

**Local Elections Thursday 6th May**



**YOU CAN'T TRUST THE TORIES**

**OR STARMER'S LABOUR...**

**New Labour won't resist covid austerity and privatisation....**

**We need socialist councillors who will!**

**A Socialist Councillor would vote against all cuts...**

and would be a voice and fighter for local people against austerity, greedy landlords, privatisation and closures.

Socialist Party members will be standing as Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition candidates this May...and if you agree with what we say - get involved with our campaigns, and think about joining us!

Unlike Tory-lite Labour Councillors, socialist councillors would resist Tory austerity instead of passing on savage cuts to local people and...

- Organise to stop cuts
- Restore youth services & reverse cuts to social care, libraries & jobs

And would fight for...

- a decent future for all our young people - free education and training and decent quality well paid jobs for all
- a mass council house building programme - reject council tax and rent increases
- a fully funded NHS - Stop privatisation & give staff a 15% rise
- an immediate £12 an hour min wage
- a socialist change of society!

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On Thursday 6th May VOTE...

**Trade Unionist and  
Socialist Coalition**

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# FIGHT ALL CUTS WORKERS NEED A VOICE AT THE BALLOT BOX



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HELP US FIGHT FOR A SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE TO AUSTERITY & CAPITALISM

## WHAT'S THE POINT OF LABOUR COUNCILLORS WHO JUST CARRY OUT THE TORIES' DIRTY WORK?

Local Councils are facing a new, Covid-driven cash crisis - a financial 'black hole' of £billions... Working-class communities, hit by more than a decade of austerity, are now facing more cuts, along with an average 5% increase in council tax and other increased service charges that threaten a 1930s-style nightmare of mass poverty.

It's vital that mass resistance is urgently mobilised to cuts, demanding full government funding to local councils. A clear socialist alternative to the Tories' Covid-accelerated capitalist crisis is needed, which can force a U-turn on Johnson's weak and divided government.

Under the pandemic, council income has fallen while demand for services has risen. The Tories have failed to meet these costs, despite the £280 billion extra borrowing that has provided a huge corporate bailout for the super-rich. Clearly we are not 'all in it together'.

This funding crisis comes on top of a decade of austerity, where local councils have experienced 40% cuts - often, treacherously, carried out by right-wing Labour councils.

Working-class communities have also been hit by severe pay cuts under furlough and a sharp rise in unemployment.

Schools have reported a rise in demand for free school meals; with families forced to turn to food banks. Many households are now officially destitute, unable to feed themselves and their families.

Councillors have the powers to refuse to carry out any further cuts, and instead set emergency 'no-cuts, needs budgets', providing immediate support to hard-hit families and local communities.

Alongside dealing with the immediate impact of Covid, needs budgets could restore jobs lost in the last 10 years, funding to vital youth and other services and provide proper support for the elderly and vulnerable. Councils should also launch a mass house-building programme, creating jobs and apprenticeships.

Instead of working with the Tories, councillors should work WITH local people - not AGAINST them to build a mass campaign with communities, trade unions and campaigns. Councils could use the millions they have in reserves and borrowing powers to support their needs budgets while demanding that central government pay out the money that local communities need to survive - Covid has proven the money is there!

Starmer's Labour has failed to seriously oppose Johnson or offer any real alternative. He offers nothing to those who have suffered at the hands of austerity and those looking to resist cuts.

The Socialist Party opposes all cuts to council jobs and services. We will challenge all councils agreeing cuts budgets, and stand alongside Trade Unions fighting back and in the May elections as part of the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition. Join us in that fightback today.

## Socialists want change - Join with us

Socialists are dedicated to fighting for every possible improvement for the 99%. Capitalism is failing to provide decent jobs or homes for all. It undermines our NHS and loots our services. During covid workers have had to fight for the health and safety of all against the bosses' drive for profit. Instead of handouts to big business, we want to change the system and use the huge resources that exist to democratically organise society for the benefit of all.

We call for the major firms and banks that dominate the economy to be brought into democratic public ownership. Production and services could then be planned to meet the needs of all while properly protecting the environment. That's why we fight for socialist change - so the wealth of this country benefits all, not just the super-rich!

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