



Manifesto

Lancashire is a fantastic place, filled with extraordinary people.

As a local Labour Party, we are proud of our County's past and optimistic about our future.

But the current economic climate, and the legacy of 14 years of Tory austerity, present us all with significant challenges which we must face head on.

For too many Lancastrians, day to day life can be a struggle. Poorly paid, insecure employment; chronic illness; inadequate housing and a feeling of being isolated or left behind are issues which face far too many of our fellow residents.

Added to this, we have a County Council that, after 8 long years of Tory misrule, seems unwilling or unable to stand up and be the supporter & advocate that our counties residents so desperately need.

A crumbling highway network is only one symptom of the chronic failure of the leadership that our council has suffered from. Our support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities has just been judged to suffer from 'widespread and systemic failings', and our Adult Social Care service has record waiting times for support.

A recent inspection of Adult Social Care has just taken place, and while the result has not yet been published, the judgement will be able to point to a number of failings that adversely affect some of our more vulnerable adults.

With all these challenges before us, the Lancashire Labour Party is offering a vision of full of ambition and hope for the future.

We are firm in our belief that local government can be a real force for good in Lancashire and we look forward to being given the chance to prove that, under a Labour County Council, there are better days ahead.



Matthew Tomlinson
County Councillor
Leader of the Labour Group





Our **CONTRACT** to Lancashire's people



RED ROSE CONTRACT WITH LANCASHIRE



We've knocked on thousands of doors and heard the same thing over and over - **trust in politics is broken.**

Let down by the current administration, we understand **people are fed up** because they're failing our communities—roads are crumbling, schools are failing, local services are being cut, and support for the elderly and vulnerable is stretched to breaking point. It's time for a council that listens and delivers.

So, we're running this election differently. Instead of promising to fix everything, we're keeping it simple.

Every one of our candidates has signed a contract with you. This time **your vote will mean something and in return we will:**

- ✓ Work hard to champion our communities
- ✓ Dedicate hours every week for you to contact us
- ✓ Set a clear plan for Lancashire and share it with you

Labour's *VISION* for Lancashire

A FAIRER LANCASHIRE

Give everyone the opportunity to get on in life by investing in growing industries and increasing skills opportunities.

A CLEANER LANCASHIRE

Everyone deserves to live somewhere they are proud of. That is why we will protect our green spaces and take climate action seriously.

A HEALTHIER LANCASHIRE

Good health is vital to a good life. We will create a gold standard for care homes, roll out family wellbeing centres and increase support for community groups.

A SAFER LANCASHIRE

We will work to bring back neighbourhood policing, take tough action on crime and anti-social behaviour and halve violence against women and girls.

A CONNECTED LANCASHIRE

We will fix pothole-ridden roads, reduce disruption from roadworks and bring buses under public control. We will invest in transport for the future with better trains and EV charging rollouts.

A FAIRER LANCASHIRE

Lancashire is a county of creativity, compassion, and enterprise, home to 1.5 million people from diverse backgrounds. For the past eight years, Conservative governance has held our county back through cuts to public services, land sell-offs, and a disregard for workers' rights. Lancashire Labour envisions a radically different future.

We will harness the power, resources, and influence of our council to:

- Reduce inequalities and build community wealth.
- Tackle the climate emergency.
- Strengthen workers' rights.
- Improve services for children, older people, and those with disabilities.

Community Wealth Building

- Labour will establish a Lead Member for Community Wealth Building, bringing together key public sector institutions into a formal 'anchor network' to increase local investment.

We will:

- Prioritise spending with Lancashire businesses, especially SMEs.
- Reform recruitment practices to support underrepresented groups.
- Encourage fair wages, trade union recognition, and ethical employment practices.
- Introduce a 'Fair Work Charter' to promote good employment across sectors.
- Expand the number of democratic businesses delivering services.

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City of Preston Skyline

Land and Public Assets

Labour will stop the sell-off of public land and use it to:

- Expand social and affordable housing.
- Develop clean energy projects in partnership with Great British Energy.
- Support biodiversity net gain and carbon banking initiatives.
- We will also insource vital public services, ensuring fair wages and better working conditions for care workers and other contracted employees.

Investment in Lancashire

Labour will ensure that at least 10% of Lancashire's £12bn public pension fund is invested locally in:

- Clean and renewable energy projects.
- Growth industries and innovative supply chains.
- Social and affordable housing across the county.
- We will also support financial inclusion by investing in Northwest Mutual to restore high street banking and expand credit unions, particularly in schools.

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Stone Terraced Homes in Lancashire



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Lytham Windmill

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The new Labour Government's plan for economic growth and clean energy presents an opportunity for Lancashire to lead in sustainability.

A Labour-led Lancashire will:

- Join UK100 to collaborate with other local authorities on achieving net zero.
- More than double dedicated climate change staff to accelerate net zero projects.
- End the Conservative sell-off of public land, prioritising renewable energy development.
- Assess council land for biodiversity net gain and carbon banking to restore nature and generate revenue.
- Ensure waste management sites contribute to sustainability goals.

Under Labour, Lancashire will lead the transition to net zero while ensuring economic and environmental resilience.

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Millennium Bridge over the River Lune in Lancaster

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Adult Social Care

Labour supports the establishment of a National Care Service and will:

- Ensure universal, high-quality care that prioritises dignity and well-being.
- Partner with fair-wage providers and support the creation of cooperative social care providers.
- Address housing conditions that impact social care needs.
- Train care workers to recognise intersectional vulnerabilities, such as violence against women.

Health & Wellbeing

Labour will prioritise prevention and tackling health inequalities by:

- Integrating economic and health strategies to address economic inactivity and inequality.
- Ensuring workplaces are inclusive and accessible.
- Addressing violence against women and girls as a public health issue.
- Expanding access to food hubs and digital inclusion initiatives.

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Royal Preston Hospital



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Trough of Bowland

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Labour will work with all agencies to improve community safety, including:

- Supporting the Police & Crime Commissioner's mission to halve violence against women and girls.
- Establishing a dedicated council position to oversee this work.
- Tackling online misogyny through schools and youth organisations.
- Supporting safer roads and high streets, including improved footpaths and road repairs.
- Strengthening protections for shop workers and high street safety.



Supporting Every Child: Faster, Fairer SEND Support

Lancashire Labour is committed to ensuring that 90% of children receive their Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) within 20 weeks. To fix the failing SEND system, we will:

- Expand specialist teams, including Educational Psychologists.
- Strengthen collaboration between schools, health services, and the council.
- Improve transparency and communication with families.
- Hold services accountable to legal timeframes.



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Preston Town Hall

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Roads

Labour will implement long-term road repair plans, ensuring proper investment rather than short-term fixes. We will also hold utility companies accountable for delays

Infrastructure

Labour will secure targeted investment in Lancashire's transport links, which have been neglected for too long.

Public Transport Reform

Labour will introduce bus franchising, learning from the successful models in Greater Manchester, and explore publicly owned bus companies to improve services and affordability.

We will collaborate with the Labour Government to improve rail services across the county.



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East Lancashire Railway at Rawtenstall



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