

Statement for consideration in selecting me as your candidate to fight the seat in
North Portslade in the Local Elections in May 2019

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Dear Portslade members

I am writing to you to ask for your support to select me at the selection meeting on the 26th July to stand as your Labour candidate in 2019.

I have lived here in Portslade for over 12 years but I have been an active member of the Labour Party and a committed trade unionist for many years. Amongst other roles I have had and hold I am currently Vice Chair of the Branch and I have worked tirelessly to engage members and make the branch meetings open and attractive to all members.

As well as campaigning locally to elect Labour councillors and a Labour MP, I also took an active part campaigning to help Jeremy Corbyn to be elected as our leader and getting candidates who support him elected to Parliament. For the first time in many years we have a chance of electing a Labour Government that will stand on the principles and values that I truly believe in. Building a fairer Britain where none is held back, where we invest our wealth to give everyone the best chance.

Last weekend I took part in the London demo against Donald Trump and have also marched to support the NHS and against the cuts.

I am a school governor at a local secondary school (chair of the Disadvantaged childrens committee) and as a local councillor from 2011-2015, I was the Labour spokesperson for Children & Young people and led the Labour campaign against the acadamisation of Hove Park school which many of our local children attend.

I believe that one of the most important roles of a councillor is being involved in the local community and I am already working within many local community groups, resident associations; campaigning groups and I am on the Patient participation Group at Portslade Health Centre .

As an active participant in Portslade Community Forum, I helped Councillor Penny Gilbey to set up, and continue to support the food bank (Purple People Kitchen) in Portslade Town Hall.

I am aware of the current local ward issues of traffic, parking, refuse collections and the lack of truly affordable housing with almost 25% of child poverty in North Portslade.

If selected I will campaign for a Labour administration that will:-

- Tackle homelessness - by building more truly affordable social housing, improving emergency accommodation
- Continue to campaign for better funding for schools
- Work to provide an education system that helps those disadvantaged pupils
- Keep contracts and jobs and services in-house within the council, whilst restoring good Union relations so that the money flows into the local economy.

If you select me then I will work to revitalise public services to ensure that all our vulnerable are looked after, the many not just the few.

Thank you for your support.

See you on the 24th July at the selection meeting.

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