



A Stronger City

Labour's Equalities and
Communities Manifesto for

Brighton and Hove

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Our city is one of the most welcoming and diverse in the world. We have a proud tradition of recognising the value of all who live here. However, years of Tory austerity and social change are putting this at risk.

We are committed to ensuring that our great city continues to have a broad range of communities, and is a place where residents feel safe, supported and valued.

The Labour Minority Council has:

- Protected all council libraries from closure.
- Worked to enhance the city's reputation for inclusion through, for example, introducing the British Sign Language Charter and signing the Faith Covenant.
- Led nationally on trans rights and championed trans inclusive policies.
- Developed an integrated neighbourhoods approach which brings services closer to the heart of communities.

A Labour Majority Council will:

- Establish a fund to enhance the provision of neighbourhood services and community policing across the city, tackling crime and antisocial behaviour in every community.
- Preserve and develop civic spaces that are vital to communities, such as libraries and children's centres, by ensuring these are at the heart of our customer service provision across all our services. Every neighbourhood should have a place that is free to meet in and where residents can get online, preventing digital exclusion.
- Work alongside communities on what matters to them. We will increase participation in our decisions from communities we serve using neighbourhood action plans and ward budgets as building blocks.
- Recognise that some communities are underrepresented in civic life and look at projects such as Operation Black Vote and others to ensure that participation in civic life is fair and representative of the whole city.
- Establish an independent body to examine the impacts of poverty on residents and build an action plan in our first year to make life fairer for those households.
- Continue to invest in a strong and independent voluntary and community sector able to both deliver services and also to provide constructive challenge to us in making decisions.
- Carry out an age-friendly service review to work to reduce isolation for older people in our city.
- Improve access to all parts of our city and our services for people with physical, sensory and learning disabilities.
- Protect spending on independent, LGBT inclusive services for those who are survivors of sexual or domestic violence.

- Continue to play our part in the international refugee crisis and protect our status as a proud City of Sanctuary.
- Invest in an independent support service for people experiencing racial and religiously motivated hate crime.



- Fight to ensure that misogyny is recognised as a hate crime.
- Recognise the extra vulnerability of people who are rough sleeping. We will campaign to ensure that people who attack rough sleepers are given a higher tariff to reflect this.

With a Labour Government we could:

- See policing funding restored to pre-2010 levels.
- Combine our neighbourhood teams and community policing teams into a focused service.
- Expand our library provision with fairer funding.
- End rough sleeping.
- Expand our work with refugees and those requiring sanctuary.
- End child poverty in the city.