

Stevenage Labour's Manifesto

2022 summary edition

Local Housing

- Continue to build new affordable and sustainable Council homes using our 5* quality programme and finish all ongoing developments
- Recognise protected characteristics, those who have served in the armed forces and those who have a connection with Stevenage
- Ensure that at least 60% of new homes throughout the town, including in the Town Centre, are built on previously developed land
- Complete the work on our multi-million pound plan to refurbish all of our 500 flat blocks by 2023



Safety

- Continue to lobby Tory run Herts County Council for adequate street lighting, to include all footpaths and cycleways
- Work with local residents with a larger community safety team to tackle issues of antisocial behaviour in their area
- Develop the Stevenage Against Domestic Abuse Service (SADA) for all groups affected
- Continue to invest in facilities such as play centres and basketball courts to help prevent the possibility of offending behaviour



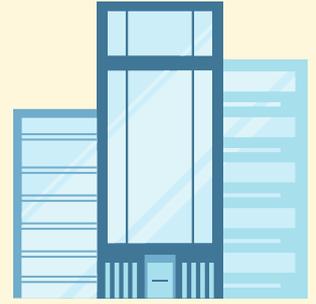
Jobs and Growth

- Regenerate our Town Centre so that it reflects our world-beating businesses and the aspirations of Stevenage people.
- Work with local residents and businesses in the Old Town to ensure that our historic High Street has a sustainable future
- Encourage an extensive apprenticeship programme, and ensure our local businesses are at the front of the queue for Council contracts
- Our Business Technology Centre will encourage entrepreneurs and provide support to new and growing businesses.



Town Centre Regeneration

- Securing £37.5 million of funding from the Towns' Fund and over £750 million of private sector investment in our Town Centre
- Guaranteeing the development of Queensway North including residential, shops and leisure facilities
- Ensuring the development of the European HQ of Autolus, creating 300 jobs for local people
- Opening our visitor centre, creating a family zone in Market Place and developing a modern co-space working facility



Climate Change

- Work towards delivering on our objective to make Stevenage a Net Zero Carbon town by 2030
- Lobby Tory run Herts County Council to improve bus services, maintenance and upkeep of cycleways and pedestrian areas
- Bring forward our proposals for retrofitting of non-fossil fuel heating and improved insulation of our Council housing stock
- Establish and maintain a vibrant and constructive Citizens' Panel



Making Money Count

- Ensure that we deliver as many Council services as possible through in-house provision at the most cost effective rate
- Retain our local community budgets for use in projects within your area
- Encourage our residents to have many opportunities to contribute to decision making through public meetings and consultation
- Continue to support our Youth Mayor and Youth Council so that the impact of decisions on young people is taken account of



Sustainability

- Work with residents to reduce the total level of collected waste and increase recycling rates to at least 50%
- Launch a robust anti-litter campaign with strong enforcement including fixed penalty notices
- Retain our Green Flag status for five of our fantastic parks whilst aiming for this status in other green areas
- Renew our Biodiversity Action Plan and seek every opportunity to increase the town's tree cover to over 20% by 2035



Health and Wellbeing

- Work with our colleagues in the NHS and Public Health to deliver innovative and improved health facilities in our Town Centre
- Use our successful bid for the Town Deal to regenerate our leisure facilities in the Town Centre to provide a new leisure hub
- Provide free access health facilities like trim-tracks, outdoor gyms, Aquapark, table tennis tables and skateparks in our parks
- Support and promote Parkrun, Stevenage Cycling Festival, our cycle network and a vast range of sport and leisure opportunities



Culture and Leisure

- Support and upgrade the facilities of our well-loved local theatre, the Gordon Craig and develop a New Towns Heritage Centre
- Further develop the establishment of artist studios and hubs including digital media, such as Junction 7 Creatives
- Continue our Stevenage Cycling Festival, Stevenage Parkrun and support Stevenage Cycling Hub at Green Flag Fairlands Valley Park
- Continue to ensure there is free creative and cultural activity for our community to engage in, such as Stevenage Day, Fireworks Night and the Christmas Light Switch-on, so everyone can get involved



Equalities

- Continue to support the administration of the Stevenage Equalities Commission and help to produce their final report
- Ensure that the developments that are taking place in the Town Centre address accessibility issues for all people with disabilities
- Support the rights of people with learning disabilities to integrate, feel safe and be understood in our community
- Back a full ban on all forms of 'conversion therapy' aimed at LGBTIQ+ people and support reforms to the Gender Recognition Act



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