
- ◆ Free garden waste collections.
- ◆ A 'Pride in Hall Green' clean up crew dedicated to ensuring the streets are clear of rubbish and fly tipped waste.
- ◆ New local dog and litter warden patrols will help tackle the blight of littering and dog mess left on our streets.



- ◆ Local leisure centres will be protected.
- ◆ Each ward will get a new micro park/public square to improve quality of life in the coming 4 years.
- ◆ Improvements to the local Library network.
- ◆ Emergency Pothole repairs fund

STANDING UP FOR HODGE HILL DISTRICT - #SU4HODGEHILL

What our manifesto would deliver for the residents of Hodge Hill District:-

- ◆ Those who have paid the 'garden tax' for garden waste collection service will be refunded.
- ◆ Grit bins retained
- ◆ Community Chest funding of £100,000 per ward, for local community funding.
- ◆ Local Libraries will remain open.
- ◆ School crossing patrols will be saved.
- ◆ Local CCTV cameras will be retained.
- ◆ Every household will be eligible for a free bulky waste collection.
- ◆ Local street lights will remain switched on.
- ◆ Children's play areas will be retained in local parks, to ensure local children have access.
- ◆ A Youth Community Chest to fund services for young people will be established.
- ◆ Free garden waste collections.
- ◆ Local leisure centres will be protected.
- ◆ A 'Pride in Hodge Hill' clean up crew dedicated to ensuring the streets are clear of rubbish and fly tipped waste.



- ◆ New local dog and litter warden patrols will help tackle the blight of littering and dog mess left on our streets.
- ◆ Each ward will get a new micro park/public square to improve quality of life in the coming 4 years.
- ◆ Improvements to the local Library network.
- ◆ Emergency Pothole repairs fund

STANDING UP FOR LADYWOOD DISTRICT - #SU4LADYWOOD

What our manifesto would deliver for the residents of Ladywood District:-

- ◆ Those who have paid the 'garden tax' for garden waste collection service will be refunded.
- ◆ Grit bins retained
- ◆ Community Chest funding of £100,000 per ward, for local community funding.
- ◆ Local Libraries will remain open.
- ◆ School crossing patrols will be saved.
- ◆ Local CCTV cameras will be retained.
- ◆ Every household will be eligible for a free bulky waste collection.
- ◆ Local street lights will remain switched on.
- ◆ Children's play areas will be retained in local parks, to ensure local children have access.
- ◆ A Youth Community Chest to fund services for young people will be established.
- ◆ Local leisure centres will be protected.
- ◆ Free garden waste collections.
- ◆ A 'Pride in Ladywood' clean up crew dedicated to ensuring the streets are clear of rubbish and fly tipped waste.



- ◆ New local dog and litter warden patrols will help tackle the blight of littering and dog mess left on our streets.
- ◆ Each ward will get a new micro park/ public square to improve quality of life in the coming 4 years.
- ◆ Improvements to the local Library network.
- ◆ Emergency Pothole repairs fund

STANDING UP FOR NORTHFIELD DISTRICT - #SU4NORTHFIELD

What our manifesto would deliver for the residents of Northfield District:-

- ◆ Those who have paid the 'garden tax' for garden waste collection service will be refunded.
- ◆ Grit bins retained
- ◆ Community Chest funding of £100,000 per ward, for local community funding.
- ◆ Local West Heath, Northfield, Kings Norton, Frankley and Weoley Castle Libraries will remain open.
- ◆ School crossing patrols will be saved and Local CCTV cameras will be retained.
- ◆ Every household will be eligible for a free bulky waste collection.
- ◆ Local street lights will remain switched on.
- ◆ Children's play areas, eg in Victoria Common, will be retained in local parks, to ensure local children have access.
- ◆ Northfield Swimming Pool & Fitness Centre and Colmers Leisure Centre will remain open.
- ◆ A Youth Community Chest will be established, meaning the 'Square Club' can be retained.
- ◆ A 'Pride in Northfield' clean up crew dedicated to ensuring the streets are clear of rubbish and fly tipped waste.
- ◆ New local dog and litter warden patrols will help tackle the blight of littering and dog mess left on our streets.



- ◆ Each ward will get a new micro park/ public square to improve quality of life in the coming 4 years.
- ◆ Improvements to the local Library network.
- ◆ Emergency Pothole repairs fund.

STANDING UP FOR PERRY BARR DISTRICT - #SU4PERRYBARR

What our manifesto would deliver for the residents of Perry Barr District:-

- ◆ Those who have paid the 'garden tax' for garden waste collection service will be refunded.
- ◆ Grit bins retained
- ◆ Community Chest funding of £100,000 per ward, for local community funding.
- ◆ Local Libraries will remain open.
- ◆ School crossing patrols will be saved.
- ◆ Local CCTV cameras will be retained.
- ◆ Every household will be eligible for a free bulky waste collection.
- ◆ Local street lights will remain switched on.
- ◆ Children's play areas will be retained in local parks, to ensure local children have access.
- ◆ A Youth Community Chest to fund services for young people will be established.
- ◆ Local leisure centres will be protected.
- ◆ Free garden waste collections.
- ◆ A 'Pride in Perry Barr' clean up crew dedicated to ensuring the streets are clear of rubbish and fly tipped waste.
- ◆ New local dog and litter warden patrols will help tackle the blight of littering and dog mess left on our streets.



- ◆ Each ward will get a new micro park/public square to improve quality of life in the coming 4 years.
- ◆ Improvements to the local Library network.
- ◆ Emergency Pothole repairs fund

STANDING UP FOR SELLY OAK DISTRICT - #SU4SELYOAK

What our manifesto would deliver for the residents of Selly Oak District:-

- ◆ Those who have paid the 'garden tax' for garden waste collection service will be refunded.
- ◆ Grit bins retained
- ◆ Community Chest funding of £100,000 per ward, for local community funding.
- ◆ Yardley Wood, Stirchley, Druids Heath and Selly Oak Libraries will remain open.
- ◆ School crossing patrols will be saved.
- ◆ Local CCTV cameras will be retained.
- ◆ Every household will be eligible for a free bulky waste collection.
- ◆ Local street lights will remain switched on.
- ◆ Children's play areas will be retained in local parks, to ensure local children have access.
- ◆ A Youth Community Chest to fund services for young people will be established.
- ◆ Local leisure centres will be protected.
- ◆ Free garden waste collections.
- ◆ A 'Pride in Selly Oak' clean up crew dedicated to ensuring the streets are clear or rubbish and fly tipped waste.
- ◆ New local dog and litter warden patrols will help tackle the blight of littering and dog mess left on our streets.



- ◆ Each ward will get a new micro park/ public square to improve quality of life in the coming 4 years.
- ◆ Improvements to the local Library network.
- ◆ Emergency Pothole repairs fund

STANDING UP FOR SUTTON COLDFIELD DISTRICT - #SU4SUTTONCOLDFIELD

What our manifesto would deliver for the residents of Sutton Coldfield

District:-

- ◆ Those who have paid the 'garden tax' for garden waste collection service will be refunded.
- ◆ Grit bins retained
- ◆ Community Chest funding of £100,000 per ward, for local community funding.
- ◆ Local Libraries will remain open.
- ◆ School crossing patrols will be saved.
- ◆ Local CCTV cameras will be retained.
- ◆ Every household will be eligible for a free bulky waste collection.
- ◆ Local street lights will remain switched on.
- ◆ Children's play areas will be retained in local parks, to ensure local children have access.
- ◆ A Youth Community Chest to fund services for young people will be established.
- ◆ Local leisure centres will be protected.
- ◆ Free garden waste collections.
- ◆ The Sutton Registry office, serving North Birmingham, would be re-opened.
- ◆ A 'Pride in Sutton Coldfield' clean up crew dedicated to ensuring the streets are clear of rubbish and fly tipped waste.
- ◆ New local dog and litter warden patrols will help tackle the blight of littering and dog mess left on our streets.



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- ◆ Improvements to the local Library network.
- ◆ Emergency Pothole repairs fund

STANDING UP FOR YARDLEY DISTRICT - #SU4YARDLEY

What our manifesto would deliver for the residents of Yardley District:-

- ◆ Those who have paid the 'garden tax' for garden waste collection service will be refunded.
- ◆ Grit bins retained
- ◆ Community Chest funding of £100,000 per ward, for local community funding.
- ◆ Local Libraries will remain open.
- ◆ School crossing patrols will be saved.
- ◆ Local CCTV cameras will be retained.
- ◆ Every household will be eligible for a free bulky waste collection.
- ◆ Local street lights will remain switched on.
- ◆ Children's play areas will be retained in local parks, to ensure local children have access.
- ◆ A Youth Community Chest to fund services for young people will be established.
- ◆ Local leisure centres will be protected.
- ◆ Free garden waste collections.
- ◆ A 'Pride in Yardley' clean up crew dedicated to ensuring the streets are clear of rubbish and fly tipped waste.
- ◆ New local dog and litter warden patrols will help tackle the blight of littering and dog mess left on our streets.



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- ◆ Improvements to the local Library network.
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THE CHOICE AT THIS ELECTION



It is clear the Labour Party in Birmingham have let residents down. They have chosen to slash frontline services rather than back office functions and they have chosen to protect their vested interests and Council largesse over helping local residents.

CONSERVATIVES

When the Conservatives last ran Birmingham they regularly won awards for keeping our city clean. A Conservative Council will restore the street cleaning budget and introduce new neighbourhood cleaning crews to keep Birmingham clean.

Between 2004-2012 the Conservative Council delivered decent homes standard improvements for our City Council housing tenants. A Conservative Council would ensure that the decent homes plus programme of new bathrooms and kitchens was delivered

Conservative run Edgbaston district have shown that when Conservatives are in charge, vital local services like School crossing patrols are protected.

When the Conservatives ran Birmingham the recycling rate trebled. A Conservative Council would re-introduce unlimited recycling collections, in the wards where it has been capped and protect them in other wards.

Our priorities are a clean, green and safe city, where residents can have pride in our home and want to live, work, eat, drink and enjoy living in Birmingham.

A Conservative Birmingham will deliver a Cleaner, Greener and Safer city for local residents, with a focus on all our neighbourhoods not just the City Centre. A Conservative Council would provide value for money.

LABOUR

Labour have announced a further 20% reduction of street cleaning in our suburbs despite refusing to make a saving from cabinet support officers to save street cleaners.

Within two years the Labour Council has already fallen hugely behind in the home improvements programme, letting down our tenants. Sadly this is not surprising given last time Labour were in charge they twice tried to sell off the City's housing stock.

Every Labour district is looking to make up to 80% reductions in the School crossing patrol budgets. Only the Conservatives have promised to save them.

In just two years the Labour Council has let residents down. The recycling rate has collapsed and last year they doubled the amount of waste going to landfill. Residents deserve clean streets and a green Council.

The Labour Council have chosen to protect policy equality, European, and trade union officers rather than vital front line services.

If Labour get re-elected, Brummies will be facing higher Council tax bills, charges for services which were previously free, and a failing Council. A Labour Council will cut at least 20% more from local street cleaning budgets.

SCRAP THE GARDEN TAX

SORRY!

We are sorry that your garden has been damaged by the garden tax.

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