

A fairer, greener Adur

A council for the community



Labour

2024 Manifesto



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Our pledges to you



Cost of living

We will ensure support gets to those most in need during this cost of living crisis. For example, we will make sure advice on benefits gets to the right people at the right time.



Safer streets

We will take action on antisocial behaviour. We will work with the police, businesses, schools, and community and youth groups.



Homes

We will secure more homes that local people can afford, including new council homes. We will work with developers and community-led housing schemes to do this.



Overdevelopment

We will tackle the effects of large developments on our communities, pushing for more parks, school places, public transport, active travel, and NHS services.



High streets

We will support our high streets and local businesses. We will clean up our town and village centres and have more attractive planting and signs.

Vote for a fairer, greener Adur on 2 May



Vote Labour on 2 May to transform our district for the better! Electing a Labour council will mean having a council acting for and with you, and that your voice is not just heard but championed. Adur's Labour council will be part of the community.

We will listen to, work with, and act for the community. We are on your side.

- We pledge to listen to, collaborate with, and advocate and act for all in our community. We're committed to hearing your voice and translating your ideas into action.
- Our councillors and candidates are local people. We are your neighbours, sharing your values and aspirations. We believe in securing good homes, ensuring financial stability, and safeguarding our environment and heritage – the sea, the river and the Downs.
- Worried about the rising cost of living and unaffordable homes? With your support, we will tackle challenges head-on, fighting for crucial infrastructure like roads, school places, health services, more police, and public transport to keep pace with our growing community's needs, as new developments go up.
- Together, as a community, we possess the power to increase fairness and sustainability across Adur. Local people pay their taxes, but every year the Conservative government has reduced the amount of money that comes back to Adur, affecting council services. We will actively seek additional funds for the district to provide the vital services and improvements we need.
- Our vision extends beyond governance – we're committed to nurturing local talent and supporting our district's economy. By prioritising partnerships with local businesses, we'll support Adur's economy, contracting more with local businesses, while empowering our vibrant community of entrepreneurs, artisans, and innovators.
- Adur's richness lies in its people – in our talents and skills, and in our community groups, faith groups, sports clubs, voluntary groups, and socially responsible businesses. The council will have a vital role in helping to bring our communities together, working with and supporting local groups and businesses to have an even bigger role in ensuring the people of Fishersgate, Southwick, Sompting, Lancing, and Shoreham have a thriving future.
- With your help we will make lives better. We can, together, make Adur fairer and greener.

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A Labour council will work in partnership with the community and local businesses.

Your Labour council will:

- Focus on housing – more homes that local people can afford, ensuring repairs and improvements are made to council homes.
- Clean up our streets.
- Demand a fair deal for Adur from all agencies that should be supporting our community – an end to sewage in our waters and streets, plus more police, more local school places, and NHS care we can be proud of.



It's time to put pride back into our area after years of Conservative neglect.

We will:

- Make sure local people can have a say on the Adur Local Plan – setting out the future of the district, more homes that local people can afford, green spaces, and biodiversity.
- Develop a model of neighbourhood decision-making so residents can have more say about the area where they live.
- Develop a 'things to do in Worthing and Adur' scheme with communities to develop local opportunities and activities for children.
- Support our high streets and local businesses – better signage, better promotion, better and sustainable planting, events, and a big clean up.
- Support and encourage businesses to pay the real Living Wage.
- Promote the visitor economy with a heritage trail.
- Discuss with businesses, traders, and the cultural community how we can work together to strengthen our communities further, harnessing the ideas and creativity of local people.

A fairer Adur



We are committed to fairness and efficiency in how we manage council resources, ensuring that every penny is spent wisely and transparently.



Your Labour council will:

- Use the money you give us through council tax or rent carefully, and ensure council services are efficient and value for money.
- Take action on antisocial behaviour, working with businesses, the police, schools, and community and youth groups. We will campaign to ensure a better police presence in our district.
- Ensure support gets to those most in need during this cost of living crisis; for example, making sure advice on benefits gets to the right people at the right time for them.
- Work with the voluntary sector to ensure support such as advice on managing your money for those facing cost of living problems for them. We will work to insulate and upgrade council homes.
- Take measures to improve the safety of women and young people in public areas.
- Partner with a credit union to explore the development of a no-interest loans scheme.
- Improve access to, and usability of, our green spaces, parks, and the Downs, making Adur's amenities accessible and enjoyable for all.
- Discuss with voluntary sector organisations how we can work together for a fairer Adur, harnessing the ideas and creativity of local people.

A greener Adur



Your Labour council will be committed to environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Your Labour council will:

- Unlock council land for residents to grow food, plant trees, and support biodiversity.
- Plant more trees and wildflower corridors, and support residents and businesses to do so, too.
- Introduce food waste collection and community composting.
- Ensure Adur becomes carbon neutral for council operations by 2030, and by 2050 for all of Adur.
- Work to ensure that investment in New Salts Farm and Pad Farm bring genuine environmental gains.
- Look at solutions to the deterioration of the Adur Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest, including boardwalks to limit damage to the salt marsh.
- Increase the number of public recycling bins.
- Ensure that air pollution is monitored.
- Support active travel and encourage West Sussex County Council and others to bring forward plans for cycle lanes.
- Work towards new sustainable drainage systems to reduce flooding.
- Work with Shoreham Port to support green hydrogen and its environmental initiatives.
- Discuss with voluntary sector organisations how we can work together for a greener Adur, harnessing the ideas and creativity of local people.





You will need voter ID at the polling station

Legislation brought in by the Government means that voters must show photo ID to be allowed to vote at polling stations in some elections.

The rules apply to the Adur local elections on 2 May 2024 as well as for general elections. Anyone who'll be voting in person at these elections will need to check that they have a valid form of photo ID which looks like them.

Acceptable forms of photo ID include passports, driving licences, and older persons' bus passes. The ID will need to be taken with you to the polling station when you vote.

Anyone who doesn't have an accepted form of ID, or who is worried about taking important documents such as a passport to the polling station, can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. These can be presented at the polling station on election day instead of a photo ID.

You can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online, or by filling out a paper application form to be submitted to Adur & Worthing Councils. The physical application forms can be requested from the Electoral Services Department by post, or picked up from Worthing Town Hall or the Shoreham Centre. There will be an 'in person' application service for those who want to apply.

You must already be registered to vote to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline to submit an application in time for the local elections in May is Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 5pm.

To apply online, visit:

Apply for photo ID to vote (called a 'Voter Authority Certificate') – on the GOV.UK website

For more information about voter ID legislation, and to see a complete list of accepted forms of ID, see:

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/photographic-voter-id/>

Vote Labour



Tom Rutland for Parliament

Tom Rutland is Labour's candidate to be East Worthing and Shoreham's MP at the next general election. His priorities include tackling the cost of living crisis, getting the NHS back on its feet, fighting climate change with cheaper, greener energy and ending the scandal of sewage being dumped into our waters.



Our candidates:

For a full list of our candidates for the 2 May Adur District Council elections see www.ewslabour.org.uk