



This is a plan of action for the future of Liverpool. Not the future of the council or the Labour Party. But our city.

Our Liverpool.

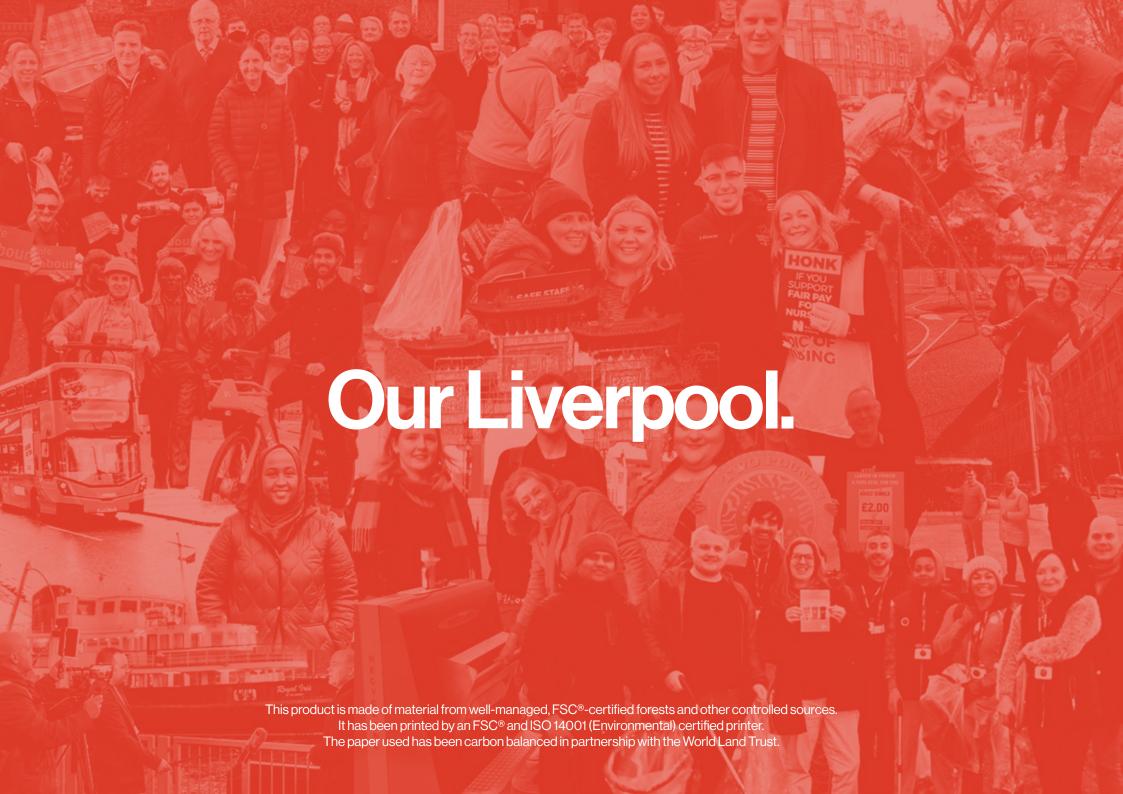
It is also a contract with you. We offer this plan and commit to delivering it over the next four years while readying our city for the next ten. It is credible and achievable but rightfully ambitious. It must be to match the potential of the place we call home. Our commitment to the environment runs right through it. Our plan draws on many contributions. We've connected with community groups, trade unions, businesses, environmentalists, our City Region Mayor and our Police and Crime Commissioner, along with Labour members and residents. Each of us has pored over best practice from around the world and across the UK, and considered how to scale up the many amazing initiatives that started in the wards we seek to represent.

It is a plan that will be delivered on budget and one that can survive a Tory government. It is designed to prepare Liverpool for the decade ahead, and to get us to the next election. It's a plan for a prosperous, fairer and greener city. The past 13 years have been painful. We've had to weather a cost-of-living crisis that has hit our people especially hard. Our economy is one of high taxes and low growth, made even more painful by the Tories' kamikaze budget and their subsequent austerity clean-up job. We hope for and work towards a Labour government, but we are painfully aware that the current national political state of play is a reality until at least the next General Election.

Thirteen years of Tory government makes the plan we set out here even more important.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to it. Now it's over to you. Our ask isn't a small one. It's more than a vote. We're asking for your trust and your faith on 4 May and beyond – for the next four years. This is a long time in politics, so it's right we use it to transform our city. Vote for your local Labour candidate on 4 May and we will deliver for Liverpool, working alongside our excellent City Region Mayor, Police and Crime Commissioner, MPs and neighbouring local authorities.

This is our plan for our Liverpool. Let's make it happen.



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Values

We are led by our values. These are the unmoveable, unshakeable principles that underpin every word in this plan and that are a prerequisite for anyone standing to be a Labour candidate.

We will put **Liverpool first**.

Our city has been let down. It took us three decades to get the truth after the Hillsborough disaster. We are still fighting for justice. We have suffered disproportionate cuts to our budget under successive Tory governments, and it is deeply shameful that heating-or-eating is a daily choice for many in Liverpool. Too often we are seen as a problem for government to solve or ignore, pushed to the bottom of a pile behind leafy areas elsewhere. Not anymore. We will always be a city proudly shaped by our past – the dark times and the brilliant times – and we reaffirm our commitment to the collective fight against injustice and to securing a Hillsborough law. But we do that while looking to our future. Liverpool Labour will put this city first and unlock our undeniable potential, creating a reality in which no one has to make impossible choices based on survival and where everyone can thrive.

We will strive to make Liverpool a greener city and foster sustainable growth to create jobs.

Liverpool Labour declared a climate emergency in 2019 and committed to reaching net zero by 2030. There are babies being born today who will see parts of our city under water if we do not act. Protecting the environment is integral to every aspect of our ambition for Liverpool; being green isn't just something we say – it runs through all we do. That's why every policy in this plan has been fully assessed to ensure it is positive for the environment and will empower Liverpool to become a sustainable city, including by boosting biodiversity across all our parks and green spaces. This does not mean stifling or limiting economic growth. We commit to creating new, green jobs through every initiative we support and scale. Jobs made in Liverpool for Liverpool.

We will always be **inclusive** and **empower our citizens.**

A prosperous and successful Liverpool is one that works for all its citizens, where everybody is empowered to reach their full potential and actively participate in our economy and community. This means that prosperity, good education, well-paid and rewarding jobs and healthy lives become the norm across our city. We will make sure every citizen has a voice and that voice is heard.

We will support all our citizens through the cost-of-living crisis and fight the causes of poverty.

The Labour Party was formed to give people a voice and has sought power in order to improve their lives. We commit to this in Liverpool. Through council services, representation and collective action, we can support those most at need and minimise the root causes of adult and child poverty, ensuring basic needs are met by focusing on food, fuel and digital access. Our ambition is to make life better for every single person in Liverpool – regardless of whether they voted for us.

We will embrace innovation to improve council services.

We embrace new ideas and new technologies where we can. In an era of financial constraint, political leaders face challenges to innovate, to do more with less and to embrace change. The possibilities of technology to improve our lives are numerous and so too are the cost-saving benefits. Liverpool will become a beacon for embracing innovation to deliver responsible, improved and quality public services.



Vote -4 May A Plan for Liverpool A zero homeless city. A digital device and internet connectivity available to every pupil who needs them. A real living wage. A right to food. Home retrofitting to make our homes more energy efficient. A brand-new Liverpool Baltic Station. 2,000 electric vehicle charging points. 8,000 new homes. Liverpool Labour
Taking Liverpool Forward for Liverpool



Working Together for Our City

This is a plan that will be driven by a Labour City Council. We have a visionary City Region Mayor and a committed Police and Crime Commissioner. Liverpool is home to some of the best MPs in the country. All of us wear Labour red. This presents a huge opportunity as we prepare to work with one another to turn this plan into a reality.

Residents don't care about internal structures or devolved dividing lines. They don't want to know which committee does what. They just want good decisions to be made and executed well.

While we would deliver the bulk of this plan through the council, we will also support others to improve the city – including when it comes to tackling violent crime on our streets and removing the barriers to building the new homes some of our residents desperately need.

We are also committed to supporting Steve Rotheram in his stewardship of the Liverpool Strategic Futures Advisory Panel, which will support growth and lead our city to a bright future. We have engineered this plan to build long-term confidence in Liverpool, creating the conditions for growth through skills, jobs and opportunities.

Liam RobinsonLeader of Liverpool Labour Group

Emily Spurrell
Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside

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Steve Rotheram

Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region



We commit to building a resilient, sustainable, fair economy that maximises our city's potential and to supporting residents through a cost-of-living crisis made worse by Tory incompetence.

Liverpool is the heart of the North-West. It has amazing potential, and we want to grow our economy in a way that benefits everyone. This means creating new jobs by maximising our visitor economy and, at the same time, strategically supporting sectors such as life sciences, digital economy and green energy to set up in our city. Liverpool Labour will launch a new plan for growth, working hand in glove with businesses, trade unions, credit unions and our Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. We will

work together to make regulation and planning work for the good of our city and its economic future.

Your Labour-led Liverpool City Council will deliver this plan to usher in a new era of growth for our city. Our future will be built on the backbone of local businesses, delivering prosperity for our communities to enable each citizen to live sustainably. Our plan for the economy is to provide a sustainable job for every Liverpool resident, working with business, trade unions and workers to establish new industries and revive old ones.

Liverpool will see its residents supported through the immediate impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

Alongside our ambition for long-term growth, Liverpool Labour recognise that our residents need immediate support when times are hard. During the pandemic we looked after each other, and we will continue to do this through the cost-of-living crisis. We will protect the immediate needs of children by supporting children's centres to stay open and help them and other community groups to provide school meals in the holidays. To protect the most vulnerable, we will support local initiatives such

as warm community spaces when the weather is cold and provision of vital supplies to those who need them.

Liverpool will be a place of opportunity for its residents, inspiring young people to stay in the city.

Labour will focus on creating new jobs for Liverpool's young people, keeping them in the city so that we can grow the local economy. A key part of this is working better to link jobs in Liverpool with local recruitment and skills training. We will build on the progress that has already been made in the medical and bioscience sectors, drawing lessons for the broader economy. Opportunities should not be limited by age: our recruitment and skills process will link jobs to our adult education and reskilling work. Liverpool will become the home of high value jobs, increasing the wage potential and quality of life for our residents.

Liverpool will become the go-to place for new businesses and a cherished home for existing ones.

We will launch a Liverpool Industrial Strategy to bring new sectors to our city and to maximise job creation in sectors that already have a strong presence. This means creating the conditions for sectors such as digital economy, renewable energy, artificial intelligence, gaming, life sciences and film production to establish themselves, while boosting strong sectors

such as the arts and tourism. Our approach means working with business to identify and finance infrastructure improvement that will see businesses' ability to expand massively improved. This includes adding Grade A office accommodation to the city's inventory and meeting the needs of business in areas such as the travel sector, where increased investment will drive more footfall into brilliant Liverpool businesses.

A Labour-led Liverpool City Council will partner with business to identify challenges (and opportunities) in our regulatory and planning environment and, through a joint taskforce, make changes where necessary to support investment and boost prosperity. We will make Liverpool the best city to start up and scale up businesses, by boosting our support ecosystem for startups and early-stage businesses to provide the infrastructure they need to succeed and create new jobs.

Liverpool Labour will tackle poverty by ensuring residents are treated with dignity and respect – and paid a real living wage.

As wages fail to keep up with the cost-of-living crisis, in-work poverty is becoming a key issue. But this is avoidable. Liverpool Labour will commit to becoming a Living Wage City, accredited by the Living Wage Foundation. We will continue to commit to the anti-poverty work of Labour councils and mitigate the impact of the Welfare Reform Act of 2012. We believe in

enabling people to choose their own food and provisions with dignity and support a cash-first approach. Alongside this approach, we also recognise the key role that our community plays in tackling poverty. We will continue our support for the anti-poverty work of voluntary, community and faith organisations, including foodbanks, community food spaces, uniform and clothes exchanges, and information sharing.

Liverpool is a hardworking city and hard work must pay. We will lead by example by ensuring all direct employees of the council are paid a real living wage – and requiring this of the suppliers and service-providers we work with. This will include adopting the City Region's Fair Employment Charter for all businesses that provide services for the council and as a proviso for those bidding for contracts.

Liverpool will lead the way in supporting purpose-driven businesses.

Delivering social benefits and being commercially successful are not mutually exclusive when it comes to running a business. We have enough evidence of this in Liverpool, and our city can become an exemplar to the rest of the country, demonstrating that businesses can contribute to the social fabric of our communities while boosting the city's economy. We will support Kindred – a dynamic and rapidly expanding community interest organisation – that has been set up to connect

social trading organisations across Liverpool and provide expertise and funding. We should be proud of our social enterprise and cooperative sector that makes a huge difference in our communities, as well as generating jobs and growth. We will continue to support social enterprises and co-ops to thrive and increase the impact of what they do.

Liverpool will host a Eurovision Song Contest that builds a legacy and lets the world know what an amazing city our home is – and which does Ukraine proud. We will become a top destination for tourists around the world.

Prior to Covid-19, Liverpool's visitor economy accounted for over 50,000 local jobs. That number fell dramatically during the pandemic, and Liverpool Labour has worked tirelessly to restore confidence within the visitor economy. using culture as a springboard to attract millions of visitors each year. Liverpool hosting the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest represents a fantastic opportunity for our city, bolstering our reputation on the world stage and securing a legacy of new jobs, new opportunities and new international links. We will ensure that any money spent on Eurovision is an investment in the opportunity of heightened tourism and our economy. Residents will be at the heart of celebrations and will have the opportunity to engage with a cultural festival that will sit alongside Eurovision. It will be an opportunity to bring together our residents with others from around the world. Liverpool's culture will

be central to the event, and it will be a platform to celebrate Ukraine and show our support for their rebuilding and recovery when they emerge victorious from Putin's war.

Tourism and leisure are a major part of the local economy, providing jobs and services for local people. The transformation in the last 20 years has been spectacular, and it's no understatement to say that Liverpool can be a top-ten tourist destination globally in the coming decade. We believe in this and will support our visitor economy including the brilliant local businesses and the work of our City Region Mayor to improve training, qualifications and pay in the sector.

Liverpool will benefit from football – whether you're red, blue, neither (or don't even like it).

With two Premier League teams, Liverpool punches above its weight when it comes to playing football. With our two clubs comes two world-class stadiums, including the new Everton ground at Bramley-Moore Dock, and both draw big crowds – locals and those from further afield – bringing revenue and opportunities to the city. We are already maximising this by exploring a bid for a major European Final to be played in Liverpool and to host fixtures as part of a UK-wide bid for the UEFA Euros 2028 competition. We will continue to support grassroots football across our city and therefore, the next generation of footballing legends.



Our Liverpool, Our Economy: At a Glance

- We will work with the City Region to transform Liverpool's economy and create high quality jobs through a Liverpool Industrial Strategy which brings new sectors to the city and creates the infrastructure necessary for business to thrive, including adding Grade A office accommodation to the city's inventory.
- We will support our residents through this Toryworsened cost of living crisis.
- We commit to paying the Real Living Wage and putting this requirement on the contractors we use.
- We will create new training opportunities in growing sectors of the economy, particularly tourism, leisure and social care, and those in the Liverpool Industrial Strategy.
- We will continue our support for the antipoverty work of voluntary, community and faith organisations, including foodbanks, community food spaces, uniform and clothes exchanges, and information sharing.

- We will attract sustainable investment to support Liverpool's businesses and for infrastructure improvement that will accelerate the ability of businesses to expand.
- We will support purpose-driven business and continue Liverpool's journey to becoming the social-enterprise capital of the UK.
- We will do Ukraine proud, build a legacy and show-off Liverpool's potential through the Eurovision Song Contest 2023.
- We will explore bidding for a European football final to be played in Liverpool and work to support grassroots football.







We commit to enabling every child in Liverpool to reach their potential and empowering every adult to fulfil theirs.

For Liverpool to prosper we need a growing, varied and innovative local economy. This will only be achieved when local people are able to develop and contribute their skills and ideas. It starts when a child begins their learning journey, but it doesn't stop at school: our plan for education purposefully includes reskilling and adult training. Regardless of how old you might be, we believe anyone can make a meaningful contribution to the future of our city. We are proud of the Labour City Council's school investment programme. In 2010 the coalition government scrapped Building Schools for the Future. The Labour City Council stepped in with the Liverpool Schools Investment Programme. Over an eight-year period we built and

transformed 22 of the city's primary and secondary schools into new, modern learning environments, benefitting more than 14,000 pupils, creating 2,000 constructions jobs and 200 apprenticeships.

Looking ahead, we will ensure children are equipped to learn and given the best education possible that prepares them for a good job in Liverpool, Our young people are the future of the city and we will give them all the tools to become the best versions of themselves. recognising that a one-size-fits-all schooling approach won't work and that education can and should be highly personalised, while apprenticeships will be hugely important to those moving into the world of work. Learning is more than what happens in the classroom, and our plan includes the extension of school hours for those who require digital access, extra tuition, vocational experience and the provision of nutritious food.

Liverpool's children will arrive at school ready to learn.

We will ensure children in Liverpool arrive at school ready and equipped to learn by making early-years services effective and easy to access. To do this we will build on our Children's Centres, developing Family Hubs to bring together a wider range of services to support families.

We will continue making significant improvements in early-vears education. ensuring every child can access a range of activities and explore their interests and talents. This shouldn't just be the preserve of those who can afford it. We also believe in the importance of reading and access to books; we support free book schemes for early-years children and will help our schools forge stronger links with libraries in the city. We will continue to work with local organisations to ensure children from all socioeconomic backgrounds can access school uniforms, and we will make sure pupils receive nutritious food to enable them to concentrate throughout the day. As the cost-ofliving crisis deepens and a Tory-led economic downturn bites, we will be relentless in raising awareness of hidden poverty and provide solutions through the City Council and our remarkable partners in the voluntary sector.

Liverpool's children will thrive in school and develop the informal and formal skills to thrive in life.

We will equip our children to both thrive in school and develop the skills they need to thrive in life. This requires consistently excellent schools. We will be as ambitious in our expectations of local school performance as we are supportive, and this means working with school leaders to meet the important OFSTED markers of success. This will be enhanced by the creation of parents' forums to give parents and pupils a stronger voice, including specific representation for those whose children have special educational needs or other challenges.

We will focus on schools' standards, not structures. We will continue to support local schools and colleges to work collaboratively to achieve the aspirations of all children and young people, seeing best practice shared between them and cultivating an environment where school leaders learn from one another – regardless of how individual schools are structured. There are lessons to be learned everywhere, and we are at our best when we work together.

We will support and build on recent innovation in educational settings in the city, like the University of Liverpool Maths School, Liverpool Life Sciences UTC and the Studio School. In parts of our city there are major pressures on secondary school places, which means that not

enough parents get enough choice on schools. We will address this by creating new school places where they are most needed through expanding existing schools and making the case to the Department for Education for two new secondary schools in the coming years. We recognise the importance of attracting and retaining the best teachers in Liverpool schools. We will work with schools, colleges and our universities to make Liverpool the best place to be a newly qualified teacher (NQT) and to develop a fulfilling and rewarding career in education.

To assist in learning, we will ensure a digital device and internet connectivity is available to every pupil who needs it. We will continue supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), challenging ourselves to make sure our belief in every child's potential is carried out in practice. This means reducing diagnosis times and improving support, seeing that it follows the child and aims for inclusion in mainstream schools. Where specialist schools are the only option, links with mainstream schools will be cherished, bringing children together while celebrating and understanding difference.

Our schools will be a safe and welcoming place for all children, and we will actively work with school and community leaders to tackle prejudice. We will foster a culture of good behaviour across the city, supporting teachers and pupils. This includes making sure exclusions

are done only where necessary and young people receive the support they need to return to school and make a positive contribution to society. Classrooms are where the social fabric of this city is woven.

Liverpool's children will learn about the city's past and its present – so we can shape a better future.

The Hillsborough Stadium disaster was a tragedy in our city's history, and it took far too long to get truth for the 97. It is a disgrace that justice has not been secured. In 2022 Liverpool Labour committed to ensuring that lessons from the tragedy are taught in Liverpool's schools, and that's why we'll create a Liverpool Curriculum. We are committed to aspects of this being included in the national curriculum to assist UK-wide understanding of our city's history.

A Liverpool Curriculum will include a dedicated learning programme on Hillsborough, working with survivors and their families to shape it. This will form a vital part of a lasting Hillsborough legacy for families and survivors. It will draw on Liverpool's Black History, and provide lessons on the opportunities our city is gearing up for – including becoming a carbon-neutral city, the legacy of the Eurovision Song Contest in 2023 and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Liverpool's children will be aspirational and leave school knowing what they're doing next – and be ready for it.

Liverpool is a growing city with new jobs and industries taking centre stage. We will ensure our kids leave school not just knowing what they are going to do next but how they can do it – and with the skills to make it happen. We will achieve this by expanding the links between our local employers, universities, schools, colleges and parent forums to ensure there's an understanding of what jobs require what skills. All of this will sit within our Employment and Skills Plan.

We will ensure that vocational education is given parity of esteem with academic pathways – and that there is an open door between the two. We will ensure that all children and young people receive high-quality, aspirational, impartial, employer-led information, advice and guidance about careers.

We recognise that learning must take place outside of the classroom and therefore we will expand links between businesses and local child and adult education providers to allow students to gain experience and begin building professional networks from early on. This includes expanding links in the city's growth sectors such as film, technology and life sciences.

At the same time, we won't give up on those

children who have fallen out of the school system. We will be relentless in supporting these children to return to a learning environment – recognising that mainstream education may not be the most appropriate forum.

We will not only prepare our children for the jobs of today, but increasingly for those of tomorrow. This will include a focus on the skills needed to work with generative AI and data in new technology and green jobs, while also linking wider adult retraining opportunities in the community to help locals access these jobs. We support the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and Metro Mayor on their ambitious plans for growth and for Liverpool to become a multi-industry city. As well as expressing our support, we will also explore the development of a Liverpool Apprenticeship, directly linking these future plans to a high-quality, contemporary apprenticeship.

Liverpool's higher-education system and highquality apprenticeships will connect residents with the jobs of tomorrow.

It is not only in our schools that we need to prepare young people for the world of work, but in our higher-education sector. To do this we will strengthen the link between Liverpool's higher-education sector and local employers and work to keep new and local talent in the local area. We will ensure that the training on offer prepares people for the full range of jobs the city needs. We are proud of the city's esteemed universities

and support their expansion, with a focus on supporting local people. We also know that higher education is more than just going to university, and that's why we will work with the Metro Mayor to improve vocational training, developing apprenticeships within the City Council. With a focus on the north of Liverpool, we will create apprenticeships in key sectors, including youthwork, green energy and healthcare, and support the development of a Liverpool Apprenticeship, geared towards the ambitious plans for Liverpool's future. Our higher-education and vocational sectors will be the engine to drive Liverpool's economy in an era of change.

Liverpool residents, regardless of age, will have the opportunity to learn new skills and open doors to employment.

Preparing for the jobs of tomorrow doesn't mean only preparing the next generation; it's about preparing the whole city. We will continue to run the City Council's important Employment and Skills Plan to equip our community for the changing nature of work. We'll also ensure this offer includes training to help Liverpool's workforce access the digital and green jobs that increasingly representing the opportunities of tomorrow, and that adult learning services provide a direct pathway to a job today.

Liverpool will be a city that champions lifelong learning, through the "One Liverpool, One Learning" programme. As the nature of work changes, technology reshapes the world and educational needs evolve, a unified plan is needed to support citizens from cradle to grave. To achieve this Liverpool Labour will launch "One Liverpool, One Learning". This programme will link up all aspects of Liverpool's educational and skills resources and opportunities to bring a clear, coherent and easily accessible offering to citizens. It will make sure that those skills being taught in schools link to the world of work, that residents in further and higher education and skills training are able to access local jobs, and that those in the world of work are given the support they need to retrain and reskill.



Our Liverpool, Our Education: At a Glance

- We will create new school places where they are most needed through expanding existing schools and making the case to the Department for Education for two new secondary schools.
- We support the extension of school hours for those who require free digital access, extra tuition and support with free nutritious food.
- We will reform Children's Centres into Family Hubs.
- We will ensure a digital device and internet connectivity are available to every pupil who needs them.
- We will continue to support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) by reducing waiting times for diagnoses.
- We will commit to a Liverpool Curriculum.
- We will support the City Council's Employment and Skills Plan, which will be central to delivering this aspiration across age groups.

- We will expand links between businesses and local employers to more closely align employment with skills, and give people real opportunities in the world of work.
- We will create apprenticeships in key growth sectors, including green jobs, supporting the development of a Liverpool Apprenticeship that reflects the future of our city's economy.
- We will reform adult learning services within our local community to bring opportunities for meaningful work to the whole community.
- We will launch "One Liverpool, One Learning" to ensure that our city champions life-long learning.





We commit to delivering the best living conditions for Liverpool's residents and recognise the right to a safe home in a flourishing community.

Ask anyone from outside our city what they remember about Liverpool, and they'll tell you the same thing. It's you. And you. And, yes, you.

It's our people.

We're proud to seek to represent a city that is open-hearted and open-minded, where outsiders instantly feel part of this great community. But we can't take it for granted, and we know that the cost-of-living crisis and spiralling energy prices have put huge pressure on the constituent parts of that community. Whether it's poor insulation in a home you own or being forced to seek shelter

on the streets, our plan is to ensure that everyone has access to a comfortable living space. After all, the health and prosperity of our city starts in the home before flowing into our communities. Helping people secure an affordable place to live, which is adaptable to changing need, will in turn give all our communities the best chance to become as beautiful, welcoming and safe as possible.

Liverpool will have access to safe, affordable, quality housing.

Nobody should struggle to afford a place to live. Across the city, families are living in overcrowded and often damp conditions desperate to be re-housed. In a Torvaccelerated cost-of-living crisis, this has unfortunately become a reality for too many in our city. A Labour-led Liverpool City Council will tackle this. This means building at least 8000 more homes – the right homes in the right places - boosting social-rent properties and supporting the aspiration of many Liverpool residents to own their own home. Liverpool Labour have already upgraded our planning process to ensure all new homes are more accessible and adaptable to changing needs, including 10% to be wheelchair adaptable.

By working with communities, Registered

Social Landlords (RSLs), developers and housing associations to identify sites, we can unlock Council-owned land across the city to meet our housing need in the most cost-effective way. We will build on our new Community Housing Programme to deliver new homes in conjunction with Community Land Trusts. New stock will include Council-owned housing, joint developments, sale and lease arrangements, all of which will generate income to provide better services for residents. With rising interest rates many private landlords are putting their properties on the market at what will be potentially favourable rates. Building on the experience of Labour councils like Barking and Dagenham, we will work with insurance and pension companies to draw down funds to buy these properties for affordable housing, rectifying the supply and demand balance. Every new home built will be of the highest environmental standard and they will be insulated - saving residents money.

We recognise that many aspire to buy and own their own home, and we will support this aspiration. But we also know that nearly 30% of Liverpool's residents rent their homes privately and they deserve to be protected from an increasingly unaffordable and unreliable housing system. The private sector matters in creating a vibrant housing offer, but it must be responsible. We will push central government to use their regulatory systems to establish fair and reasonable rates, with incentives for landlords who actively pursue efficiency and quality

improvements in their properties.

To reduce the risk of home fires, Labour will work with Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service to relaunch fire-safety checks.

The leasehold cladding scandal has affected many blocks across the city, with many leaseholders and tenants facing insecurity. Although the government has started to address the issue it is too little, too late – and there are too many gaps in support. We will continue to back Liverpool Cladiators in their campaign to ensure no leaseholder has to pay for mistakes made by developers and management companies.

Liverpool will have a fairer, higher quality, private rental sector that benefits both tenants and landlords.

The Social Housing White Paper (2020) was an important step in formalising the obligations between landlords and tenants, however, and not unusually, the government has dragged its heels in adopting the recommendations.

Liverpool Labour recognise that it is important that landlords know and deliver what is expected of them and that those committed to provide high-quality, affordable housing are given the opportunity to demonstrate this. That's why we will promote and extend Liverpool's new targeted Landlord Licensing scheme. The scheme, introduced by a Labour City Council, places a responsibility on landlords

to provide quality, safe housing and builds trust between landlord and tenant. It is critical if our communities are to flourish.

Even one incident of housing associations and social landlords underperforming is one incident too many. We will make it clear that there is a responsibility to tenants and communities, and this will include requiring minimum service commitments from housing providers. To put it simply, tenants should not be waiting hours on the phone or weeks for works to take place.

Licensed properties must meet fire, electric and gas safety standards and be in a good state of repair, while landlords will need to demonstrate they can deal effectively with complaints about their tenants and anti-social behaviour. Over time, this licence will become a badge of honour – marking out those who support our city and want our residents to flourish.

To further support Liverpool's renters, we will launch a campaign to inform them of their rights and provide further support where required. Finally, we will implement a Property Pool System Review to understand how fit for purpose our homes are and the existing use of property within Liverpool's rental sector.

Liverpool will become a zero-homeless city.

Britain faces a huge challenge with homelessness, and the figures have increased by an unconscionable amount since the last

Labour government left office. Liverpool is no exception, and it's possible that more than 2,000 people in Liverpool are registered as homeless. This is something we can change especially when we know that more than 4,500 properties have been unoccupied in Liverpool for at least six months. We commit to a zerotolerance position on rough sleeping and will identify those at risk and move them into shelter, giving them access to services that get them off the streets and back to fulfilling their potential and participating in the city's future. We will work with local housing providers to identify and provide suitable accommodation for those in need, rather than the transient and costly use of hospitality accommodation.

We know that mental health is a huge factor in this and is both a symptom and a cause. We will work to join up mental health provision with vulnerable tenants at risk of eviction.

Liverpool will become a zero-homeless city.

Liverpool homes will become more energy efficient and better for the environment.

By prioritising the least energy efficient homes, Liverpool Labour will roll out a home retrofitting scheme whereby we advise and support on the insulation of older homes to reduce energy consumption. This will help residents save money and reduce the impact on the environment. This will include signposting to simple solutions such as shuttered windows, which have improved the resilience of European houses, and making regulation work in our favour. We will do everything in the City Council's power to make it as easy as possible to boost, rather than block, retrofitting work across our city.

Every house that's built in our city has the potential to adversely impact the environment. We must be alert to this, and Liverpool Labour have a clear green commitment that will mitigate the impact of new builds: reducing waste, improving recycling rates, supporting circular reuse and insulating homes are all essential for a cleaner greener City.

We will support neighbours to come together, building safe and strong communities they are proud to call home.

Against a backdrop of severe budget cuts inflicted by national government, Liverpool Labour has always been committed to making our communities the best they can be for adults and children alike. This included the creation of ten new play areas funded by Section 106 monies whereby housing developers have been directed to pay for play. It's imperative that those who build in this city and benefit from it and contribute to it. We commit to refurbishing existing play areas across the city and building more.

Nobody knows a neighbourhood better than the people who live in it, and that's why we will consult residents at a local level on the services, provisions and improvements they want to see introduced. Labour candidates have done this already, and we often hear that residents want services as close to them as possible. We will act upon this by creating Neighbourhood Hubs, taking council services into the hearts of neighbourhoods to make them as accessible as possible. This will become highly visible as we consolidate our buildings and incorporate new sports facilities and youth provisions, alongside other facilities such as shops, GP surgeries and pharmacies.

Liverpool's streets will become safer for pedestrians.

The safety of our citizens is paramount. Liverpool Labour will make areas around schools safer by introducing at least 50 'School Streets' over the next four years. We will build upon our previous success rolling out 20mph neighbourhoods across the city, consulting with residents and drivers to support neighbourhoods becoming low-traffic areas. Limited parking and subsequent rat running has a significant impact on our streets, and we will strategically place planters and bollards to make areas safer and improve air quality. We will also invest in traffic wardens to manage congestion and parking. To ensure that pavements are for pedestrians, we will remove cars and obstacles through enforcement and proactive education. We'll continue to work to make our streets accessible and inclusive, with more dropped

kerbs installed.

Liverpool will be tough on crime – and its causes.

Asking for your vote to lead our city means confronting very difficult questions. One of those is who controls our streets: the police or gangs? Residents ask this question with fear. and we commit to working with Emily Spurrell. Mersevside's Police and Crime Commissioner. to deliver a greater community police presence. We also take heart from the national Labour Party's commitment to put 13.000 new community police officers on Britain's streets. A great many will be recruited in Liverpool. Neighbourhood policing is at the heart of tackling crime and restoring public confidence. A Labour-led City Council - while not directly responsible for policing – will do everything possible to support tough action on crime and to prevent it in the first place. This will include creating local forums where neighbourhood police, council officers and other partners meet regularly to deal with anti-social behaviour and other crimes that affect life for residents. We will make the rollout of CCTV in crime hotspots a priority. Tackling anti-social behaviour will be part and parcel of what is taught in our schools.

Liverpool will be the role model for sustainability, making it as easy as possible for citizens to recycle and ensuring that litter picking is championed.

We'll continue working across the city through campaigns, education and active support to reduce waste, boost recycling and encourage re-use. This will include the introduction of a food waste collection service and a complementary campaign to encourage home composting, alongside work with social housing landlords to provide more home composters. We'll support business and organisations on re-use and continue our campaigns to eradicate single-use plastics. We commit to maximising recycling at all council-funded organisations. During the pandemic, our love of local green spaces grew dramatically. One offshoot of this has been the explosion of litter picking and growing groups across the city. We will support these groups and improve the core services that complement their work including enhanced street cleaning services and enforcement in litter grot spots, more street litter bins and collections, and the rollout of underground bins in terraced streets.

Liverpool will see reduced pollution and become a role model for biodiversity.

Labour created the first new allotments in the city for 50 years and will continue our work on biodiversity by creating new wildflower meadows and planting thousands of new

trees. We will also harvest seed for re-use on our meadows and use corner plots for food growing.

Bees and other pollinators are vital to our crops, our gardens and our green spaces, but they are at risk and that's why Liverpool Labour will launch a pollinator action plan.

We'll protect all our parks for perpetuity through the ground-breaking Fields in Trust initiative. Liverpool is a first in the country to be involved with this initiative at scale, and its full implementation will see 100 parks protected, covering over 1,000 hectares. This will be a fitting legacy for the sorely missed green-space activist Chrissie Byrne.

Where land is not being used, we will pursue a Meanwhile Land policy that seeks to use the land to benefit the local people. This can take the form of local allotments, training facilities, cultural experiences or any number of things to serve the community. We are proud that a Labour City Council created the first new allotment site in the city in 50 years and pledge to create a major new allotment site in an area of high demand in the next four years. We will work with community groups and residents to promote growing veg on unused land and explore building on Community Asset Transfers to fast-track vacant, derelict, overgrown land into use. Liverpool will be a green city under a Labour-led City Council.

Liverpool will have cleaner streets and reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill.

One of the biggest issues that we speak to residents on the doorstep about is the cleanliness of their streets and their community. Liverpool Labour will continue to work closely with the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, which already has an impact in communities across our city, restoring pride in our streets and tackling the root causes of litter and fly tipping. Labour councillors set up and continue to support existing volunteer groups in their communities, and we will ensure residents feel empowered and are supported in taking action. We will work closely with residents to decrease the amount of waste we send to landfill and instead promote and make recycling more accessible across the city.

Our Liverpool, Our Community: At a Glance

- We will boost housing supply by building at least 8000 new homes per year to boost the provision of affordable homes to rent and buy, and work with insurance and pension companies to draw down funds to buy properties for affordable housing.
- We will push for regulation of the private rental sector, improving fairness for tenants and incentivising landlords to improve their dwellings.
- We will work with Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service to relaunch fire-safety checks.
- We will create local forums where neighbourhood police, council officers and other partners meet regularly to deal with antisocial behaviour and other crimes which affect life for residents.
- We will roll out a home retrofitting scheme to make our homes more energy efficient.

- We will make Liverpool a zero-homeless city.
- We will create Neighbourhood Hubs, taking council services into the hearts of neighbourhoods to make them as accessible as possible. This will become highly visible as we consolidate our buildings and incorporate new sports facilities and youth provisions, alongside other facilities such as shops, GP surgeries and pharmacies.
- We will introduce a food waste collection service and a campaign to encourage home composting, alongside working with social housing landlords to provide more home composters.
- We will support community work and projects that empower our citizens to restore pride in their community.
- We will make our streets safer by introducing 'School Streets' and investing in congestion management.

- We will support measures to reduce crime, including a CCTV rollout and introducing learning on how to tackle anti-social behaviour within our schools.
- We will implement planning and land policies that reduce pollution and increase biodiversity, boosting the amount of green space and new allotments.
- We will support litter picking groups and improve the core services that complement their work including enhanced street cleaning services and enforcement in litter grot spots, more street litter bins and collections, and the rollout of underground bins in terraced streets.





We commit to working together to create a healthier Liverpool for every resident.

A thriving city is one that promotes the health and wellbeing of its citizens. Our ambition is to increase life expectancy for every person who calls Liverpool home, regardless of what ward they live in. This means confronting health inequality head on and heralding a fundamental shift from a health approach built around treating people to one that stops them getting ill in the first place.

Thirteen years of Tory rule has driven people in Liverpool to make the impossible choice between heating and eating. The damage this is doing to our city is unthinkable, and we will fight to put an end to it. We will proactively support the fundamental principles of the right to food, recognising that every resident must have access to food and hardwiring this right into decision-

making to tackle hunger. Underpinning our commitment is the deep belief that a healthy city relies on its citizens' ability to eat well, exercise and enjoy a warm home.

We will take a local approach to Liverpool's health, campaigning for greater democratic oversight of our local NHS healthcare and social care provision. With this oversight, the focus would shift from treating disease to the proactive prevention of ill health and treatment of its underlying causes. In an era of tightened resources, Liverpool Labour would bring healthcare closer to citizens by investing in community care. We believe that key to a preventative approach to ill health, is a heighted focus on social care. Our approach includes persuading NHS trusts and the government to shift resources from hospitals into social care.

Liverpool's citizens – young and old – will be given the care they deserve.

We will ensure that our elderly citizens have access to a joined-up social care provision that puts them first. As part of this, we will develop enhanced in-house capacity, which combines

provision from the council, the voluntary sector and private providers. Pilots of joined-up community care will bring together care providers, community anchors, carers, care recipients and residents to create a unified approach that sees elderly care users only having to have one conversation about their needs and a single point of contact.

Our residents should feel a sense of ownership over their care, and we will consult care recipients, carers and communities on their needs. Where social care is poorly delivered, we will act quickly – this could include bringing poor-performing provision in-house. We will put the needs of those receiving care first. That's a non-negotiable for Liverpool Labour.

Finally, a Labour-led City Council will care for the children in our city. This is a huge responsibility that must be treated seriously: we will strive for excellence in provision through monitoring and measuring, while recognising this is about more than just data and targets. We will help families much earlier and ensure children get the love and support they need.

Liverpool will see health inequalities between different neighbourhoods reduced and life expectancy rise.

There is a difference between health and healthcare. Healthcare is about treatment in a hospital while a focus on health – done properly – keeps people out of hospital by

creating a healthier environment that lends itself to a better-quality lifestyle and prevents illness arising in the first place. We all have a responsibility on this, and a Labour-led Liverpool City Council would become central to it, supporting our local GPs who are at the forefront of prevention. We would work with local surgeries and our excellent local hospitals to create a healthier city where health outcomes – and life expectancy – is not shaped by a person's postcode.

This will mark a shift that we're proud to make: from a healthcare system that is built around treating people to one that stops residents needing to be treated in the first place. We will convene a joint council and health task group to coordinate across the things that can make us healthier, including education, jobs, housing, mental health, leisure provision, exercise, public health campaigning and many other areas that haven't traditionally been included in the conversation on healthcare.

Liverpool will become healthier by having a right to food.

We will continue to support the Right to Food Campaign, which fights for access to basic food provision to be written into our law. Liverpool will become a Good Food Area, bringing together many organisations to deliver food, including food clubs, community pantries and shops, and we will support local community gardens and allotments. We will also develop a network of

community kitchens to deliver affordable good food across the city. The rise of foodbank usage is a national disgrace, and our ambition is that they disappear because affordable, good food becomes the default and not the exception.

Liverpool residents will be supported to get more active.

Access to exercise is key to the health of our city. Parkrun has grown dramatically in the last decade, and we will support their activities in our parks alongside providing free fitness training for residents. We will encourage our residents to improve their fitness through the 'Couch to 5k' programme, giving incentives for people to pursue this.

We will provide opportunities for residents to become healthier through access to quality sports and leisure facilities. As a Labour-led City Council, we have fought hard to protect sports and leisure services in the face of brutal Tory austerity. While swimming pools up and down the country have closed, Liverpool Labour has strived to make our leisure centres a hub for exercise, and we will continue initiatives to promote their use including free swimming lessons (which saw a 317% increase in visitor numbers) and use for under-16s in school holidays and half-terms.

Many of our leisure centres need investment so that they are more welcoming and attractive to our residents and users. Liverpool Labour has already committed over £1.5m for improvements to the leisure estate, including full restoration of the service at Lifestyles Peter Lloyd, which will re-open in the summer of 2023. We will work closely with partners at Sport England to improve our sport and leisure offer across the city and will invest in new facilities to replace ageing centres.

Liverpool will have quality mental health provision.

We will improve mental health provision by supporting our healthcare providers and ensuring a read across into education, police forces and social care. Often, those at risk find themselves interacting with different parts of the system and it requires an integrated approach to give them the support they need. We will support Mersey Care and our universities with the Mental Health Analytics and Research hub – an innovative, data-driven approach that identifies where mental health need is arising and likely to arise. This allows us to act before a problem causes serious harms to individuals and those around them.

Our Liverpool, Our Health & Social Care: At a Glance

- We will create a joined-up approach to social care that ensures our elderly citizens are given the support they need.
- We will pursue a prevention-based approach to health, convening a joint council and health task group that integrates quality-of-life based areas such as housing and leisure provision into the healthcare conversation.
- We will ensure that all our residents have a legally enshrined access to food, continuing to support the Right to Food Campaign.
- We will become a Good Food Area, moving away from foodbanks and towards a system of affordable nutritious food.
- We will work with providers and trade unions to ensure care workers are paid the Real Living Wage as set by the Living Wage Foundation.

- We will support our residents' access to exercise, including by encouraging the 'Couch to 5k' programme with incentives.
- We will communicate with care recipients, carers and communities on the care they wish to see, to help develop a community care plan fit for purpose.
- We will invest in our leisure centres and make them a hub for exercise, contributing to a healthier Liverpool.
- We will improve mental health provision by focusing on prevention, using a data-driven approach to identify where mental health need is likely to arise.





We commit to a future where Liverpool residents proactively choose to use public transport.

Trusted, fit-for-purpose and connected public transport is a prerequisite to building a thriving local economy in an international city like Liverpool. It can save money, save time and save the environment. So ask yourself this question: what will make you leave your car at home and choose to walk or use public transport? It could well be the extortionate cost of running a vehicle something that's only got worse under a Tory government – but in Liverpool we want to make the answer to that question a positive one. Our ambition is for people to actively choose public transport because it's cheaper, easier, cleaner, safer and more enjoyable than a car. For short journeys, we want to encourage people to walk or cycle - that's why we will make our streets

safer, as set out in the Housing and Community section of this action plan for Liverpool.

Making alternative modes of transport more compelling does not mean we become anti-car. It is a reality that many of our residents have to use their vehicles for work and to get from one place to another. It would be naïve and impractical to ignore that. Instead, Liverpool residents can look forward to less congested roads and better infrastructure to charge the cars of tomorrow. This is good news for drivers, walkers and users of public transport alike.

It's great news for the future of our city.

Liverpool will have access to cheaper, cleaner buses and a quality, affordable, connected rail network that become part of an integrated, London-style transport system.

We support the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority plans to bring buses back under local control, and will work with Steve Rotherham to deliver a fully integrated public transport system. As councillors, we will continue to build a modern transport fleet,

expanding the number of green bus routes. By bringing more buses into our integrated city network, the transport choices for visitors to our city will become more numerous and cleaner. That's why we will deliver multiple carbonneutral routes - including from John Lennon Airport to the city centre and football grounds. We will continue to work closely with the Labour Metro Mayor and the Combined Authority to deliver the brand-new Liverpool Baltic Station. Alongside this, we will commit to making all the City's stations fully accessible and step-free. Integration is now a non-negotiable, and we're proud that our Labour Metro Mayor is delivering this. We will support that effort, exploring the role tap-to-pay cards can play and ensuring residents benefit from simple, clear fare structures.

Connection to other UK cities is key to our growth, and we will campaign for new services to North Wales and at least two trains per hour into London. Continuing our work with our MPs, we will ensure that Liverpool is properly connected onto any new national high-speed rail networks, both North-South and East-West.

Liverpool will continue to enjoy its iconic ferries – and so too will the environment.

The Mersey Ferries are a vital transport link between our city and the Wirral. They form a part of our identity, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors to our area each year. As they become harder and harder to maintain owed to age, we will work with the City Region and Wirral Council to deliver greener, more energy efficient vessels that will be see Ferries cross the Mersey for generations to come.

Liverpool will have a safe public transport system

We support the Police and Crime Commissioner for Mersevside in their ambition to reduce crime and make our transport safe. This starts with the design of our infrastructure - the stations, trains, buses and roads we build - making sure we incorporate safety features and crimeprevention measures, including CCTV. Our aim is to stop crime from happening. We support the introduction of more community police officers, as proposed by the national Labour Party, and we will push for a portion of these officers to solely patrol public transport. The council is uniquely placed to see where issues arise, assess what crime-prevention resource is needed and work with other public bodies to deploy the right resource at the right time.

When crimes do occur, we will work with the authorities to identify perpetrators and repeat offenders, preventing them from accessing our transport services and ensuring they no longer pose a risk to the public.

Liverpool will be at the forefront of the electric vehicle revolution.

We'll install at least 2.000 electric vehicle (EV) charging points, helping people make the switch to electric. Working with trade unions, we will develop a plan to transition the city's entire black cab fleet to be completely emission-free. We will do this through a scrappage scheme that will help taxi services and providers move to electric vehicles, alongside investigating how we can retrofit cabs with electric engines. Labour understands that this requires investment, and therefore we will explore loan schemes to make financing this possible. We will work alongside businesses and delivery companies to develop e-cargo bike deliveries in the city centre. Finally, all new residential developments will have EV charging points as a prerequisite.

Liverpool will cycle more, walk more and drive less.

It was a Labour City Council that launched the city's successful bike hire scheme in 2014 and it is a Labour City Council that will expand this programme. In practice, this means adding extra bikes and supporting residents to replace at least one car journey a week with a cycle ride. In consultation with road users, cyclists and local businesses, we will build high-quality, segregated cycle lanes and safe routes. We will also shore up the security of cycling by launching a City Centre Cycle Hub that will provide secure cycle parking.

Cycling more does not mean more disruption for road users. We will always strive to be innovative as a council and look at how we can repurpose existing routes. This includes working with Sustrans to further improve the Liverpool Loop Line and identify how this can be expanded across the city. The former railway path provides a flat, well-surfaced green corridor through the urban environment of east Liverpool, forming part of the award-winning Trans Pennine Trail. With additional lighting and improved access points, it will become suitable for families, less experienced cyclists, and wheelchair and mobility scooters, as it is flat and almost entirely traffic-free.

We will encourage more people to actively choose walking for short journeys. To ensure that pavements are for pedestrians, we will remove cars and obstacles through enforcement and proactive education. We'll continue to work to make our streets accessible and inclusive, with more dropped kerbs installed. Through education and action, we will keep them clean and free from litter and dog muck.

We will work towards more car-free days, ensuring they are practical and work for the city. This could include closing roads to traffic and encouraging people to walk, cycle or use public transport every few months. Our approach must work for everyone. Reducing car usage will also be achieved through innovative park and ride schemes to destinations prone to traffic, and we commit to exploring three pilot areas before

rolling the scheme out across the city.
Our transport revolution is not about making lives harder or more difficult but making our streets cleaner and safer. We also don't have to compromise on quality of living – including being able to get things delivered to our doors. But we must always strive to make this more environmentally friendly and that's why we'll trial an Urban Consolidation Centre, aiming to decrease the amount of delivery vehicles and emissions on our streets.



Our Liverpool, Our Transport: At a Glance

- We will support the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority plans to bring buses back under local control.
- We will build a modern, sustainable and fully integrated public transport system.
- We will invest in delivering greener, more energy efficient vessels to enable the long-term existence of Mersey Ferries.
- We will deliver multiple carbon-neutral routes including from John Lennon Airport to the city centre and football grounds.
- We will encourage electric vehicle usage, installing at least 2,000 charging points by 2027.
- We will create a plan to transition the city's black cab fleet to be completely emission-free.
- We will deliver the brand-new Liverpool Baltic Station.

- We will ensure accessible, step-free, stations.
- We will support in the reduction of crime, making our transport system safe.
- We will support more cycling by launching a City Centre Cycle Hub that will provide secure cycle parking and by building high-quality, segregated cycle lanes and safe routes.
- We will support people to walk more by removing cars and obstacles through enforcement and proactive education, and by installing more dropped kerbs.
- We will trial an Urban Consolidation Centre to decrease emissions from delivery vehicles on our streets.



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