



# Dundee City Council : The Next Four Years

The Labour and Liberal Democrat groups on Dundee City Council have pledged to work together. We will work together to maximise the effort to improve the City, the quality of life for its people and to modernise public services to ensure that the City Council delivers quality services at reasonable cost.

The focus of our new Administration will be the following political priorities:

- **A Listening Council :** We will ensure the Council consults openly with its citizens and oversees its performance in a transparent way. We are keen to involve local people in local initiatives that affect their lives and ensure that we consult Dundonians more widely.
- **Improving Dundee's Environment :** Dundee has one of the best records for recycling and waste minimisation in Scotland and we will continue to build on this. We will take steps to address the problem of unsightly gap sites and look at new ways of tackling fly tipping and vandalism in the City. We are committed to community safety initiatives, including CCTV, traffic calming and improved street lighting.
- **Dundee - A Regional Centre :** We will continue the work to promote the city to attract new jobs to Dundee. We will promote Dundee as the regional centre, and see improvements in the public transport infrastructure as key to this strategy. We also recognise the Council's key role in developing leisure and arts facilities, making Dundee a vibrant and attractive city.
- **The Council Tax :** We want to deliver good services at reasonable cost. We will strive to improve the level and efficiency of council tax collection, and will continue to press Dundee's case for adequate revenue funding from the Scottish Executive. We will continue to press for the return to the City of its pre-1996 boundaries.
- **Education for all :** A major priority will be delivering new school buildings and improved facilities. We will strive to maximise the achievements of our young people at school and also see the development of lifelong learning opportunities as vital.

- The City's Housing : We strongly support affordable social housing, and will strive for improvements to both the Council's housing stock and other housing in the City. We will work with tenants' groups to improve the Council's property maintenance and service delivery. We support moves towards better factoring arrangements for our citizens living in Dundee's tenements.
- Promoting equality and social inclusion : We will give strong support to see further improvements in the range of services provided by our Social Work Department for our elderly people, the disabled, families, children, and others.
- Partnership Working : We are committed to partnership working and the process of community planning. Joint planning between the public, voluntary and private sectors will be continued through the Dundee Partnership.
- The way we work : We believe the professionalism and experience of the City Council's staff is vital to the City's success. We will maintain the Council's no compulsory redundancy policy by continuing our policy of redeployment and training ensuring we retain quality staff within the City Council.

The City Council's Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups will carry out an annual review of progress throughout the lifetime of the new administration. We seek to work co-operatively with the other members of Dundee City Council, and will welcome their constructive participation in the decision-making of the Council.

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