



Crisis in local NHS



Fareham Labour have been campaigning to improve local NHS services. Demanding A&E facilities at the War Memorial Hospital, Gosport and action to improve care at the QA hospital.

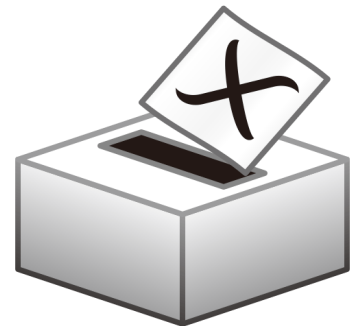
Locally GP surgeries are suffering as a result of Tory mishandling, having reported a reduction of as much as 30% in funding over the last 8 years. Funding pressures are set to continue with practices facing difficulty in recruiting new GPs.

Across Fareham, patients who need to be seen urgently are struggling to get appointments for their own GP practice. The new same day access service at Fareham Community Hospital, although welcome, is simply unsuitable for patients who find it impossible to get transport to Sarisbury Green.

Labour is committed to invest in our NHS to give patients the modern, well resourced services they need for the 21st Century. Labour will ensure that NHS patients get the world-class quality of care they need and that staff are able to deliver the standards that patients expect.

Our Policies for May's Local Elections

- Support Welborne to defend open green spaces within the urban area
- Provide more affordable housing for purchase and rent
- Protect Sure Start Children's Centres to meet the needs of families
- Keep household waste centres open to meet your needs and avoid fly-tipping
- Integrate health and care so that the NHS and community services work together
- Maintain the roads and pavements to avoid potholes that put users at risk
- Combine street cleansing and weed clearance to keep neighbourhoods tidy
- Create a plan for a vibrant town centre
- Implement 'Free at Three' free parking in town centre car parks on Thursdays
- Improve evening and weekend bus services to town centres
- Introduce "20 is Plenty" speed limit in residential roads and near schools
- Work with GPs to improve local healthcare services



Labour's "20 is Plenty" Campaign

Over six years ago Fareham Labour started this campaign which is now making real headway. The County Council has been forced to listen to local people in their fight to reduce speeds to 20mph on residential roads. Due to this more and more residential roads in the County are being changed to 20mph speed limits.

We are committed to fighting for safer roads throughout the Borough of Fareham.



Council tax rises as services reduce



Central government figures released in February reveal that Fareham Council has the third highest overspend of English councils for 2016/17 as a percentage of budget whilst continuing to cut services.

Residents face rises in Council Tax with the Fire and Police Authorities, Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough all levying increases.

Despite these tax rises, services remain under threat from further cuts with Hampshire County reported to be axing services to save £140 million through savings including £30M to children's services and £56 from adult health and social care.

With Labour there is HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE

LABOUR WILL :

- Provide free school meals for all primary school children and reduce class sizes
- Introduce a *Real Living Wage* of £10 an hour by 2020
- Ensure there is no rise in the state pension age beyond 66
- Take 1 million off waiting lists and cut A&E waiting to four hours
- Abolish university tuition fees
- Ban zero hours contracts and give workers full and equal rights from day one



Labour demand local plan rethink

Fareham Labour Party is demanding a rethink of the Fareham Local Plan. We consider the plan would be detrimental to living standards within the Borough and think the plan should be taken back and reconsidered as a priority.

This plan goes against the accepted concept that any major new housing development should be within the Welborne New Town. The policy of the council up until now has been that Welborne would safeguard our open green spaces and strategic gaps. The plan flies against this established policy and introduces the threat of development to many areas originally agreed to be kept as open space.

The whole plan should be reviewed to see how the Welborne development could be brought forward more quickly to safeguard green open spaces in the Borough.

The failure of the Conservative Council Leadership to implement the new Welborne development on time means that our much needed open spaces in urban areas of the Borough are now under threat.

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