

The background is a solid red color. It is decorated with white line art illustrations. In the top left, there are leaves and a small butterfly. In the top right, there is a bee and more leaves. On the left side, there is a traffic light on a pole. In the center, there is a bicycle. On the right side, there are two roses. At the bottom, there are more leaves and a small plant.

LEADING TRAFFORD TOGETHER

Trafford Labour Manifesto 2023

FOREWORD FROM THE LEADER OF TRAFFORD LABOUR GROUP

My vision for the future of Trafford
under a Labour leadership.



Everyone knows only too well that we have experienced a difficult few years, with the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis, which have had a major impact on Trafford residents. There have been unprecedented global challenges too, with crippling financial impact of austerity, Brexit, the effects of climate change, and the devastating invasion of Ukraine.

The focus for Trafford must now be on recovery and achieving success – and we believe this will be done through further investment in high-quality services. Labour pledges to use every opportunity to grow the economy and make Trafford a safer, greener, vibrant, and inclusive place for everyone who lives, works, and visits here.

Trafford Labour will build on our key priorities of giving children the very best start in life, delivering high-quality affordable housing, and celebrating our sports, arts and culture. Recognising the need to reduce Trafford's carbon footprint, Labour will push ahead with its green agenda to improve residents' health, well-being and quality of life.



“Trafford Labour will always be on your side and together we will improve quality of life.”

Trafford Labour is committed to tackling inequality and understands how poverty and disadvantage cause real harm. We will listen to those impacted by poverty, and will create a more equal and sustainable borough, that meets the needs of all its residents.

Trafford is a unique and fantastic place to live, work and relax, full of hope and opportunity. Trafford Labour will continue to celebrate, support and value our ethnically diverse communities. We have deliverable, ambitious, and sustainable plans for Trafford where everyone will have the opportunity to thrive.

Trafford Labour will always be on your side and together we will improve quality of life, improve health outcomes, and create a fairer, healthy, and economically inclusive place to live.



Tom Ross

Leader of Trafford Labour

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Trafford Labour is committed to putting children and young people at the heart of everything it does. Under Labour, the Council is committed to investing almost £50m into the sector.

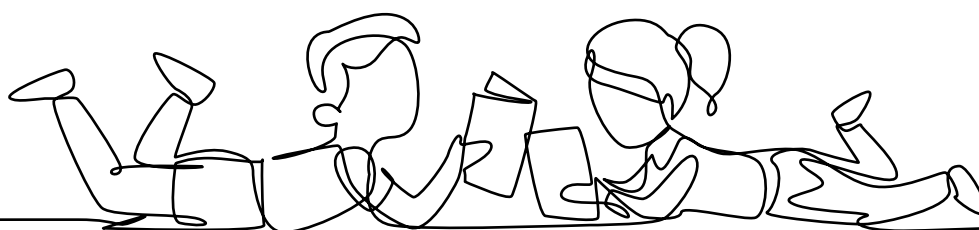
We want everyone to have the best start in life, with access to quality schools, colleges, training, and opportunity. We are proud that Trafford continues to be listed in the top ten areas nationally for outstanding schools. Trafford is the only area outside London that made it into the top ten, with a third of our schools achieving the highest possible rating by Ofsted.

Trafford Labour believe it is important for schools to be inclusive so that all Trafford children can achieve their potential.



Trafford Labour will:

- 1** Continue to invest in services for Children and Young People. Under Trafford Labour, the Council has increased funding this year by a further £4.9m.
- 2** Embed the Inclusion Charter in schools to ensure all our children and young people have the best educational opportunities to achieve their potential.
- 3** Continue to lobby the government for desperately needed secondary school places.
- 4** Continue to build on the significant progress we have made to support our children and young people who have Special Needs and Disabilities.
- 5** Work positively with our Children in Care and our Care Experienced young people to ensure we put them at the heart of what we do.
- 6** Remain committed to delivering in-house youth services in Trafford, including outreach support through an innovative mobile unit.
- 7** Invest in family hubs and wrap around support to help struggling families at an early stage.
- 8** Work with our local education and business partners to ensure our young people in Trafford have the best possible access to apprenticeship and employment opportunities.



INVESTING IN HOUSING AND REGENERATION

Trafford Labour supports ambitious plans for new housing and regeneration across the borough. Under Labour, the Council has pledged to invest millions in our town centres and public realm spaces, and to deliver thousands of high-quality new homes.

Under Labour, the Council secured over £100m of external funding to invest in housing, town centres, sports facilities, leisure centres, parks, and open spaces. Labour will ensure fair investment across the borough.

At this time of economic uncertainty, Labour will continue to target investment to create jobs while acting as a partner for residents, businesses, and developers.



Trafford Labour will:

- 1** Deliver a genuine mix of housing for residents, families, the vulnerable and older people.
- 2** Secure 'social value' such as local employment, apprenticeships, and contributions from developers to promote community activity.
- 3** Continue work in Altrincham town centre, including the remodelling within the former Rackham's building and the ongoing improvements to the public spaces.
- 4** Start work on site at Stretford Mall: this project will see the remodelling of the centre into a modern, fit for purpose town centre.
- 5** Refresh a masterplan for Urmston Town Centre.
- 6** Advance the delivery of thousands of new homes across Trafford.
- 7** Start work on the former magistrates' court in Sale – providing 84 new homes including some for affordable rent and shared ownership.
- 8** Begin to transform the site at Bold Street in Old Trafford, developing a new community which will feature more than 100 new homes.
- 9** Use our newly adopted 'Civic Quarter Area Action Plan' to help shape new developments in a key area of Old Trafford and Gorse Hill.
- 10** Create 12 new social rented apartments in the former Lindow Court in Sale Moor.

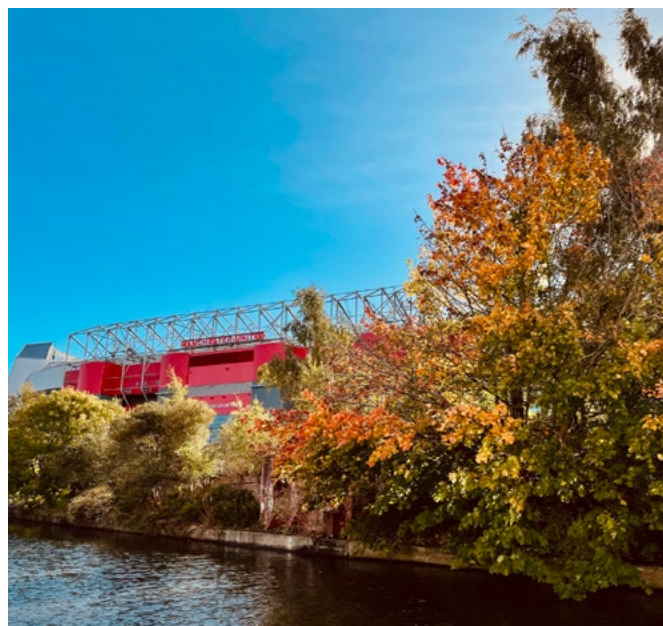


CELEBRATING SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

Trafford Labour aims to offer everyone the opportunity to improve the quality of their life through sport, arts and culture.

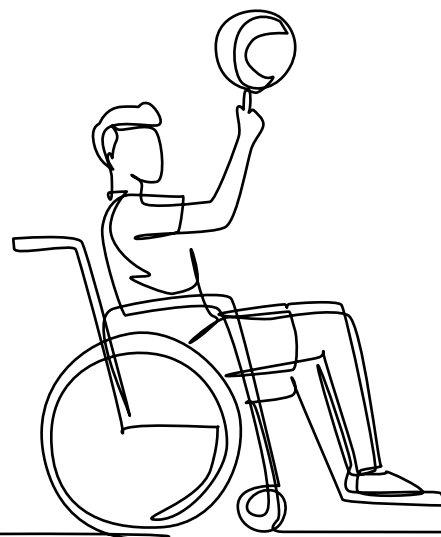
We recognise that excellence can emerge only out of opportunity, and that talent displayed by our young people will only flourish with the Council making the right decisions and ensuring that facilities are given adequate funding.

Physical activity plays a vital part in improving health and wellbeing. We will ensure that fitness and leisure facilities are accessible to people of all ages and abilities.



Trafford Labour will:

- 1** Work with partners and communities to ensure Trafford's streets are safer and have accessible walking and cycling routes.
- 2** Ensure our green spaces are vibrant places where our residents can be active and keep moving.
- 3** Invest over £50m into Trafford's leisure centres. We are excited that Altrincham, Stretford and Partington leisure centres will all benefit from refurbishment following the huge success of Move Urmston.
- 4** Develop our Culture Strategy will raise the profile of the sector across the borough to ensure it is an integral part of improving our communities.
- 5** Plan for the future by developing plans that will ensure that Trafford's rich and diverse cultural heritage will be enjoyed by residents and visitors.



GREENER, CLEANER BOROUGH

Under the leadership of Trafford Labour £20m is being invested to improve our walking and cycling routes.

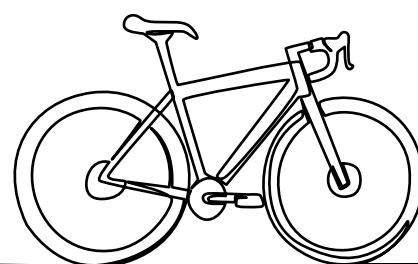
Work is underway to make Trafford carbon neutral by 2038 in a bid to improve air quality, whilst giving residents and visitors environmentally friendlier and safer ways to travel. Labour has already boosted Trafford's green credentials by developing a Carbon Neutral Action Plan to address climate change. The move came after the council became the first in Greater Manchester to declare a climate emergency.

Over the next 15 years, our vision is for energy in Trafford to become renewable, including through the electrification of vehicles and public transport. Trafford Labour will promote cleaner energy for homes and businesses and the retrofitting of buildings where possible.



Trafford Labour will:

- 1** Reduce carbon output by decarbonising Trafford Park industrial estate through measures such as increased use of solar power generation and the potential of a District Heat Network. We will look to secure funding to advance further improvements over the coming years.
- 2** Continue work to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure across Trafford, with four sites built so far providing nineteen charging points. Hundreds more are in the pipeline.
- 3** Renew the Council's pledge to invest £22m over the next three years on highway improvements with additional spending on streetlighting, footpaths and resurfacing work.
- 4** Work with organisations to support the installation of solar panels on schools and public buildings.
- 5** Support Greater Manchester's ambitious plan to plant one million trees across the conurbation. In Trafford, thousands of trees have been planted and an additional £50k of funding is being invested to plant more this year.
- 6** Commit to ensuring that children in Trafford can get to and from school safely in an environment that supports walking, cycling, and other forms of cleaner transport by rolling out School Streets.
- 7** Continue to work with local communities to help establish Play Street schemes, where children can play safely together, free from traffic.



TACKLING INEQUALITIES

The pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis have had a major impact on Trafford residents.

Trafford Labour understands how poverty and inequality causes enduring harm. Plans to tackle these issues are at the top of Trafford Labour's agenda.

The effects of inequality are felt by older people, the vulnerable and those living in low quality or overcrowded housing. People are struggling to make ends meet due to low or insecure incomes.

Under Labour, the Council launched its Poverty Truth Commission that brought people struggling to cope and local leaders together to explore creative ways to tackle the issue. Major partners such as the police, Trafford Housing Trust and Trafford College have all made pledges to help people find ways to improve their lives.



Trafford Labour will:

- 1** Continue to work with organisations to deliver a more equal and sustainable borough, that meets the needs of all its residents.
- 2** Continue to improve its Equality Strategy to support all residents.
- 3** Continue to celebrate Trafford's vibrant LGBTQ+ community and promote our diversity and culture.
- 4** Continue to take the safety of women and girls seriously and endeavour to make Trafford a safe place for all.
- 5** Continue to support our voluntary and community sector, community hubs and partners to support vulnerable residents across Trafford.
- 6** Work with our colleagues in NHS Trafford to reduce health inequalities.
- 7** Remove barriers for our disabled residents and ensure accessibility is a priority. Pledge to support people into work or education and to provide access to travel.



GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT

Trafford Labour knows the basics matter. Everything we do as a council is important- from gritting roads and fixing signs to maintaining grass verges.



Because the basics matter, they must be done well.

Our contractors must adopt that mindset too and we are committed to holding them to account. Trafford Labour recently announced the Council will invest millions into our roads, social care, towns and leisure centres as well as Trafford's environmental improvements. Labour will continue to make Trafford a better place to live, work and relax.



How will a Labour Council achieve this?

1. This year a further £11.8m will be invested in our highways and there is £13.6m earmarked to continue the council's town centre regeneration plans.
2. Labour will invest £500,000 for improvements in our parks and green spaces.
3. There will be an additional £8.8m invested to support social care.
4. Boost school funding by £14m to help meet extra needs and provide more school places.
5. The real terms cut in Trafford's funding since 2010 is now £290m. Trafford Labour recently joined the F20 – this is a cross party group of councils who are lobbying the government to genuinely level up local government finance. If agreed, Trafford would receive an additional £5.7m each year to support our residents
6. Despite experiencing crippling financial pressures, Trafford Labour will continue to support all our residents and fundamentally that means getting the basics right.

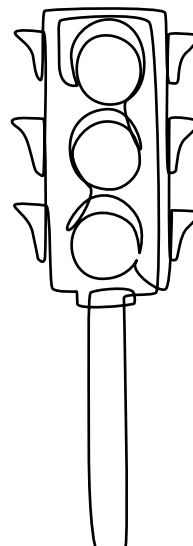
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