

CONSERVATIVE PARTY MANIFESTO 2014

Bromley's Conservative Council has an outstanding record of strong and experienced leadership and sound financial management of taxpayers' money. Despite record reductions in government funding the Council has protected vital services and has, at the same time, balanced the budget and frozen the Council Tax for three of the past four years. We will continue with our prudent, no gimmicks policies to protect and enhance Bromley Borough for the benefit of all our residents.

OUR PLEDGES

Efficient, well-run, high-quality services and value for money

IF ELECTED WE WILL

- Freeze Council Tax for the current year and remain among the lowest taxing Boroughs in Outer London.
- Work with partner organisations to drive out inefficiency and minimise bureaucracy.
- Identify services which can be best delivered by others and commission them to do so.

Keeping our Borough clean, safe and green

IF ELECTED WE WILL

- Run the best recycling service in London.
- Protect the Green Belt and fight inappropriate development.
- Forge deeper links with 'friends' groups and continue to work closely in partnership with local people.
- Work with the police to continue the downward trend of anti-social behaviour and crime.
- Invest in the quality of our roads and pavements, repair potholes and replace fallen trees.

Look after our vulnerable residents

IF ELECTED WE WILL

- Keep the Freedom Pass safe
- Assist those who can to help themselves to achieve independence but ensure that those who cannot are cared for.
- Work with others to identify those at risk and provide protection.

High quality education for all

IF ELECTED WE WILL

- Expand Good and Outstanding schools and support all schools to become successful
- Offer choice for Life-Long Learning through further education opportunities

Invest in the future for our Borough and its residents

IF ELECTED WE WILL

- Work with the private sector to develop our business and retail sectors, to deliver job opportunities and invigorate our High Streets.
- Work with health partners to ensure that residents have access to health and leisure services
- Support our voluntary sector to deliver services of the highest standard.
- Build a new library in Penge.
- Deliver a high-quality cinema, retail and leisure scheme for Orpington town centre.

OUR RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

During the past four years we have:-

- Frozen the Council Tax for three years
- Reduced annual staff costs by £17m and delivered balanced budgets every year.
- Remained debt free.
- Delivered a new music and arts performance centre, a library for Orpington and rebuilt Langley Boys School.
- Secured our best ever exam results across the Borough.
- With leisure partners, refurbished the Pavilion Leisure Centre.
- Secured millions of pounds of private investment in our town centres.
- Completed the excellent extra care provision for our elderly residents
- Delivered 20 Community based schemes in partnership with local people
- Created and supported 'friends' schemes across the Borough, which has received national recognition.
- Ensured that Bromley has a clear voice that is heard by central government to secure Freedom Passes and fairer funding for its residents.

Conservative Bromley - Your place of choice.

