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FRAN FIGHTS FOR THE MANY IN GLOUCESTER



I'm **Fran Boait, your new Labour Parliamentary candidate**. Together, we can take our city back from the Tories who have slashed our police, are privatising our NHS, and prioritised demeaning vulnerable people over investing in communities.

As your Labour MP, **I will be your voice in Parliament** fighting for our NHS, for good jobs and against Tory cuts in our city.

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A CITY FOR THE MANY HOMELESSNESS: WE'RE TAKING ON THE TORIES AND WINNING

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GLOUCESTER TORIES PRESIDE OVER A MAJOR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

Gloucester is in a housing and homelessness crisis. The Tories are presiding over it, but **we are fighting back**.

First, in December, **the council raised an objection to the opening of a night shelter** for homeless people at the coldest time of year. **This was inhumane and our members, our councillors and the public fought back**. The objection was dropped and the Gloucester City Mission shelter opened.

Then in January, Labour members, our Parliamentary candidate Fran and Labour's City Councillors forced the Tory City Council to take down posters that were denigrating the most vulnerable people in the city (pictured). **We showed the Tories up in the national press for their**

actions, and they retreated. The posters have now disappeared.

Now, with a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) set to come into effect that could inadvertently criminalise vulnerable people in our city centre, a pattern is clear with Gloucester's Tories. **They cannot be trusted to protect vulnerable people**. We will continue to hold the Tories to account as **we fight for everyone in our city**.

For information on the PSPO and its implications go to: gloucesterlabour.org.uk/pspo

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CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY INTO SUICIDES



Our candidate Fran, backed by Labour members and councillors, has called on Gloucester MP Richard Graham to hold a public inquiry into the **unacceptably high number of suicides taking place in supported housing in Gloucester**.

When questioned in the Council Chamber on the total number of suicides in supported housing, Conservative Cllr Colin Organ couldn't answer the question. **Independent analysts have put the number as high as 60**. After it was revealed that there were eight deaths in the Dorchester Hotel bed & breakfast alone, there was no choice but to call for a public inquiry.

The numbers are alarming and show there are serious problems with current support levels. **We need to understand more so that we can better protect vulnerable people**. We await Richard Graham's response.

Fran says: 'We can and must protect vulnerable people better.'

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MEET FRAN BOAIT, YOUR NEXT MP

"I love Gloucester. Born right here in Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, I grew up just outside Gloucester. I went to Newent Community School and spent every weekend in Gloucester to go shopping and meet with friends.

In 2008, whilst lecturing at universities, **the global financial crash showed our economy wasn't working**, and the results of the crash ruined lives across our country. It was then that I decided I would start campaigning to **reform our economy so that it serves the many and not the few.**

I now work to make banking serve people and not just the rich corporates and financiers. In my work as an Exec Director of not-for-profit Positive Money, **I've seen first-hand how a failure to reform finance has turned into devastating austerity policies that have decimated our public services.**

We must change what is happening to our country, and to this amazing city. We can't carry on cutting, while child poverty rises, homelessness increases and our pay packets are squeezed. **As your Labour MP, I will fight for you, for your jobs, for our NHS, and for a strong but just economy."**

SOME QUICK FACTS ABOUT TORY CUTS:

Tory cuts are destroying our services. Nationally, NHS waiting lists have soared to around 3.8 million and the Tories have cut £4.6 billion from social care budgets. There are 455 fewer libraries, over 1,240 fewer Sure Start centres and 600 fewer youth centres across England. 1 million children are about to lose access to a free meal at school.

In Gloucester, we have more than **4,000 people seeking social housing** on endless waiting lists, more than 130 homeless people, and 15 rough sleepers. Gloucestershire has lost over 250 officers under this Tory Government. In 2017 **recorded crime has increased** 13% locally, with violent crime up 26% and weapons offences up 32%.

Only Labour will stand up against Tory cuts and deliver the funding councils need to provide public services people rely on.

Find out more: gloucesterlabour.org.uk

**DON'T LET TORY CUTS
HOLD US BACK
ANY LONGER**

**VOTE LABOUR
SAY NO TO TORY CUTS**



LABOUR HONOURS LOCAL SUFFRAGETTES

Gloucester Labour is marking the **100th Year of Women's Suffrage** this year.

On Thursday, 8th March (International Women's Day) Labour women joined with women of the Cathedral and Cheltenham Ladies College

at Gloucester Cathedral to celebrate the life of Dorothea Beale, a campaigner for women's education and a suffragist, who is buried in the Lady Chapel.

Our councillors also had a motion passed at council to

formally recognise the achievements of Gloucester's suffrage pioneers and pledging to organise a 'Be A Councillor' event for people from underrepresented groups, so our council is more representative.

OUR PLEDGES TO YOU

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SECURE HOUSING FOR ALL

We'll build thousands of new homes and provide the support services needed to make homelessness a thing of the past. No-one should be without a good home in 2018.



MORE SKILLED JOBS & BETTER PAY

We'll bring in a £10 minimum wage and a ban on zero-hours contracts. We'll fight for investment in workers' skills, jobs and local businesses so Gloucester's tooled up for the future.



OUR NHS: PROPERLY FUNDED & PUBLICLY-OWNED

We will give the NHS all the funding it needs, and remove private companies from it. We'll also create a properly integrated health and social care service.



MORE POLICE ON OUR STREETS

Richard Graham MP voted to cut the police as crime rates soared. We will put 125 more police officers back on Gloucester's streets.



QUALITY EDUCATION

No child will go hungry at school under Labour. Students won't have to be burdened with lifelong debt for getting an education, and we'll ensure that schools are properly invested in.



We want to know about your priorities for our city.

What do you think Labour could do to improve things in Gloucester?

In 2017 I voted:

- Labour
- Tory
- Lib Dem
- Other
- Didn't Vote

Now I'm thinking of voting:

- Labour
- Tory
- Lib Dem
- Ukip
- Other
- Don't Know

Could you help us stay in touch by delivering leaflets down your street?

Yes No Maybe

I would like to apply for a postal vote, please send me a form

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phone	
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