

York has had a Lib Dem Council for 8 years Labour believes **York deserves better**

Labour's **local manifesto** inside



York Labour's Vision

- ✓ **Keep council tax low**
by cutting Lib Dem council waste
- ✓ **Attract new jobs to York**
by creating an economic environment that supports business
- ✓ **Reverse £1m of cuts**
by scrapping the Lib Dems' second new council office costing £1.4m



**VOTE LABOUR ON THURS 5 MAY
BECAUSE YORK DESERVES BETTER**

 **Labour**
York

York deserves better

York is a great city in which to live and work - but it can only stay great if it continues to deliver jobs and training, good schools and high quality services for local people.

None of these can be taken for granted - they require hard work and good ideas from local companies and local people. They also require sound leadership from the city council.


Sadly, that leadership is what's been absent in the eight years the Lib Dems have controlled the council. When decisions were needed, they dithered. When planning was required, they plumped for schemes that nobody needed. They wasted millions on botched proposals for the Barbican and Hungate and have cut valued services to pay for past mistakes.

York's future success depends on harnessing the enterprising spirit of local people backed by public services that deliver fairness and opportunity. Above all York needs a local council with a sense of purpose - with a plan to create prosperity for the long term, rather than quick fix solutions that will do for now.

Residents want to know who will be their voice in tough times and who will spend money wisely. York deserves better. York deserves Labour



Councillor James Alexander
Leader of the Labour Group



Cllr James Alexander speaking about getting the best deal for people in York from the NHS

Labour's plan to get York moving again

Under the Lib Dems

Under Labour

- X You pay over £150 a year **more in council tax** with the Lib Dems since 2003
- X York has become **economically stagnant**
- X ResPark costs have **increased 126%** under the Lib Dems
- X Both Lib Dems and Tories **refused to regulate** bus services
- X Lib Dems **voted against** Labour plans to increase recycling rates
- X The Con Dem Government is **cutting police** numbers
- X York Pride is **not working** and our streets are not clean enough
- ✓ **Cut Council waste** to keep **Council tax low**
- ✓ Attract **new jobs** to York by making York the No. 1 destination for **economic growth**
- ✓ **Reduce ResPark costs** by £2 this year
- ✓ Use tough new powers to **improve bus services**
- ✓ Ambitious about **improving recycling rates**
- ✓ Ensure **fighting crime** is a council priority
- ✓ Create a 'Smarter York' **hotline** for reporting graffiti and fly-tipping

Labour will provide the leadership York lacks

Labour will provide Leadership where the Lib Dems have failed

Labour will make it a priority to foster good partnerships with business, public agencies and the voluntary sector.

We will place York's cultural and heritage assets at the centre of York's economic future. Labour will...

- Attract businesses and new jobs to York

- Support our businesses

- Make York a gateway to Yorkshire

- Improve the quality of our public spaces

- Deliver more affordable housing with consultation



Getting York Moving Again

✓ Labour will be tough on congestion without a congestion charge

Getting around York is increasingly difficult, with more and more traffic clogging up our roads while bus services have deteriorated.

Labour will...

- Get rid of the ftr purple buses

- Invest in required cycle routes

- Use new powers to demand better bus services

- Introduce a one bus trip, one bus ticket scheme

- Reduce 'school run' traffic by introducing enforceable travel plans

- Support 20mph speed limits in residential areas

- Tackling poor air quality

- Increase the number of park and ride sites



Protecting our Environment

✓ Labour will install a 24 hour 'Smarter York' hotline to report 'grotspots'

The Lib Dems have failed to provide any leadership on the need for York to play its part in tackling climate change.

Labour believes York's unique environment should be protected and we will make it a priority.

Labour will...

- Make York a recognised centre for green jobs

- Create more green public spaces

- Conduct a full green audit of the council - including vehicles and property

- Increase the amount we recycle

- Advertise assisted waste collection services to elderly residents

- Reduce the council's energy use



Listening to Residents

✓ Labour will introduce resident service guarantees

The Lib Dems promised to look after your money and instead they wasted it.

Last year they spent thousands of pounds consulting you and then not listening.

Labour will make consultation genuine, making sure people are aware of what they can and can't expect from the council.

Labour will...

- Introduce a contract with residents over levels of service

- Make the council respond to all complaints within 5 working days

- Set up a Fairness Commission, chaired by an independent person to consult with residents face to face, setting in motion a transformation in our public services

- Help to move disused or derelict buildings into community use



Improving Education & Increasing Training

✓ Labour will create apprenticeships to help tackle youth unemployment

York's schools are good and until recently were funded well by the Labour Government.

But there are still too many young people not getting the qualifications they need to get jobs or further training.

Labour will seek to improve results across the board, but in particular for those in danger of not fulfilling their potential.

Labour will...

- Target resources at children who are not achieving
- Seek to increase apprenticeships
- Encourage community groups to use schools after hours
- Retrain adult workers using college and school premises



Ambitious About Jobs and the Economy

✓ Labour will attract new jobs to York for local residents

The Lib Dems have failed to secure York's future in a competitive jobs market.

Besides wasting your money on ill-thought out schemes, they have failed to make progress on the Teardrop and British Sugar sites - both vital to the city's future prosperity.

Labour will...

- Expand the creative industries in York
- Work with Science City to make York a national technology centre to bring manufacturing jobs
- Create a cultural quarter to attract jobs and tourism
- Invest in heritage skills to make York a centre for stonemasonry and glassmaking
- Revitalise the city in the early evening
- Hold an annual conference for business



Getting Serious about Crime

✓ Labour will call an annual crime summit involving residents

York is seen as a low crime area but some areas of York suffer more than others.

Crime and fear of crime can blight lives whilst denting community spirit.

Labour will tackle vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

Labour will...

- Create a high level post to tackle crime and community safety
- Reinforce the noise patrol team with dedicated police officers
- Make those responsible for vandalism repair the damage or clean up graffiti



It's Your Choice on May 5th:

✓ Vote Labour

• **Protecting £1m of local services with Labour** or cutting £21m of local services which the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives agreed to

• **Tackling crime with Labour** or cutting police numbers with the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives

• **Cutting waste with Labour** or paying £1.4m for a second new council office the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives want

• **Easing traffic problems with Labour** or more opposition from Liberal Democrats and Conservatives to Labour plans to improve buses

Who will run the council?



The Lib Dems aren't working here!

Since the Lib Dems took control of City of York Council in 2003 they have...



■ Increased Council Tax

They came to power in 2003 with a manifesto pledge to "knock around £100 of each household's Council Tax bill". In power they have increased the average bill by over £150...

Source: www.yorklibdemletdown2003.eu



■ Closed the Barbican

After closing the Barbican Centre in May 2004 they were re-elected in 2007 with a manifesto promise to reopen the Barbican "in the autumn" of that year. We are still waiting...

Source: www.yorklibdemwaste2007.eu



■ Wasted £11.5m of your money

£6m on new council offices that do not exist, lost £2m in the Barbican sale, spent £1.5m for purple ftr buses, spent £0.6m on Water End road changes and now plans spending £1.4m on a second new council office

Source: www.thepress.co.uk

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The Liberal Democrats have controlled York since 2003. During 2003-2010 the Labour Government gave them £52m extra funding. Look at what they did with it...

Making the wrong Headlines

"Millions 'wasted' by City of York Council" - The Press reader's letter - 14 Oct 2009

"Job cuts and strike action at York Council" - Minster FM - 11 May 2010

"Row as council refuse to collect recycled waste because 'it's too cold'" - Evening Standard - 23 Nov 2006

"Warning Over £1m Shortfall in Budget for Care of Vulnerable" - The Yorkshire Post - 8 Jan 2010

"YORK: When is an 'affordable home' not a home? When it's a bunk bed in a homeless hostel, but still counted for the statistics!" - Private Eye Rotten Boroughs - 30 Apr 2010

York - 8 years of Lib Dem failure and £11.5m of waste

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The Peasholme Centre was relocated at a cost of £1m to make way for a new council HQ that will not be built

The cost of demolition was £18,000

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The Barbican was closed by the the Lib Dems and has remained empty for 7 years

For the fourth year in a row the Lib Dems did a deal with the Tories to pass a council budget...

CUTS ✂

- £21m of cuts with more on the way
- 55 services cut and 11 scrapped
- 650 job losses over 4 years
- £9m less for school building repairs
- Cutting short breaks for disabled children
- Over £1m cut from children's centres
- Reducing library staff
- Bus funding cuts

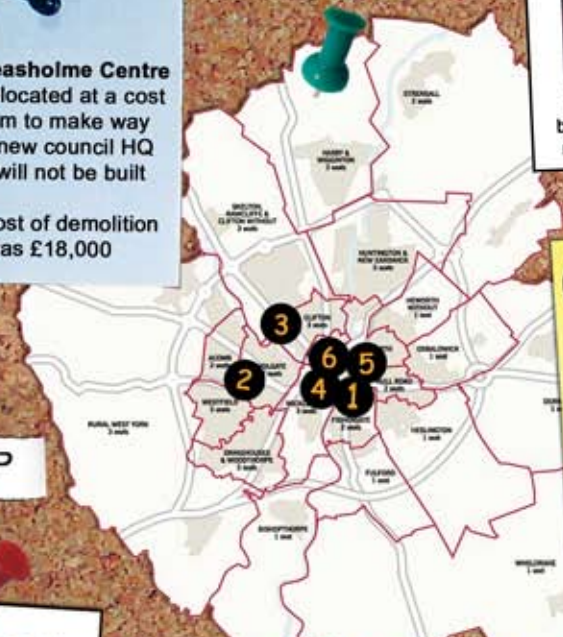
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Transport chiefs hailed road changes at Water End a "success" at a cost of £0.6m

The Press - 1st June 2010

CLOSURES 🔒

- Scrapping individual child music lessons
- Closing a campus for learning disability
- Ending Youth Opportunity Fund



YORK MAP

THE YORK LIB DEM SHOPPING LIST OF WASTE

NEW COUNCIL OFFICES THAT DO NOT EXIST	
LOST MONEY IN SALE OF THE BARBICAN	£6M
ROAD CHANGES FOR PURPLE FTR BUS	£2M
ROAD CHANGES AT WATER END	£1.5M
SECOND NEW COUNCIL OFFICE	£0.6M
TOTAL OF TAXPAYERS MONEY WASTED OVER 8 YEARS	£11.5M*
*OR £1.4M FOR EACH YEAR IN POWER	

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The ftr purple bus cost the Lib Dem council £1.5m of your money

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"Bosses at City of York Council have now spent £6 million of taxpayers' money on their troubled headquarters move"

The Press - 11th Aug 2009

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The Lib Dem Council sold off their St Leonard's offices before a new HQ had got off the ground

Now they have to rent their offices from the company they sold them to

PRICE £ HIKES

- Increasing the cost of elderly activities from £6.85 a day to £5.00 an hour
- Hiking elderly care travel costs from £1.80 a day to £7.00 a journey
- New 50p charge for free bus pass holders to use park and rides
- ResPark charges to go up by £2
- Charging £2 for a York/library card