

A lot done. More to do.



ST HELENS BOROUGH LABOUR
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FOREWORD

CONOR MCGINN MP AND MARIE RIMMER MP

Labour Members of Parliament for St Helens North and St Helens South and Whiston

In the past two years we've seen the very best of St Helens. Our local NHS and carers have given their all to save lives, keyworkers made sure essential services kept running, and hundreds of volunteers, community groups old and new, and businesses right across the borough rallied to offer support.

The community spirit and cooperation shown by St Helens residents has been inspirational. And it is even more remarkable after a more than a decade of Tory government that has decimated our services, increased poverty and unfairness and left our local economy worse off. Now they have offered no coherent plan to rebuild our country, invest in our communities and allow our citizens to prosper, and we face the biggest fall in living standards and the highest tax burden in 70 years. We feel this acutely here in St Helens, where we faced huge challenges even before the pandemic.

Despite the government's failings, the past two years have shown again what a resilient, caring, innovative and determined borough we are. We are ambitious too, for our families and our future.

As the local MPs, we've supported our Labour-run council, and partners in business and in the community, to start to deliver on exciting plans for regeneration, investment, new homes and jobs.

This manifesto shows clearly that Labour under our council leader David Baines and his team are the only party in these elections determined to stand up for residents, support businesses and workers, fight for our essential services, and represent our local communities. We urge you to use all your votes for Labour this May.

on your side
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WELCOME

DAVID BAINES - LABOUR LEADER OF ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL



St Helens is a great place – the community spirit, kindness and strength we saw through the pandemic was amazing; we've got thousands of great businesses; outstanding parks, sports clubs and schools; a proud heritage, and huge potential.

In the last two years as a Labour council we've helped to set up #StHelensTogether to coordinate volunteers and support, backed local workers and businesses, and kept more than 700 essential services running. At the same time, we've made huge progress on delivering our priorities, not least with our town centre regeneration plans with our partner English Cities Fund, helped by our successful bid for £25m Town Deal funding. This manifesto sets out our record, and you can read more at sthelenslabour.org.

A lot done. More to do.

In the next four years, with your support on 5th May, we will continue to work together for all of St Helens: Labour supporting our communities locally, working in partnership with our MPs Conor McGinn and Marie Rimmer, Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram, and Police and Crime Commissioner Emily Spurrell, and Labour – led by Keir Starmer – fighting for us nationally.

As this manifesto shows, Labour are on your side. We will stand up for St Helens residents, businesses and essential services who fought so hard through the pandemic and now under the Tories face the biggest fall in living standards and highest tax burden in 70 years. Through #StHelensTogether we will continue to offer support, and to work together on the path to recovery and fairer, more thriving communities.

Use all your votes for Labour and let's go forward together.

David

***“We will stand up for St Helens residents,
businesses and essential services who
fought so hard through the pandemic”***



WE'RE BACKING LABOUR



Andy Reid MBE, Armed Forces veteran and founder of the Standing Tall Foundation

"The way our Labour council has supported people and businesses through the pandemic has been outstanding, and they're delivering the investment and the change St Helens needs. We need to keep going, and I'm using every vote for Labour this May. I urge all residents to do the same."



Sarah Rimmer, Sutton Heath resident

"Labour are the only party thoroughly dedicated to fighting the Tories and their brutal policies, and our Labour council work harder each year against increasing central government cuts to services."

Fiona Ruddy, Newton resident and community volunteer

"I know first-hand that Labour understand the importance of working with and supporting voluntary groups and communities. Labour's commitment to this is always consistent and that's why I'm backing them this May."



Andy Tither, volunteer with Newton-le-Willows FC

"Our local Labour councillors always support and help us. They have my full support."

Lynn Gerrard, Windle resident

"My vote will be used to back the party I trust the most and have the most respect for. The party that provides unwavering support for businesses, the community, and its residents. My vote is for the party that promotes the arts, recognising that art and culture bring communities together. My vote is, unequivocally, for Labour!"



Bernard Platt, Saints photographer and Blackbrook resident

"I'm voting Labour because they care about people and our communities. Only Labour have a plan for St Helens and I'm backing them 100%."

Owen Farnworth, Haydock resident and A Level student

"Only Labour has the right plan to ensure that young people have access to secure jobs and affordable housing as we recover from the pandemic. They are taking action on climate change and I know they will stand up for all our communities in the borough"



OUR HEADLINE PLEDGES

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS LABOUR WILL:



Deliver regeneration of our town centres and create local jobs



Drive up school standards and put our children first



Ensure quality care services for older people



Develop clean, green transport and energy projects



Support police to crack down on crime and antisocial behaviour



Improve bus services with greater public control



#STHELENSTOGETHER



The way our communities came together throughout the pandemic was incredible. We saw the value and importance of the NHS and essential services. We also saw kindness and cooperation right across the borough. St Helens can be proud.

Our Labour council worked with partners and created #StHelensTogether, supporting residents, charities, and our amazing care homes.

We helped hundreds of local businesses directly, every day. We worked with City Region partners to offer millions of pounds in financial support when the government offered none, and we campaigned for support for those workers ignored by government.

We supported schools, nurseries and colleges, and we supported the campaign to end child hunger by making sure every child in need was offered food during school holidays. And our Labour council worked with the local NHS and partners across the region to deliver community testing and set up Merseyside's first mass vaccination site at Saints.

Thank you to the council keyworkers and volunteers who helped to deliver all this and more.

#StHelensTogether continues to grow – it won the special Lockdown Award at last year's Pride of St Helens; it is the ethos which underpins our Borough Strategy and all our council's work; and most recently it's now being used to promote and support the outstanding community response to the crisis in Ukraine.

#StHelensTogether will be at the heart of everything our Labour council will do in the next four years with your support.

Labour is on your side.

"#StHelensTogether will be at the heart of everything our Labour council will do in the next four years"

DELIVERED TO YOU BY:



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SUPPORTING EACH OTHER AND OUR COMMUNITIES

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A lot done

- Agreed a **regeneration partnership with English Cities Fund** and submitted plans for the first phases of major regeneration for our town centres
- Worked with City Region partners to **offer £48m of support for businesses and workers** forgotten by the government during the pandemic and lockdowns, and offered a £500k grant scheme for town centre businesses to improve their premises
- Taken steps to **bring buses back under greater public control**, putting passengers and communities before profits
- Worked with local partners to **win a £25m Towns Fund bid**
- **Agreed a Local Plan which protects the overwhelming majority of our local greenbelt and open spaces plus all our parks**, while still being ambitious for new jobs, new homes, and new growth and ensures that no development can take place unless new infrastructure is provided – roads, health services, schools and more
- Fully signed up to the Unite **Construction Charter**
- Invested in a fleet of **hydrogen powered buses** to operate on the 10/10a route
- **Provided employment opportunities and support** to jobseekers as well as those affected by the pandemic, helping 1300 residents into employment, skills or training since 2016 with more to come through our Ways To Work scheme
- Delivered a **new train station at Newton-le-Willows** and begun work on **£15m investment to improve Lea Green station**, including improvements to local cycling and walking routes
- **Delivered improvements to Windle Island, St Helens Linkway and Pewfall junctions**
- Fought to **bring major investment and new jobs to the borough** including projects at sites including Glass Futures, Parkside and Omega
- **Worked to redevelop large brownfield sites** for housing such as at Vulcan Village, Moss Nook, Waterside Village and Cowley Hill
- Created an **Economic Recovery Plan** for the borough with partners
- Demolished Chalon Way car park to **open up the historic canal area** for regeneration, with a £1m deal signed for a Box Park to come to the site this summer
- Worked with City Region colleagues to create a **transformative digital strategy and deliver a £30m, 212km full fibre infrastructure project**, aiming to make our region the UK's most digitally connected and inclusive City Region



More to do.

With your support, in the next four years we will:

- Deliver our plans for regeneration of our town centres, with our transformational plans now submitted and due to go to planning committee this summer
- Improve bus services with greater public control
- Continue to work proactively and collaboratively with Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham to deliver for our borough
- Invest in highways and environmental improvement schemes in every part of our borough
- Pursue our bid to make Parkside the new HQ of Great British Rail
- Build on the success of the forthcoming Glass Futures project to attract other groundbreaking research and development facilities
- Measure how much the council spends on St Helens and regionally-based organisations when we purchase goods and services. We will seek to double this over the next 4 years.
- Develop a new Inclusive Growth and Skills strategy which ensures that economic growth benefits the whole community; supports local residents into jobs created; gives local firms more chances to win contracts; gives our young people work experience and supports their aspiration for the future.
- Make sure that firms seeking to win contracts in St Helens meet a tough social value test, providing jobs, apprenticeships and work experience for local residents and young people, and giving local firms supply chain opportunities
- Use our influence to encourage jobs that pay the real living wage, offer training and apprenticeships, and recognise trade unions
- Set up a business forum to give a voice to local businesses and ensure we hear their concerns and act on them, and keep them informed on the Borough's regeneration
- Support over 300 residents into a job, training or apprenticeships before the end of 2023 through our £1m package of employment support and our Ways to Work Hubs in St Helens and Earlestown

A lot done

- **Supported our care homes** and worked with local NHS, CCG and regional partners to respond to the pandemic, including setting up **community testing** and **Merseyside's first mass vaccination site** at Saints
- With our partners across the NHS our Labour council **created St Helens Cares**, an award-winning unique and integrated approach to health and social care
- **Launched #StHelensTogether** to support those isolated or vulnerable due to Covid and to encourage and coordinate volunteers to provide help during lockdown, and won 3 iNetwork awards for our work
- Appointed an Executive Director for Integrated Health and Care to lead on integration and make sure St Helens residents get the **best possible care**
- Thanks to our integrated health and care system we are able to introduce a **shared care record** for each resident registered with a GP in St Helens, meaning that important information about all your health and care can be seen by professionals in one place and they can make better clinical decisions
- Funded **hampers for local veterans** in need, containing food, face masks, meal plans, shopping lists and recipe ideas, as well as signposting for physical health and mental wellbeing support and worked with Saints Community Development Foundation and local veterans groups to distribute them.
- Provided **significant extra funding** to Halton and St Helens VCA, Teardrops, Age UK Mid Mersey and the Hope Centre as well as supporting many other groups old and new in helping the most vulnerable members of our community during lockdowns
- **Worked with partners to launch the OK2ASK Suicide Awareness campaign**, offering training and support
- **Invested record amounts in social care**, responding to increasing demand, and called on government to carry out urgent reform of social care funding to address the crisis facing services across the country
- Awarded our local NHS Trust for **Freedom of the Borough**, the highest honour a Council can give



More to do.

With your support, in the next four years we will:

- **Ensure quality care services for older people**
- **Make sure residents get the best care possible through our local integrated care system**
- **Back our NHS heroes and fight to keep health services public**
- **Tackle health inequalities in our borough through our new Inequalities Commission, working with partners from the local public and private sectors**
- **Work with partners to promote Mental Health Awareness across the entire borough and increase training through schools, businesses and community groups**
- **Continue to work towards our target of zero suicides, working with partners to reduce the rates of suicide in St Helens through our OKTOASK campaign**
- **Continue to support local sports clubs to encourage more pre-school children to get involved in sport and stay active**

A lot done

- **Campaigned against police cuts** that have left our communities vulnerable to crime and antisocial behaviour
- Worked with the Daniel Fox Foundation and others to tackle **knife crime**
- Launched a **new campaign against flytipping** and pursued prosecutions
- Introduced **Covid Marshalls** and supported **licensed premises** across the community to open in a safe way throughout the different levels of restrictions
- Co-ordinated and delivered the 'All In' scheme for St Helens, **ensuring every rough sleeper has accommodation and support** Provided **advice and support during lockdown** for those at risk of or suffering **domestic abuse** and agreed a **new Domestic Abuse Strategy**
- Created the **#KnowYourRide scheme for St Helens taxi drivers**, with our council now seen as beacon of good practice nationally
- Launched the **#Ready2Respect campaign**, providing guidance around the impact of things such as noise, bonfires and other antisocial behaviour
- As part of the work of the Community Safety Partnership we have **allocated a total of £120k in funding for local initiatives**, including £40k to local groups
- **Froze the cost of all license fees and charges throughout Covid** and brought forward our measures to issue driver and vehicle license renewals electronically
- Launched a campaign to **discourage the use of so-called 'laughing gas'**, highlighting the danger to users and the impact on communities of associated drug litter and anti-social behaviour that blight our parks and open spaces
- Worked with partner organisations to **deliver the first St Helens Pride event**
- Secured more than £360,000 in funding to **get rough sleepers off the streets** and into safe accommodation
- Made a **Declaration of Intent on Race Equality**
- Worked with the police, PCC Emily Spurrell and other partners to deliver **Parrrticipate**, supporting community groups to tackle antisocial behaviour
- Marked **Refugee Week** with events across the borough organised in partnership with local charity Our Warm Welcome, who have also supported our efforts to house Afghan refugees and most recently **those fleeing Ukraine**
- Called for greater efforts to prevent **modern slavery**



More to do.

With your support, in the next four years we will:

- **Support police to crack down on crime and antisocial behaviour**
- **Work with Police and Crime Commissioner Emily Spurrell, Merseyside Police and other partners to support their efforts to tackle knife crime and youth disorder**
- **Continue discussions we have already begun with Merseyside Police to deliver new stations in St Helens and Earlestown**
- **Upgrade and invest in our CCTV systems to provide clearer and faster information to our partners to tackle antisocial behaviour and serious crime**
- **Pursue and prosecute flytipping in line with our Zero Tolerance approach and our #ThinkTwice campaign**
- **Raise standards and improve safety in our town centres by working closely with the Police and other partners and taking proactive enforcement action**
- **Make sure that our town centre regeneration plans take full account of the need to 'design out' crime and antisocial behaviour, making our public areas more welcoming and safe for families and visitors**
- **Continue to undertake joint enforcement exercises with trading standards, licencing, environmental health, and partners such as the police to tackle illegal alcohol and tobacco sales, counterfeit goods, human trafficking, and serious organised crime**

A lot done

- Set up a **multi-agency Climate Change Commission and a Youth Climate Commission**, bringing community voices together to help our borough achieve **net zero carbon by 2040**, and published our **Climate Change Response Plan**
- Supported 16 local businesses and groups with green projects through a **£120k grant fund**
- Invested in new and more environmentally friendly waste and recycling vehicles including **the first hydrogen-powered waste vehicle in the country**; introduced a **recycling service for all plastics**, and remain **the only council on Merseyside to offer weekly food collections**.
- Confirmed **significant investment in our walking and cycling network**
- Supported **two world-first projects** in St Helens: at Pilkingtons as part of the HyNet programme float glass was produced using hydrogen for the first time anywhere, and **site work began on Glass Futures**
- Through the City Region we have committed to buying a **fleet of hydrogen-powered buses**
- Maintained, invested in and **protected outstanding parks** across the borough
- Invested significant amounts in **transforming and improving Sankey Valley, Lyme and Wood Country Park, Bold Forest Park** and other outstanding open spaces
- **Planted more than 50,000 trees** across the borough since 2010, creating around **30 hectares of new woodland**
- **Maintained our waste and recycling services** throughout the pandemic, increasing the amounts collected and recycled
- Delivered **major improvements at Ruskin and Newton-le-Willows Health and Fitness**
- Supporting **HyNet** and the **Mersey Tidal Power** project
- Completed a £300k scheme on the Sankey Canal at Gerard's Bridge to **reduce flooding at the hotspot on College Street** and also to open up the canal for cyclists and walkers
- Begun work on a **significant makeover at King George V playing fields in Haydock** to improve facilities the community
- Signed up to support **the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**
- Invested in a **new 3G pitch at Sutton** Leisure Centre
- Supported hundreds of volunteers and community groups with **litter picking equipment**
- **Led the way at COP26** in Glasgow, with Glass Futures featured inside the main entrance to the Green Zone Exhibition Hall and Council Leader David Baines hosting events and meeting with national and international representatives to discuss these and other major projects
- **Invested in parks, highways, street lighting in every part of the borough**



More to do.

With your support, in the next four years we will:

- **Protect and invest in all our outstanding parks, and bring more up to Green Flag standard. We will also look at new ways to improve and enhance all our public open spaces working with residents and community groups through our localities model**
- **Develop clean, green transport and energy projects from Mersey Tidal and HyNet to further investment in cycling and walking routes, bus services and more**
- **Once government come forward with their proposals, invest in appropriate recycling containers and increase rates across the borough - keeping brown bin collections fortnightly**
- **Invest heavily in our transport network and infrastructure, working with the LCR to deliver a bus and rail network meeting the needs of our communities, and invest in our road network to support sustainable transport and improve the road conditions for all users**
- **Continue to act as leaders within the region, building on the work we've done at COP26 and elsewhere to embed climate change and sustainable development goals into all we do**
- **Bring forward a strategy to support the expansion of the use of electric vehicles within the community and lobby government for funding for new EV charging points around the borough**
- **Work with the community and partner organisations to reinvigorate and deliver the Bold Forest Action Plan including the site of the iconic Dream**

A lot done.

- **Supported schools, nurseries and colleges throughout the pandemic**
- Worked with local businesses and others to **offer laptops to pupils and schools** to help with home learning during lockdowns
- Offered **food vouchers** to help tackle holiday hunger
- Pledged our support for the **#ENDCHILDFOODPOVERTY** campaign
- Worked with education sector on the 'All In' campaign to get **all children and young people back safely** after lockdowns
- **Invested record amounts into Children's Services**, and made children our number one priority in our new Borough Strategy
- **Supported local schools in their fight for fair funding** after 12 years of Tory cuts
- **Extended the Council Tax reduction scheme for all young care leavers in St Helens**
- Commissioned the Children's Society to carry out the **largest consultation with young people in St Helens ever**
- **Invested in multi-million pound rebuilds** of Ashurst Primary School and Penkford, and improvements at others including Bleak Hill, Longton Lane and more
- Organised 'Rewrite the Stars' to **celebrate looked after children and carers**
- Invested in **new play equipment** in our parks
- Held a **Christmas party at the town hall for local families** in need of a little extra love
- Organised a Christmas **celebration event for care leavers**
- **Worked with St Helens Youth Council to create #GrowYourHappy**, an online Mental Health toolkit aimed at educating young people about the importance of self-care
- Through the Ways to Work scheme we delivered the Kickstart programme which **supported young people into training and employment** opportunities
- Worked with children to improve **road safety around schools** through the new School Streets scheme and the appointment of new Junior Road Safety Officers
- Organised **events and support for children and families** in receipt of free school meals as part of the Holiday Activities and Food scheme, and a packed programme of **free events over the summer holidays for all children** to enjoy.
- Invested in **new provision at De La Salle** for pupils with autism
- Begun to install **accessible play equipment** in parks so that all children can enjoy outdoor fun with their friends and families



More to do.

With your support, in the next four years we will:

- **Drive up school standards and put our children first**
- **Develop a new Manifesto for Children joining up all the services on offer for children and young people in the borough from birth to adulthood, and committing the Council to working to make St Helens a UNICEF Child Friendly borough**
- **Work with our Secondary Schools and colleges to make sure children and young people have access to all the work and training opportunities that will be created by new developments and growth in the years ahead**
- **Revitalise our Youth Council and increase the number of young people engaging with the Make Your Mark campaign**
- **Offer targeted support through our new Localities Model to make sure every child gets the best start in life**
- **Work to create a new Youth Zone in St Helens and provide opportunities for children and young people to engage in shaping our town centre regeneration plans**
- **Continue to invest in new school buildings and improvements to make sure children and school communities have the high-quality facilities they deserve**
- **Invest in new play equipment in our parks, including more accessible play equipment**
- **Continue to work with community groups and partners to make sure that no child goes hungry during school holidays**
- **Work with partners and local businesses to organise and promote events and opportunities for all families**

A lot done.

- Held public consultation and information events about the future of **the historic Gamble and Earlestown Town Hall**, and began repair work with the aim of bringing both back into full public use
- Worked with local private, public and third sector partners to develop **a successful £25m Town deal bid which has heritage at its heart**
- Our Archive Service based at the Gamble won **national accreditation**, the UK standard for archive services which looks at how services acquire, preserve, and provide access to their collections
- Worked with Saints to organise the homecoming bus tour for both the men's and women's teams after they won both Challenge Cups
- Secured **funding from the Arts Council for our outstanding library service**
- Agreed **a Heritage opportunities strategy** to protect and promote our outstanding local heritage
- Worked with the local arts sector to produce **a new and comprehensive Arts Strategy** and work together to build towards St Helens being City Region Borough of Culture in 2023
- Worked with the organisers of the Rugby League World Cup to **deliver nearly £1.5m funding** to local rugby league clubs for new facilities and equipment
- Helped to keep people active throughout lockdown by **moving leisure services online to provide virtual training sessions** open to all residents
- **Brought our library services to your front door** via home delivery and BorrowBox
- Opened a **brand new library at the World of Glass** while repairs are made to the Gamble
- **Worked with partner organisations and local businesses** to organise events such as Summer Streets, the Westfield Street festival, Christmas light switch-on events across the borough and more
- Submitted a bid for Newton-le-Willows to be the new home of **GB Rail HQ**
- Worked with local Armed Forces and Veterans groups to **organise Remembrance events across the borough and Armed Forces Day** each year.



More to do.

With your support, in the next four years we will:

- **Complete repair work on the Gamble and Earlestown Town Hall, bringing both back into full public use**
- **Work with Saints, schools and community clubs to make this autumn's Rugby League World Cup the biggest and best yet**
- **Ensure heritage is at the heart of regeneration in our town centres**
- **Work with the local public, private and third sector – including our amazing local arts scene – to produce a successful and local programme of events for the Borough of Culture celebrations in 2023**
- **Make sure every resident has access to an outstanding, modern Library Service**
- **Fully support events to mark the 150th anniversary of St Helens RFC in 2023, making sure it is a key part of our Borough of Culture activities**
- **Continue to invest in sports facilities across the borough including reopening the pool in Sutton and new facilities in Parr**
- **Work with partners and community groups to put our Heritage and Arts Strategies into action**

A lot done.

- Created **#StHelensTogether**, working in partnership with residents, businesses, charities and organisations and agreed a **new Borough Strategy with clear priorities and actions** for the council and our borough
- Had our **progress acknowledged** by the Local Government Association
- **Frozen councillor allowances**
- Begun work rethinking the council's estate strategy to **work more efficiently and effectively**
- **Scrapped the costly St Helens First** magazine and improved the council's online communications, including with a new website
- Appointed a **new senior team of officers** with the right experience and skills to improve the council and deliver for the borough
- Introduced a **new Commercial Strategy** and appointed an Assistant Director for Commercialisation to help **find ways of generating new income that don't hit residents** in the pocket
- Moved to **all-out elections, improving democracy and accountability** and saving the taxpayer money
- Agreed a **new Localities Model**, moving services back into communities
- **Won awards** for #StHelensTogether and our Ways of Working efforts through Covid
- Had our **progress as a council acknowledged by the independent Local Government Association** who report "significant improvements" since their last visit in 2019
- Set up from scratch schemes that have **distributed in excess of £41m in grant funding** to businesses across the borough who were severely impacted by the pandemic
- **Leading in the City Region** on climate change, speaking at COP26, the Good Business Festival and National Climate Change Conference about our work
- Always set a **balanced budget** in a more than a decade of increasingly extraordinary circumstances for local government



More to do.

With your support, in the next four years we will:

- **Fully implement #StHelensTogether, working with you for the good of the borough**
- **Use our new Commercial Strategy to generate funding in new, responsible ways that don't hit residents or businesses in the pocket, helping us to fund essential services**
- **Provide the financial platform to look after the most vulnerable alongside the regeneration of our places**
- **Make services more local and community-focused, targeting support where it's needed most, through our new Localities Strategy**
- **Continue to support voluntary, faith, charity and third sector organisations to work together for the good of all our communities**
- **Introduce a new scheme of Council Tax Reduction to assist the most in need of support**
- **Give more opportunity to groups in our communities by shaping a new Councillor Improvement Fund**
- **Facilitate prudent investment to regenerate our borough for the benefit of all**

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS AND ARMED FORCES

Our Labour Council has signed the Armed Forces Covenant and publishes an annual Armed Forces Covenant Report to demonstrate progress and support.

Examples of the action we're taking to support veterans and armed forces personnel include:

- **Housing** - members of the Armed Forces Community with Significant Housing needs have certain enhancements under the Under One Roof choice-based letting scheme
- **Education** - Armed Forces Families receive a specific dispensation under St Helens Borough Council's School Admissions Code which reflects the unique circumstances faced by Armed Forces Families when being posted to different locations
- **Health** - the Armed Forces Community has a priority focus within St Helens' key health assessment tool The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), including the commission of a specialist Mental Health Service - Veterans in Mind - for armed forces veterans with PTSD
- **Leisure** - St Helens Borough Council offers discounted access to all Council Leisure services for Armed Forces Personnel and former Members of the Armed Forces
- **Employment** - Our Armed Forces and Reservist Employment Policy includes a guaranteed interview scheme for veterans, reservists, cadet force adult volunteer, and we offer reservist employees and cadet force adult volunteers an additional 10 days paid leave per annum and unlimited unpaid leave for any period of mobilisation.

Our Labour Council has also become a Gold Award holder under the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme, highlighting those employers leading the way in employment of veterans and reservists.

We will always do everything we can to support our Armed Forces past and present.

Labour is on their side.



Labour is the only Party working all year round for all the borough



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The background of the cover is a photograph of the St Helens Stadium at night. The stadium's seating bowl is illuminated with large, colorful, pixelated lights that spell out 'ST HELENS' in a row. Above the seating, the stadium's steel framework and floodlights are visible against a dark sky. Beams of light from the stadium's floodlights project onto the pitch in the foreground.

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Thursday 5 May

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