

**LAMBETH  
LABOUR**

**BOROUGH OF THE  
YEAR 2025**

**BUILDING A  
BRIGHTER  
FUTURE  
TOGETHER**

**Labour's plan  
for Lambeth**



**Vote  Labour 7th May**

In 2022 Lambeth Labour stood on a manifesto of great public services. And we have delivered. Every major council service has been independently inspected and judged as transformed.

We've achieved this despite the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic, cost of living crisis and over a decade of savage government cuts from the Liberal Democrats and the Tories. Cuts that asked us to deliver more, with so much less.

Because of Labour's leadership in Lambeth, we've increased investment in our parks and libraries, built a record number of genuinely affordable homes for local families, despite opposition from the Lambeth Green Party, and protected services for the most vulnerable. We have been on your side.

These decisions reflect a council that is ambitious for Lambeth and determined to put our communities first.

We have done the hard yards, fixing our foundations. Now it's time to go further.

Let's not put all that we have achieved together at risk.

With Labour, we will invest over £30 million a year to help families with the cost of living, get even tougher with landlords and back our renters.

We'll build thousands more affordable homes, crack down on antisocial behaviour, and clean up our streets with tougher action on fly-tipping and free community skips.

We will expand free school meals and breakfast clubs, and introduce free gym and swim for under 16's.

Lambeth Labour is the only party with a plan rooted in our diversity, our track record, and our communities.

Together, by voting Labour on 7th May, we can build a brighter future for Lambeth.

Yours,

Claire Holland

Leader of Lambeth Labour



# PLACES WE ALL LOVE



## What we've done

**LEADING PARKS** - Lambeth now has 26 Green Flag parks - the highest ever - confirming our position as one of the top boroughs in London for quality public spaces.

**LIBRARIES** - Protected and invested £20 million in our award-winning libraries, lowering bills and installing new toilets, lifts and meeting rooms.

**REDUCED TOXIC AIR** - By over 50 percent in Vauxhall and over 25 percent in Brixton, due to Labour's action on the climate and transport.

**NEW BUS ROUTE** - Secured a new east to west route connecting Clapham South, Clapham Park, Brixton Hill, Tulse Hill, and West Dulwich, giving residents more reliable transport across Lambeth.

**PLANTED 12,000 TREES** - Tackling the climate crisis and reducing toxic air, more than double what we pledged to you in 2022.

## What we'll do next

**CLEAN STREET GUARANTEE** - Protect bin collections, introduce free community skip days, increase on the spot fly-tipping fines to £1,200 and introduce a new enforcement van to collect e-bikes.

**PROTECT AND EXPAND LIBRARIES** - Invest in our libraries, bringing more council services into them so residents can access advice, support and digital services in one place.

**RECORD INVESTMENT IN PARKS** - Continue our record investment in Lambeth's parks and expand tree planting across the borough.

**CYCLE HANGARS AND EV CHARGERS** - Double the number of cycle hangars again, alongside increasing the number of EV chargers.

**TAKE BACK OUR HIGH STREETS** - Use new High Street Rental Auction powers to bring long-term empty shops back into use and take on gambling firms through our campaign for stronger legislation.

Labour will protect regular bin collections and establish community skips

### WARNING!

MONTHLY BIN COLLECTIONS WITH THE GREENS, JUST LIKE THEY TRIED IN GREEN-RUN-BRISTOL



# OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY YOUNG PERSON



## What we've done

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS** – 17,000 children received free school meal holiday provision and ten new free breakfast clubs have opened at Lambeth primary schools, ensuring children start the day ready to learn.

**AUTO-ENROLMENT** – Lambeth was one of the first London councils to automatically enrol eligible pupils for free school meals, with over 1,500 children signed up, saving families £600 per year and bringing more than £3 million in additional funding into local schools.

**FREE CHILDCARE** – 4,000 more Lambeth children will now get 30 hours of free childcare every week and save each family up to £7,500 a year thanks to Labour.

**INVESTED IN SEND** – Invested more than £10 million to expand Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) places, creating hundreds of new opportunities for Lambeth children

**EXCELLENT SCHOOLS AND SERVICES** – All Lambeth Secondary schools judged as 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted, Children's Services transformed and recognised as 'Good' with support for care leavers in 2026.

## What we'll do next

**FREE GYM & SWIM FOR UNDER 16s** – Expand on our 2022 commitment to introduce free swimming for under-11s, keeping children and teenagers healthy and saving parents money.

**MORE PLAY AND SAFE SPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** – Invest in adventure playgrounds, youth clubs and safe community spaces, with £2.4million available in 2026/27 alone.

**NEW 0-19 YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE** – Combine youth work, children's centres, early help and family support into a single joined-up service for all children and young people.

**EXPAND SEND PROVISION** – Increase specialist school places and family support so more children with SEND can thrive close to home, including a new site at Kings Avenue School.

**BACK LAMBETH SCHOOLS** – Expand mentoring programmes, support teachers, and work with schools to make them smartphone free.

Lambeth Labour protects our public services while keeping bills down



## WARNING!

COUNCIL TAX UP TO £600 HIGHER IN LIBERAL-DEMOCRAT RUN BOROUGH



## What we've done

**MORE POLICE** – Secured 28 extra police officers for Brixton alone, alongside a new safety hub in Brixton.

**LESS CRIME** – Knife crime is down 36% in the past twelve months in Lambeth, with new CCTV in hotspot areas, more on-street outreach and knife amnesty pop-ups.

**BETTER PATHWAYS** – Lambeth's Youth Justice Service was rated 'Good' with outstanding features in 2026, and Lambeth Labour funded the Barbershop Experience, a 12-week programme for boys in school to combat serious youth violence through therapy.

**SAFE PLACES** – Expanded our pioneering and award winning VAWG (Violence Against Women & Girls.) services and we are proud to fund the greatest number of refuge beds of any London borough and twice the London average.

**MORE ACCOUNTABILITY** – Re-established Safer Neighbourhood Panels, allowing you to have your voice heard in policing decisions in your community.

## What we'll do next

**NEW SAFER STREETS OFFICERS** – Introduce officers to patrol every neighbourhood, tackling anti-social behaviour with full council enforcement powers.

**PROTECT LONDON'S BEST VAWG SERVICE** – Continue investment in Lambeth's violence against women and girls service and protect London's largest number of refuge beds. Establish a Women's Safety Commission.

**NEW TOWN CENTRE HUBS** – Safety hubs in our town centres, cab-style hubs for night-time workers, and Lambeth Loos, a new community toilet scheme.

**END ROUGH SLEEPING AND EXPAND OUTREACH SUPPORT** – Work with the Mayor of London to end rough sleeping in Lambeth by 2030. Expand our drug and alcohol outreach services from five days a week to seven.

**NEW LAMBETH HATE CRIME COMMISSIONER & NEW POLICE SCRUTINY PANEL** – Improve support for victims and increase scrutiny and accountability of the police to tackle all forms of hate crime.



# SAFER LAMBETH



Labour will protect your public services and invest in children's futures

## WARNING!

THE GREEN PARTY WILL BANKRUPT THE COUNCIL WITH MILLIONS OF UNCOSTED SPENDING PROPOSED



# HOMES YOU CAN AFFORD

## What we've done

### MORE SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOMES

– Over 2,600 new homes are currently in construction, planning or procurement, with over 40% of these being social and genuinely affordable homes.

**BETTER RIGHTS FOR RENTERS** – Over 100,000 private renters have stronger protection and rights due to Lambeth Labour's renters' rights protection scheme.

**IMPROVED HOUSING SERVICES** – Lambeth received the second highest grading for housing services from the Regulator, with improved council homes and tenant satisfaction on the rise.

**REDUCED TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION NUMBERS AND COSTS** – putting more families in safe and secure permanent accommodation, rebuilding lives while securing better value for council taxpayers.

**ROUGH SLEEPING PROGRESS** – invested £5 million annually in our rough sleeping service, helping more than 200 rough sleepers off the streets in 2025 alone.



## What we'll do next

**4,000 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOMES BY 2035** – Labour will put you first by building more genuinely affordable homes for local families ensuring fewer children grow up in temporary accommodation, and extra care beds for those who need them, tackling the housing crisis head-on.

**TACKLE BAD LANDLORDS** – Set up a renters' rights team to help protect you from illegal eviction and tackle bad landlords.

**ENSURE DEVELOPER TAXES BENEFIT YOU** – When new development happens, local communities see the benefits. Ensure taxes levied on developers are redistributed to invest in the things you want.

**COUNCIL HOME INVESTMENT** – Invest £200million in improving our council homes to make sure they are warm, safe and dry and crack down on shoddy contractors, firing them when they underperform.

**BRING BACK FORMER COUNCIL HOMES** – Right to Buy led to thousands of council homes being lost across London. Lambeth Labour will continue to secure them back into public ownership for local families.



## What we've done

**STANDING WITH YOU** – Invested over £20 million to help 40,000 households with free school meals vouchers, money off energy bills or emergency hardship payments.

**LOWER COSTS AND BETTER SERVICES** – Lambeth has the 9th lowest Council Tax in London, unlike Conservative and Liberal Democrat run councils, which charge more.

**TACKLING ESSENTIALS** – Secured a discount of £405 on the average yearly water bill for thousands of residents and took tough enforcement action against Thames Water.

**PROTECTED CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL** – Saved the Freedom Pass for over 33,000 disabled and elderly residents and previously protected the young person's pass against Conservative cuts.

**PRIDE IN LAMBETH** – Supported Tonic Housing to build UK's first LGBTQ+ retirement homes in Waterloo and held the first ever annual Leader's Pride Reception celebrating Lambeth as the home of Pride

## What we'll do next

**COST OF LIVING SUPPORT** – Invest over £30 million a year into helping Lambeth residents with the cost of living.

**SIMPLER AND FAIRER PARKING SYSTEM** – Labour will make Lambeth's parking system simpler, fairer and better suited to your needs. Scrap complex trader permits, introduce London's first family car-sharing permits, saving households money, and introduce carer permits.

**PILOT A LAMBETH EDUCATION ALLOWANCE** – Pay a grant to help young people from lower-income families stay in education post-16.

**INTRODUCE A FIRST STEPS PAYMENT** – A £200 First Steps grant to help new parents cover the cost of essential items when a child is born. To help families with basics like clothes, nappies and equipment.

**A FAIR START FOR EVERY CHILD** – Roll out free breakfast clubs in every primary school, expand free school meals, and help families with the cost of uniforms and school essentials.



Labour is building the next generation of genuinely affordable homes

### WARNING!

LAMBETH GREEN PARTY HAVE TRIED TO BLOCK 857 AFFORDABLE HOMES BEING BUILT FOR LAMBETH FAMILIES



# TOGETHER WITH YOU

because your background should not determine your outcome



Labour will protect free travel for 60+ in Lambeth

### WARNING!

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS CALLED THE FREEDOM PASS AN "EXPENSIVE BURDEN"



**FREE SCHOOL MEALS, BUILDING  
COUNCIL HOMES, 12,000 NEW  
TREES, AIR POLLUTION DOWN,  
MORE POLICE OFFICERS,  
ROUGH SLEEPERS HOUSED,  
OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS,  
RIGHTS FOR RENTERS, REFUGEES  
WELCOME, AWARD WINNING  
PARKS, MINIMUM WAGE UP,  
VIOLENT CRIME DOWN,  
FREE BREAKFAST CLUBS IN  
SCHOOLS, MORE CYCLE LANES,  
MORE NHS APPOINTMENTS,  
MORE SEND PLACES IN LAMBETH,  
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