

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP LEADER—JOHN PENNINGTON

Dear Resident

In the past 12 months the Conservative Government has made a massive financial commitment to Bradford, worth over £100m being invested in transport, education and the economy.

The investment includes dualling of Hard Ings Road in Keighley, development of the Canal Road corridor, both highway and Urban Village, redevelopment of Forster Square station and an upgrade to the Interchange. Plus, the brilliant news that DCMS are to commit £4m towards the Odeon Live music venue, pivotal to the City Centre economy.

Our Party will continue to make the case for investment in Bradford by the Conservative Government – supporting new business, jobs and connectivity across the district and to the world. We intend to totally reverse Labour's anti-business approach and commit to real reductions in poverty, whilst supporting affordable housing, better integration through community cohesion and by addressing law and order issues.

IMPORTANTLY, the Conservatives will serve the people who they represent, regardless of political persuasion. I aim to be refreshingly honest & proactive to your wishes—there is a historic culture City Hall that must change, where no problems exist, the Council seems to make one.

My experiences with the Council as a businessman have not been good and so by becoming a Councillor, I hope to get things right, the words "Poacher turned Gamekeeper" spring to mind.

It will be many years since a Politician spoke so frankly and meant it. It will take time to get things right and can only be done with a Conservative majority on the Council, so I ask for your and your family's support to improve our City & District for all.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosed documents are available in electronic format.

CLEANER STREETS—Conservative Budget Proposals reinstate £1m towards street cleaning, fly tipping and dog fouling across the District

LOWER COUNCIL TAX—Six Years of Labour has increased Council Tax by 25%, yet they hold £26m of reserves in the bank.

FREE PARKING—With shops closing at an alarming rate, Labour have increased charges and extended paying times to include evenings & Sundays. We would immediately reverse the new charges, with the ultimate aim of introducing **FREE** time limited on and off street parking throughout the district.

SUPPORT OUR POLICE—In cracking down on drug dealing, illegal driving and burglaries by introducing Zero Tolerance Zones & ensuring that the extra precept is spent on front line policing.

BROWNFIELD FIRST FOR BUILDING—Where services and facilities already exist. Labour propose 42,000 new homes many on Greenbelt, with no overall plan for schools, healthcare, road safety or infrastructure.

HOLD LABOUR “TO BOOK” — The Council pay an annual rent of £420k on the City Centre Library, whilst outlying ones have to rely on volunteers, with no paid staff.

Community Halls & Public Toilets have closed & Museum opening times have reduced. Valuable Tourist Information Centres (TICs) have been closed in Saltaire, Haworth & Ilkely, whilst the largest & least used one in the City Centre remains open.

DYNAMITE PROPOSALS BY LABOUR—Council Departments have recently moved into brand new offices to allow demolition of Jacob’s Well, their former accommodation. The building has now been blown up—spectacularly, not long after a full refurbishment.

EVEN MORE SPECTACULAR—Labour spent £4.2m to buy a multi-storey car park (Hall Ings NCP) to pull down, to use the land for, quote.....car parking!

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FROM THE BRADFORD CONSERVATIVE GROUP

SUPPORT VULNERABLE CHILDREN & ADULTS—Children’s Centres are under threat and 38 carer posts remain unfilled. Labour cuts to Foster Carers’ pay and Adult Carers’ allowances have led good people to quit and work for other local councils. The Conservative Government have given them £6.5m extra funding to help overcome such difficulties.



NEAREST GOOD SCHOOL—The Conservatives believe that every child should be able to attend the nearest good school to their home.

OUR CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER—Bradford’s education standards for combined Reading, Writing and Maths are ranked 126th out of 152 local authorities nationally and still falling.

GIVE YOUTH A HOPE—When early intervention & apprenticeships for our young people are important, why has the Labour Council decimated Youth Service Funding?

POTHoles BEING “LOOKED INTO” - Whilst vehicle damage claims cost the council £85,000 Every year, they have spent £15k on a now rusting metal “baby” statue in front of their new council offices. A colour changing lighting effect costing £12k has also been fitted onto the building’s perimeter. Sadly, gulley & leaf clearing and pothole filling doesn’t get much priority.

EXTRA CASH—The Conservative Group lobbied Government and received £600k extra cash in 2018, enough to fill 12,000 potholes in our district. With claims for damage at an all time high, when will the work be evident?

STOP PAYING WAGES—We would lobby the government to amend legislation, to avoid the council paying full time union officials and their office costs, which should be met by the unions themselves through member subscriptions. .

SAVE RATEPAYERS’ MONEY—Reduce the cost of local elections by moving from annual, to all out councillor elections, once every four years.