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OUR TOP 10 TARGETS

Below are our top ten aims. They will not all be simple or easy to achieve, but we believe that if we are to improve our city we need ambition and to set our sights high – and we hope you will agree.

1. Build 3,000 sustainable council-owned homes.
2. Become one of the UK's leading digital cities.
3. Create wealth in our city, for our city, while encouraging external investors to use local businesses so that local people benefit.
4. Create a corporate bond worth at least £50M that will help to rebuild our city.
5. Make a bid to become the UK City of Culture to reap the benefits it will bring; putting Peterborough firmly on the map.
6. Promote Green technology, regeneration, and recycling.
7. Address fly-tipping, increase recycling rates and make the household waste site more accessible to all.
8. Revitalise our art, cultural and leisure facilities for the benefit of Peterborough and its people.
9. Ensure our university is a major centre for green and digital technologies and capitalises on our location in the 'breadbasket of Britain' for 'Agritech'.
10. In summary, restore our belief in Peterborough, capitalising on our heritage to make it the place to see and be seen in the future.

TRANSFORMING THE CITY

In summary, our aim is to make Peterborough the best place to be born, grow up in, move to, and live in – for miles around.

John Lennon once wrote: "You may say I'm a dreamer. But I'm not the only one..." But without a dream nothing ever gets done.

Great cities are great for a reason. Because they have realised many of their dreams and keep on turning dreams into reality.

So why not us?



REBUILDING OUR CITY

What we believe is simple. Great things can, and *will*, be done. Peterborough was once a proud city with a fine industrial and agricultural heritage. Our aim is to make it so again. One, big, step at a time. John Lennon also said: *"... but I'm not the only one. I hope some day you'll join us..."* There is no reason why anyone should be left behind. Everybody will be able to play a part where and how they can - and share in the results.

OK, I hear you ask. What's in it for you? I understand. I am not a career politician. I was born in Millfield and have lived in the city all my life. I started out, as many young people appear to do, flipping burgers at McDonald's. But I am proud of my business success after starting with nothing.

My fellow Labour councillors and active members of the party are committed to living that dream. A dream that we can all share to make our city succeed. And Peterborough has the advantage over me in that the city is not starting from scratch as I did.

Finally, after reading this far, does what you have just read make sense? Seem reasonable, even achievable with a little effort and care? If so, will you do one thing, right now, please? That is to reply saying 'Yes' or 'No' using the contact details provided overleaf. Please give me your name, address and if you wish, an email address. And why not also show that support at the local elections in May by voting for your Labour candidate. Any and every comment you send will be welcome. We will read and, where possible, reply to them all.



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Leader of the Labour Group
Peterborough City Council
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You deserve

something better.

So does Peterborough.

Here's how it can be

better for all of us.

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OUR VISION, YOUR FUTURE

With the business of day-to-day life and the chaos of the past year, it can be difficult to keep track of or even care about politics. But I have no doubt you care about your friends and family, your community and where you live – and how political decisions affect them.

I was born here in Peterborough and I have lived in this city my entire life, so I share your concerns about the issues we face.

So, here's what my colleagues and I believe we could do. Peterborough was once a great city. It still has a lot to offer. But we've been going through hard times. Things can be a lot better. And this is about what can be done. Because we have lots of advantages that have simply been ignored. They just need to be used.



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WHAT WE WILL DO FOR OUR CITY

You may even decide you want to help us. I hope you will - but that's up to you. Here are some sad truths we must face – along with many good things we can all benefit from. Plus, ten practical ways we can make life better for everyone in our city. And yes, I am writing as the leader of your local Labour Party. But no matter who you support, or if you find politics a bore, this is not about politics.

Supporting our children

It is about getting things right when they go wrong. One example is the recent row about free school meals for hungry children during half term in October last year. Remember that? You may recall that the Conservatives voted against it. So, your Labour councillors got together, paid for the food themselves and made sure the children who needed it got it. It took us four, long, days over half term but we did it.

Action, not political slogans, is what you need now. So, what can we do about our city? It starts with the facts. Peterborough has been neglected for over 20 years. Schools, housing, people – almost everything that matters - were ignored.

Peterborough today

Today we have a shabby, neglected, run-down, deserted city. It has a lot of potential, but the Conservatives have failed to take advantage of the many things our city has to offer. But you might already know this. We have record levels of fly-tipping, poorly-managed, expensive housing with too many people in overcrowded conditions, leading to depression, disappointment, and, in too many cases, loss of hope.

Our education system

Let me make it clear. We have excellent teachers, brilliant schools, and children with real potential, but the academic results have been far too low for far too long. We have the widest educational disadvantage gap in England and, worse still, many struggling schools in our city will face further cuts this year. We need to work together to make certain all our children and grandchildren get the best start through good education, no matter what their background. I know we can do that by working together.

The key components are there. We now need to seize the opportunity. Our schools languish close to the bottom of every league table in the country. This is shameful. It has taken years to finally get a university. Peterborough is one of the largest English cities without one! It all adds up to shameful neglect of good people and a proud heritage. Today many of us fear for our own, and our children's, future.

Creating a thriving hub

Things have gone badly wrong. But they can be put right. Let me explain how. We have lots of jobs but not always the right ones. Too many of us are in low-skilled, low paid, and insecure work. Our employers make money here, but they aren't always add to our community wealth. Peterborough can be a thriving hub for the region and a gateway to the East of England. It hasn't happened. Let me show you how it can. Because this neglect is only half our story. The wrong half.

Did you know we are the fourth fastest growing city in the UK? Did you know we were named 'World Smart City' at the Expo in Barcelona in 2015? Did you know we got a grant of over three million pounds becoming one of first UK Gigabit Cities through the CityFibre partnership?

These three facts mean we are well placed to profit from the new digital world people talk about.

But we offer other unique advantages. Did you know Peterborough is a very smart place to move to? We offer the best value to home buyers within an hour's commute from London – in any direction. We are also just 40 minutes from one of the world's great technological and education cities, Cambridge. Because of this, we are already attracting talented people who can make things happen. But nobody has taken advantage of these facts.

Nobody has had a dream for us. Well, we have one.

Keir Starmer and Anneliese Dodds visiting Peterborough



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how things can be better for you?

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