

City of Wolverhampton Council Elections Thursday 4th May 2023

Dear Resident(s)

I write to you, as Leader of the Wolverhampton Labour Group, with regards to the **very important Local Elections being held in Wolverhampton on Thursday 4th May 2023**. This election is very important because it is 'all-out' elections which means that all 60 seats of the council (3 per ward) are being contested.

The Conservatives are not fit to govern anymore and failed miserably to tackle the cost-of-living crisis affecting us all, but your Labour council continues to manage your money well, delivering the best public services possible - despite the Tory government cutting our budget by more than £239 million since 2010.

Our commitment and our priorities for the people of Wolverhampton will help tackle the issues that we are facing. We will do this by:

- ✓ Providing vital support to get people through the cost of living crisis
- ✓ Creating jobs for local people
- ✓ Creating opportunities for our youngsters
- ✓ Building a climate conscious city for future generations
- ✓ Providing better homes for all

Please see the inside of this leaflet for further details of our promises to you.

Please use your upcoming votes keep your council Labour run and send a message to the 'out of touch' and 'out of their depth' Tories that enough is enough.

Remember that **in your ward you will have 3 votes and there will be 3 Labour candidates seeking your support.**

So it is crucial that you use your 3 votes for the 3 Labour candidates in your ward



Councillor Ian Brookfield

Leader of City of Wolverhampton Council/
Wolverhampton Labour Group

Photo ID

To vote at a polling station in the City of Wolverhampton's Local Elections on Thursday 4 May 2023, you will need to bring photo ID.

This new requirement has been introduced by the Tory Government as part of the Elections Act 2022 and makes it harder to vote. This is because research has shown that the unemployed, people without qualifications and those who have not previously voted are all less likely to possess any form of photo ID.

**BRING
PHOTO ID
TO VOTE**

REMEMBER: Without photo identification or a Voter Authority Certificate you will not be issued a ballot paper to vote at a polling station on 4th May.

Which forms of ID can I use to vote?

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional license)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit The Electoral Commission website or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

If you don't have an accepted form photo ID

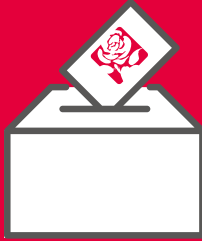
If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Scan this QR Code to apply
for your free voter ID document
(Voter Authority Certificate)

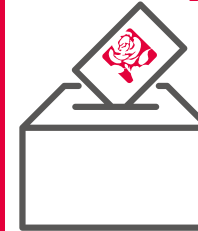


How to Vote In the Local Elections

To vote in the elections you must be registered to vote. If you are not already registered, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> and register by 11:59pm on Monday 17 April.



Ways To Vote:

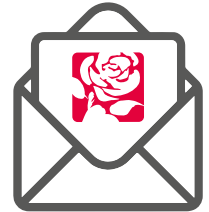


In person

In person – at your local polling station where you will need to take some form of photo ID.

Postal Vote

Postal Vote – you need to apply and be registered as a postal voter. In this case you will not need to go to the polling station and vote from the comfort of your home.



The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on Tuesday 18 April.

To register to vote by post please visit <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a-voter/apply-vote-post> or scan this QR code below:



When you receive your Postal Vote(s) and it's important that you fill in and sign your statement and together with your completed ballot paper(s), place them back in the envelope provided ensuring that the Council's address can be seen in the envelope window.

IN YOUR WARD YOU WILL HAVE 3 VOTES AND THERE WILL BE 3 LABOUR CANDIDATES SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT, SO IT IS CRUCIAL THAT YOU USE YOUR 3 VOTES FOR THE 3 LABOUR CANDIDATES IN YOUR WARD

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Our Commitments To You

SUPPORTING OUR CITIZENS THROUGH THE TORRES COST OF LIVING CRISIS BY PROVIDING



- **£11.5 MILLION** to ensure nobody gets left behind, and everyone has access to essentials like food and energy.
- **£325,000** to create a new Cost of Living Support Hub across the city, in partnership with other organisations.
- **FREE TRANSPORT** to our network of 38 Warm Spaces so that residents struggling to heat their homes can escape the cold and stay connected.
- **COMMUNITY SHOPS** which are already saving families up to £200 on their food bills.

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR LOCAL PEOPLE BY



- **INVESTING £600,000** over two years to connect isolated and lonely residents with community support to improve their emotional health and wellbeing.
- **INCREASING** the number of Dementia Cafés in our city to build on our nationally recognised Dementia Friendly Community Status.

INVESTING IN CREATING JOBS AND APPRENTICESHIPS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE BY



- **BUILDING A BRAND NEW £55 MILLION** City Learning Quarter centred around a new City Centre College, attracting 45,000 learners, and 7,500 apprentices to our city, opening up opportunities for all.
- **INVESTING £8.1 MILLION** in a new Hi-Tech Advanced Engineering and Electric Vehicle Training Centre in Bilston, supporting 3,500 learners and 1,000 apprentices.
- **CREATING UP TO 3,000 NEW JOBS** by building thousands of brand new, net-zero homes on the Brownfield land at Canalside South.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS & FAMILIES BY



- **£3 MILLION** in a network of Family Hubs and 'Start for Life' programmes for all children in our city.
- **£2 MILLION** for free access to all of our WV Active Leisure Centres by our young people.
- **GROWING OUR EXCITING YO! WOLVES PROGRAMME** of all-year-round activities, which saw 32,000 young people take part last summer, accessing free meals during school holidays.
- **£640,000 INVESTMENT** in additional new fleet of accessible vehicles to ensure that our children with SEND can access the best quality services.

CLIMATE CONSCIOUS CITY FOR THE FUTURE



- **NO GREEN BELT LAND** will be used to meet our housing needs, not one blade of grass will be used.
- **SOLAR FARM** - first UK solar farm, providing green, life-saving energy to power New Cross Hospital.
- **5,500 TONNES OF CARBON** to be cut from the Council's emissions by investing in Ultra Low Emission Vehicles & LED Street Lights and save the public purse money.
- **£36 MILLION** to start a retrofit revolution of the homes in our city, making them greener, more energy efficient and affordable to run.
- **£1.2 MILLION** in our parks and green spaces, for example in East Park, Prouds Lane (Bilston) and Ashmore Park (Wednesfield).

BETTER HOMES & A CITY TO BE PROUD OF



- **£219 MILLION** for greener, safer and more energy efficient homes, for example £39million for the refurbishment of Heath Town estate, £67 million for New Park Village and £114 million to improve high rise dwellings.
- **1,000 NEW HOMES** across the city over the next 5 years through our council owned housing development company, WV Living.
- **£10 MILLION** brought into the local economy by the reopening The Halls in June 2023.
- **£6 MILLION** for entertainment and events space (Box Space), bringing in visitors, providing jobs and local business opportunities.
- **£5.2 MILLION** to regenerate Bilston and Wednesfield town centres.

CARING FOR OUR ELDERLY AND INVESTING IN THE HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS



- **£18 MILLION** to build a brand new Health and Well Being facility on Brownfield land in Oxley.
- **£12.5 MILLION** over two years to ensure that residents get the best possible support in care homes.
- **£9 MILLION** additional investment to what the Tory Government have given to your Labour controlled council to help elderly residents with complex needs.
- **£500,000** of funding for free health checks for the over 40s at their local doctor's surgery.
- **FREE** access to DIY Health Checks at WV Active Leisure Centres / Libraries.