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PUTTING PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Manchester is an incredible city, a city we are proud to call home. It is a city that is made great by its people, and that's why our promise to put people at the heart of what we do is so important.

Throughout the difficult times of the pandemic and the Cost of Living Crisis, Manchester Labour has been on your side, standing up for Manchester and building a better, fairer and greener Manchester together alongside you.

A year ago, Manchester Labour published an ambitious election manifesto, setting out how, despite the cuts, we would work with our citizens to keep the City moving forward. Twelve months later we can show that we are delivering on every single one of our pledges. Now we are publishing an equally ambitious programme building on last year for the next twelve months and beyond.

From building social housing, tackling poverty and helping communities through the cost of Living Crisis to investing in parks, green spaces and community centre through to keeping our streets clean. Your priorities are being put into action.

We know that without a Labour Government we cannot do everything we want, everything you want. We have witnessed Conservative chaos over the last 13 years. But we will not allow an uncaring Tory Government and an out of touch Westminster to undermine everything we have achieved together over the last two decades. Manchester Labour will continue to listen, to stand up for Manchester people and to respond to the things you say are important.

Despite the challenges, I am optimistic for the future. Manchester is a truly fantastic place to be, a place full of hope and opportunity, a city I am proud to lead.

We have an ambitious plan to make Manchester a truly world class city, that puts Manchester people first.

A thriving and sustainable city, where everyone benefits from our successes, and a city that is the best place in the country to grow up, get on and get older. We will always be on your side, put you at the heart of what we do and together we can build a Better, Fairer Manchester.

Cllr Bev Craig

Leader of Manchester Labour & Manchester City Council



DELIVERING A BETTER, FAIRER MANCHESTER TOGETHER

A Fairer Greener Future: Putting people at the heart of everything we do is the second phase of our 2022 Local Election Manifesto - Working Together for a better, fairer Manchester. When we say we will deliver something, we mean it. This manifesto process holds our previous commitments to account all

the while refocusing and recommitting to Mancunians during one of the most difficult economic and political environments we have seen in decades.

Manchester is a great place to live, to work and to thrive. One of the fastest growing cities in Europe, we are an energetic, diverse and creative place.



However we want an even better Manchester, a prosperous and equal place, where every child has the best start in life, that creates new and exciting opportunities for Manchester people. A place where everyone can live happy and healthy lives, with good jobs, in clean and green and safe neighbourhoods, where everyone has a decent and genuinely affordable home. A city where no one is left behind, and everyone is proud of.

This is the Manchester residents tell us they want and a reality we are working together to build.

Over a decade of austerity has been forced on us by Tory & Liberal Democrat politicians, politicians Manchester rejected overwhelmingly at the ballot box. The money, power and opportunities stolen from our city, first by the Coalition and now by the current

cold, uncaring Tory Government mean we cannot do everything we would want to do.

Our budget for this year is £428 million lower in real terms than it was in 2010. £120,000 a day has been taken from Manchester, every day, for the last 12 years. These cuts are politically motivated and deliberately targeted at the areas of greatest need, at Labour cities like Manchester.

Even with only the average cut, Manchester would be £1.5 million a week better off. Now the Tories want to increase the burden on household budgets by forcing up the regressive Council Tax and National Insurance to cover up their economic failures. Despite this, Manchester Labour has always stood up for Manchester and delivered on your top priorities.

SINCE PUBLISHING A BETTER, FAIRER MANCHESTER TOGETHER IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS MANCHESTER LABOUR HAVE DELIVERED:

- ▶ Manchester voted in the Top 30 of global cities to live and Lonely Planet and Timeout's Top cities to visit
- ▶ Supported residents with the Cost of Living Crisis
- ▶ Opened Mayfield Park – the first new city centre park in 100 years
- ▶ Invested in our 143 Parks and Green Spaces
- ▶ Opened Castlefield Viaduct in the city centre
- ▶ Launched the new Housing strategy to build over 10,000 new low cost, low carbon social homes in the next decade, already building 542, getting on site with 1,200 and approving planning for another 1,100 genuinely affordable homes
- ▶ Began work building Council homes through This City
- ▶ Children's Services Awarded Good for the first time in our history
- ▶ Became a UNICEF Child Friendly City
- ▶ Recognised as a Manchester Living Wage City
- ▶ Expanded our network of 22 libraries and 23 leisure centres across the city
- ▶ Invested in arts and culture, from Factory International in the City Centre to planning new cultural programmes across North Manchester and Wythenshawe

OUR PLEDGES TO DELIVER A BETTER, FAIRER MANCHESTER TOGETHER:

PLEDGE 1: BY YOUR SIDE THROUGH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

PLEDGE 2: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

PLEDGE 3: BUILD THE HOMES WE NEED

PLEDGE 4: A FAIRER ECONOMY FOR ALL

PLEDGE 5: A GREEN, SUSTAINABLE MANCHESTER



PLEDGE 1: BY YOUR SIDE THROUGH THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS

Mancunians are facing unprecedented hardship as a result of a cost-of-living crisis caused by successive Tory Governments. We know how desperate life is becoming for so many of our residents and we will be by your side in this fight to secure support for those who need it most.

The UK is entering a recession, with inflation at over 10%, a 40-year high, interest rates increasing and the cost of gas and electricity spiralling.

Manchester Labour is acutely aware of impact that this crisis is having on ordinary Mancunians and we promise to provide a vital helping hand to those who need it the most while continuing to invest in the services our communities rely on. Since 2010, despite their promises to 'Level-Up', the Tories have cut the Council's budget by over £420m - £420m taken out of the pockets of Manchester people. This year more than half of the Council's budget will go on helping those most in

need – caring for and supporting adults, children and people facing homelessness. There will be more money for voluntary and community groups providing community hubs and good neighbours groups and support to help anyone struggling with outstanding Council Tax debts. This is in addition to the Council Tax support scheme which already given tens of thousands of the lowest paid Manchester people a substantial reduction in their bills.



To that end we will spend an extra £26.4 million to support our residents, strengthen the social care sector and help ease some of the well-documented pressures on the underfunded NHS and an extra £4 million will go towards fighting homelessness and reducing the use of temporary accommodation.

We have pledged £150,000 to support foodbanks and £200,000 to support advice services. We have continued to fund free school meals during holidays and worked to make sure there are free activities for children and young people. We have increased funding for children in care, care leavers and foster carers.

The work that charities and local voluntary and community groups do, is vital in our local neighbourhoods. That's why on top of the £2.2 Million per year we give away in city wide grants, Local Neighbourhood Grants in every ward, and our anti-poverty work, we've invested an additional £1 million each year to support local community centres and groups and continue extra funding for youth groups. Manchester Labour knows the challenge that this city faces over the coming weeks and years and will not blink when it comes to fighting for those who need our support most no matter how difficult the situation gets

IN BEING BY YOUR SIDE THROUGHOUT THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS MANCHESTER LABOUR WILL:

- Continue to lobby the Government for the extra support families and businesses need
- Spend an extra £26.4 million supporting those in need
- Continue the Free Cost of Living Support line, expand support for foodbanks and extend Advice Services in the City
- Provide extra financial support to those facing hardship through our Council Tax support and hardship grants
- Increase funding to support children in Care, Care Leavers and Foster Carers
- Continue to support Children through Extended Free School Meals and the expanded Holiday Activity Fund
- Deliver our Anti-Poverty Plan, spending over £334 million on anti-poverty initiatives.

PLEDGE 2: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

We want Manchester to be the best place to live in the country and investing in our local neighbourhoods is just as important as the city centre for wellbeing and community pride. Residents want their streets to be cleaner, their roads to be safer and for parks and green spaces to be looked after, alongside investing in local services and activities to make sure there are lots of fun things to do.

To achieve this we have focused on the priorities that residents have put at the heart of their ambitions:

➤ MAKE MANCHESTER CLEANER



One of our top priorities is to have a clean city. We have continued to invest in tackling littering and flytipping and have expanded our services with more staff and machines to clean up. We are taking action to fine fly tippers and people who litter.

For example we have committed an extra £500,000 investment fund to tackle fly-tipping at hotspots across the city and install CCTV cameras. Some examples include protecting land used for fly-tipping joy riding and illegal encampments next to a school in Ancoats & Beswick, allotments in Harpurhey, a bowling green in Gorton & Abbey Hey, a park in Miles Platting & Newton Heath, a cycling route in Northenden and playing fields in Moston and Burnage.

Many of our residents a great job helping keep their streets and green spaces tidy. We will work with residents to support litter-picks and community clean-ups and continue to roll out and expand the Keep Manchester Tidy campaign.

➤ MAKE MANCHESTER SAFER



We have seen massive cuts to policing across the country and the Conservatives cut 2,000 Officers from Greater Manchester Police since 2010. However everyone in Manchester should feel safe on our streets. We know that feeling safe is important, we will work with Greater Manchester Police to tackle anti-social behaviour in our communities and hold GMP to account on crime.

Working with our Labour Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham, the police service has improved over the last 12 months, gaining more trust, responding to crime better and committing to improving the number of police officers in our communities. Over the coming months every part of the city will have ringfenced PCs and a named PCSO which will be published online.

Last year we committed extra resources to tackling violence against women and girls and hear residents' voices through our Women's Commission, and we will build on this this year. Our successful Night Time Safety Charter has been launched and we will continue to work alongside GMP to tackle domestic violence, women's safety and hate crime. We will continue to fund safety schemes such as Street Angels and Village Angels and a safe haven in the city centre.



➤ MAKE MANCHESTER HEALTHIER



Despite cuts across the country, while other places have closed leisure centres, Manchester Labour has continued to invest in good leisure centres and facilities to keep people fit and healthy. Manchester's Labour Council runs 23 leisure centres across the city and will soon be opening our latest state of the art multi-million pound rebuild of the Leisure Centre in Abraham Moss

We will continue to help people stay healthy and active through investing in leisure, sport and getting out and about, walking and cycling. This is at the heart of our tackling health inequalities strategy, Making Manchester Fairer – which puts transformational investment at the heart of public service reform in line with Michael Marmot's work on anti-poverty.

We will also continue to develop and deliver our ongoing strategies such as Ageing Well and Dementia reform in partnership with local stakeholders such as General Practitioners and Manchester NHS.

➤ MAKING SURE CULTURE IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Our culture defines what makes this city great, no-where else in the world will you find so much culture among communities.

The city is home to world-class cultural organisations and puts on an enviable programme of live music, festivals and events throughout the year. We will ensure that the city's cultural organisations and events continue to work closely with residents groups, schools and vulnerable people in our communities as

well as attracting visitors to the city and providing jobs for Mancunians.

The £15m refurbishment of the Manchester Museum and the opening in July of the new Factory Arts Centre are some of the reasons why Manchester is the only UK city to feature in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2023 list of top 30 global cities. We are also investing in culture in our communities such as in Wythenshawe Town Centre and across North Manchester.

IN PLEDGING TO SUPPORT STRONG & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MANCHESTER LABOUR WILL:

- Spend an extra £1.5m on cleaning and managing the city, and £1m on small but urgent improvements – such as fixing broken swings and replacing litter bins.
- Make Manchester Safer: A named PC and PCSO for every ward, tackle violence against women and girls, tackle hate crime and reduce anti-social behaviour
- Investing in improving road safety, improving our footpaths and fixing potholes quickly
- Expand our network of 22 libraries across the city, such as the newly opened library in Gorton or the Children's Library in Hulme and invest in re-furbishing community libraries like Chorlton and Longsight
- Invest in our 23 leisure centres across the city and improve outdoor recreation and sporting facilities
- Deliver good quality local services and good schools to support children and young people
- Build a fairer better Manchester through Making Manchester Fairer
- Invest in arts, culture and music across the city, to continue to make Manchester a fun and interesting place to live
- Improve district centres and high streets starting with Moston, Newton Heath, Cheetham Hill, Withington, Gorton, Chorlton and Wythenshawe Town Centre, investing in the things that matter most.
- Invest in making our roads safer, tackling speeding and reducing accidents. Getting the basics right is important and we have a plan to improve the quality of footpaths, fix potholes and make roads close to schools safer.
- Encourage walking, running, cycling and outdoor sport. We have invested in improved facilities at Hough End, The Wythenshawe Cycle Hub, the Gym at Wythenshawe Forum, investing in playing pitches and facilities in our 145 parks and green spaces.

PLEDGE 3: BUILD THE HOMES WE NEED

After over a decade of the Conservative government not building the homes we need, coupled with the wages falling and the cost of living increasing we are seeing the worst cost of living crisis since the 1950s is coinciding with a national housing crisis.

Manchester Labour believes that everyone in our city should have the right to a secure, decent quality, affordable home. **We are therefore committed to building low cost, secure, high-quality and low carbon housing across the city.**

➤ BUILDING COUNCIL AND SOCIAL HOUSING:

In 2022 Manchester launched our new Housing Strategy to build 10,000 new social and genuinely affordable homes in the next decade.

Already 535 new, low carbon affordable homes have been built, with 1,250 new affordable homes currently being built on site,- we have also seen some of the first new, zero carbon, social rent, council homes in the UK built in Newton Heath. Another 1,100 affordable homes will start on site this year. We will build more accommodation for young care-leavers, supported accommodation for young people experiencing homelessness and adapted homes for people with disabilities.

Our first This City project now has planning permission for 128 new council homes, with 30% at the affordable Manchester Living Rent. Work is due to start on site this year. Other sites are progressing across the city to help with our wider affordable housing delivery. Our aim is to build 500 new homes a year through This City by 2027.

The Government has eroded 'affordable housing' and has too many confusing

definitions of what makes a house affordable, that's why we have launched the Manchester Living Rent Campaign. We want nobody to have to spend more than 30% of their income on their rent, and the Manchester Living Rent is capped at Local Housing Allowance rates.



All our Housing Providers now use the Manchester Living Rent and we have seen some private developers start to use this model for affordable rent in new developments too. We continue to campaign for the government to raise levels of Local Housing Allowance in line with inflation to help our residents in the cost-of-living crisis.

➤ GOOD QUALITY, LOW CARBON HOMES

Manchester Labour brought almost 15,000 homes across North Manchester back into Council control last year and the Council will continue to tackle the backlog of repairs in our council housing and ensure that empty homes are brought back into use.

We have invested £83m in energy efficiency measures across 1,000s of council homes in North Manchester, and will continue to retrofit more homes to bring down gas and electricity bills for residents and help contribute to our net zero targets. We will build 130 new low carbon council homes in Collyhurst.

The Private Sector

Too many people in the city, experience poor standards in the private sector. We have introduced landlord licensing schemes to tackle rogue landlords and improve standards for 1,000s of our residents renting privately.

We will champion the 'good landlord' charter and get more landlords to sign up to the Manchester Living Rent.

We have worked with our local Labour MPs to stand up for residents impacted by fire safety and cladding issues. We continue to lobby for a fair solution and for the government to ensure the developers deliver on a commitment to making their buildings safe and to pay for remediation cost.

➤ TACKLING HOMELESSNESS

We want an end to homelessness, and only a Labour Government can achieve this, but in the mean time we are investing millions in homeless services and initiatives to prevent people becoming homeless in the first place.

We will continue to ensure a bed is available for every rough sleeper every

night and continue to deliver the 'A Bed Every Night' which is jointly funded by Greater Manchester Combined Authority, the Council and the GM Mayors Charity Fund.

Manchester City Council has opened new 'off the street' provision which has accommodated and supported over 150 people sleeping rough as a result.

Through our 'A Place called Home' Programme we will continue to invest in homelessness services with initiatives such as community prevention hubs in Moss Side, Harpurhey and Gorton aimed at preventing homelessness, tackling rough sleeping and reducing the numbers of people in B&Bs and temporary accommodation. We will work with our partners through the homelessness charter, including homeless people themselves, to ensure services meet their needs and those of the wider community.

We will continue our successful partnership with Homeless charities and voluntary groups across the city. Working together, pooling our knowledge and resources is the only way to tackle the complex challenge of homelessness.





IN BUILDING HOMES THE HOMES WE NEED MANCHESTER LABOUR WILL:

- Campaign for the Government to truly deliver the plan for homes this country needs
- Accelerate our plans to build 10,000 genuinely affordable homes over the next decade, building low cost, low carbon social housing across the city
- Deliver 1,250 new, low carbon, affordable homes over the next year
- Implement the Manchester Living Rent across the city
- Ramp up building Council Housing. Two sites have been launched in the Northern Quarter and Ancoats, and we plan to build up to 500 Council homes per year
- Be a good landlord to the 15,600 council homes we manage and roll out our retrofit programme
- Tackle rogue landlords and the private rented sector through delivering new landlord licensing schemes
- Retrofit homes and build net zero homes of the future, such as the UK's first net zero social housing in Beswick
- Invest in preventing and reducing homelessness, reduce rough sleeping and work with charity and community groups across the homelessness sector.

PLEDGE 4: A FAIRER ECONOMY FOR ALL



Manchester will succeed when all our residents succeed. Inequality has no place in our city.

Over the last decade Manchester has continued on our journey towards meeting our ambition of being a “world-class” city by 2025. Compared to 2010 we now have a significantly higher population, a larger workforce and more businesses operating in the city. Our economy has become more diverse, with digital, creative, technology and health innovation businesses now thriving alongside more traditional sectors, such as financial and professional services. This economic growth, building on the strengths of our existing communities, has helped to attract a younger, more diverse and higher-skilled population alongside helping Manchester residents stay in the city with good quality jobs.

This is important, because in the 1990's and early 2000s too many people had to leave to find opportunity, so Manchester Labour over the last two decades has led the transformation of the economy, creating over 200,000 new good jobs for current and future generations.

But we know, especially after years of austerity and the pandemic, that not everyone gets to benefit from the city's success, and poverty is too rife in parts of the city. Our number one mission is to ensure every Manchester resident feels the benefits of our city's success.

➤ BETTER JOBS AND BETTER PAY AND CONDITIONS

We want to attract more high paying, skilled jobs to the city and will continue to build the city's expertise in digital, creative and tech, life sciences, manufacturing and financial and professional services, but we want everyone to access good pay and conditions.

Last year we said we wanted Manchester to become a Real Living Wage City. We were recognised as doing this by the Real Living Wage Foundation and are leading the way with almost 200 employers in the city paying Real Living Wage, and we want to double that in the next 3 years. Social Care staff now receive the Real Living Wage – demonstrating our appreciation for the extraordinary work they do.

The Council is now a member of the Good Employment Charter and Social Value is built into all council contracts meaning that the council spends hundreds of millions with Manchester based companies and on average creates an additional 2,000 jobs and 600 apprenticeships each year and over 140,000 hours of volunteering.

We work closely with Trade Unions, and as a condition of the Good Employment Charter we want all employers in the city to recognize and work with trade unions.

➤ HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SUCCEED



We want all our children to have the best start in life, that's why we have become a UNICEF Child Friendly City to put children's voices at the heart of what we do.

We said we'd support our schools to be better than ever and we have done just that. In Manchester 88.9% of our schools are rated GOOD or better by OFSTED, compared to 88.3% nationally- we are above national for both primary and secondary.

We've kept our promise to invest in our Early Years. This year we have started work on our Family Hubs- one of 15 areas in the country to act as a trailblazer- building on our Sure Start Children's Centres and acting as a "one-stop" shop for families to access help and support.

In addition, in response to the impact of the pandemic, which has seen children starting school behind in their levels of development, we have developed an Early Years 'Kickstart' programme to help those children most in need, to reduce the longer-term impact. Our children deserve the best possible start in life.

We invested an extra £500,000 in youth work with the result that there is more provision across the city than at any point in the last 10 years- covering every part of the city.

➤ EDUCATION AND SKILLS



We want to make sure our young people have the skills and knowledge that allow them to thrive in our growing economy. We have successfully improved the quality of Manchester's schools and working with Greater Manchester will get more control over post 16 and post 19 education to ensure Manchester's children are best placed to access the best our city has to offer.

We want an inclusive economy ensuring that residents from all parts of the city can benefit from high-quality jobs with fair pay and conditions, and opportunities for progression. We've set out a new Work and Skills Plan that also looks at how we can create new high quality green skills, meaning Manchester benefits from the green revolution.

We will increase the number of apprenticeships on offer in the city, building on the success of schemes such as the Town Hall refurbishment and the Factory.

Working alongside businesses we will support the growth of new small businesses, start ups, social enterprises and cooperatives across the city.

➤ CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR OUR LIBRARIES

Libraries continue to be the beating heart of our communities, improving residents' quality of life. They have played a crucial role helping residents with the cost of living crisis. All our libraries have become a designated 'warm space' offering a free, welcoming service where people can stay as long as they want in comfortable surroundings, with access to wi-fi and a range of other resources.

This year we opened a new Library in Gorton and a new children's library in Hulme. This year will see improvements to Longsight Library, creating additional meeting rooms and also a new children's library and longer opening hours and plans to refurbish of Chorlton Library, the oldest library in the city.

TO DEVELOP A FAIRER ECONOMY FOR ALL WE WILL:

- Continue to attract the best jobs to our city
- Give Children and Young People the best path to good jobs through education
- Through a Real Living Wage City get more employers to pay at least the Real Living Wage
- Get more employers in the city to sign up to become Good Employers through the Good Employment Charter
- Focus on giving high quality skills education to Manchester residents through schools, colleges, apprenticeships, universities and skills training in later life
- Ensure that every Manchester resident feels the benefits of our city.

PLEDGE 5: A GREEN, SUSTAINABLE MANCHESTER

Across the world we see the impact of climate change, from the floods in Pakistan and Bangladesh, to famine in Somalia, to locally impacts like more regular flooding on the Mersey. Too many Mancunians pay too much to heat their homes, and we know that if the UK had better energy efficient homes, our residents would have more money in their pockets.

➤ INVEST IN OUR PARKS AND GREEN SPACES



Our parks and green spaces are the lungs of our city and the importance of our parks to the physical and mental well-being of our communities was especially noticeable during the pandemic lockdown. Manchester has 145 Parks and Green Spaces, we are investing in the ones we

have and creating more. The opening of the £23m Mayfield Park in September, the first public park in the city centre for 100 years demonstrates Labour's ambition to deliver world class parks and green spaces for Manchester's residents and visitors.

We will create new parks and green spaces where we can, such as Ancoats Green, the new River City Park as part of Victoria North, new pocket parks and underused spaces such as the Lower Irk Valley and Medlock Valley.

We have invested almost £5million in our existing parks across the city working with 'friends' groups to deliver quality green spaces in every part of the city.

We have brought forward an action plan to improve the quality of Manchester's rivers and our biodiversity strategy, seeing already 10 places named as protected as local nature reserves. These include: Broadhurst Clough, Chorlton Water Park, Blackley Forest, Clayton Vale, Chorlton Ees & Ivy Green, Highfield Country Park, Boggart Hole Clough, Wythenshawe Park, Stenner Woods & Millgate Fields, and Kenworthy Woods.

➤ A ZERO CARBON CITY BY 2038

Manchester Labour has been calling on Government to bring the UK's target of 2050 forward to match our target of 2038, and this year has refreshed the City's Action Plan to try to get us there.

We are committed to becoming a net zero city by 2038 and is one of the few places to set a science based budget to achieve this. Manchester City Council is on track to be zero carbon before our 2038 deadline, but we must do more across the UK and Manchester if the city as a whole is to achieve this ambitious plan.



As part of our Climate Change Action Plan we will continue to invest in a range of initiatives to reduce carbon emissions, such as; increasing our use of renewable energy, building on the success of the Civic Quarter Heat Network; Installing solar car ports – such as at the National Cycling Centre; decarbonising and reducing emissions from all council buildings; planting over 1,000 new trees every year

➤ CONTINUE TO DEVELOP PUBLIC TRANSPORT, WALKING AND CYCLING ACROSS THE CITY

We will continue to invest in public transport and to encourage more cycling and walking as a way to tackle pollution and dirty air in our city.

Manchester deserves an integrated, affordable, well-run public transport service. Through Greater Manchester we are delivering more control over our bus network and have been able to reduce cheaper fares such as the £2 journey cap, and this will be rolled out to a weekly cap too. Our Pass is delivering for our 16 to 18 year olds. We will continue push for the

speedy introduction of bus franchising to give local communities more control over fares, frequency and routes, and to increase capacity and reduce costs on the Metrolink.

The rail system in the UK is broken, and Manchester Labour and the Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham have been calling for more control over the rail system in GM to see the train network made more reliable. We will continue to campaign for better rail connections, the implementation of Northern Powerhouse Rail in full, and a High Speed Train network that gets it right first time at Piccadilly Station.

Manchester Council set out it's ambitious 10 year Active Travel Plan, with the aim of Making walking the natural choice for short journeys; Reducing the default speed limit in the city to 20mph, and, where possible, reduce 40mph speed limits to 30mph by 2028; Enabling at least 70% of primary school and 40% of secondary school pupils to walk or cycle to school by 2028 and Removing all access barriers to walking and cycling paths by 2024.





TO ENSURE A GREEN, SUSTAINABLE CITY WE WILL:

- Demand that the Government bring forward a UK Zero Carbon Plan for 2038 to invest in energy, homes, transport and the environment
- Deliver Manchester's Zero Carbon by 2038 Plan, investing £227million to help get us there, investing in green energy, retrofitting buildings and reducing emissions
- Through focusing on retrofitting homes, Manchester Labour will always make sure that the burden doesn't fall on working people
- Deliver the Bee Network through Greater Manchester, deliver a better, cheaper and more reliable bus network which integrates buses, trams and trains
- Implement Manchester's Active Travel Plan to make it easier and safer to get about when walking or cycling, and make our roads outside of schools safer
- Continue to invest in Manchester's Parks and Green Spaces, and protect local nature reserves
- Create new parks and green spaces across the city.

CONTINUING TO MOVE MANCHESTER FORWARD TOGETHER

The pledges and priorities we've outline in this next phase of our work for Manchester demonstrates that we have a vision and a passion for this city that grows and changes – always keeping the person at the heart of everything we do.

We will strive to keep the following pledges to deliver together a better, fairer Manchester:-

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For that we need a radical Labour Government in Westminster and every Labour councillor elected in Manchester on May 4th 2023 will take us closer to that reality.

To that end, we ask once again for your support in the 2023 local elections and continue on this journey to deliver for Manchester.

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