

# mini manifesto

## for Hackney

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**1. Reduce Hackney's Unemployment** through a plan for job creation in insulation, repair, small manufacture and recycling. Bringing employment into the borough with a job creation target and monthly progress reports to Council by a dedicated cabinet member. Support for local businesses to tender for Council contracts. Ensure that the Olympics delivers real local jobs and training.

**2. Work for a Living Wage** of at least £7.60 an hour for all workers in Hackney. Jobs in our borough must pay enough to live on. A minimum pension of £170 per week.

**3. A Universal Free Insulation Scheme** for every home that needs it. At the same time as identifying homes for insulation, the scheme would encourage people to claim benefits or allowances to which they may be entitled, thus bringing money into the borough.

**4. A Fully Public NHS.** Greens oppose Labour's privatisation of the NHS and will work with campaign groups in the borough to support a public NHS.

**5. Crime and Policing.** Increase support and resources for Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Bring the police closer to the people they are here to serve and protect, and more accessible and available at the times that crime actually occurs. Make the Mayor and Borough Commander truly accountable.

**6. Better Public Facilities.** An increase in public seating; drinking fountains in Hackney streets and public buildings; withdraw the current Mayor's discriminatory toilet tax and make all public toilets free to use.

**7. Enable Council Block Residents to Garden** their own land. It should be easier for Council block residents to garden land around their block if they wish to, subject to approval of their TRA. An increase in allotments with smaller parcels of land, or raised beds/troughs should be developed, which local people can use to grow food.

**8. Tackling Animal Cruelty.** The Council needs to take a greater role in animal protection. Animal Protection and Welfare Officers should actively work with the police to encourage both responsible dog ownership and ensure the public have adequate protection.

**9. Arms Disinvestment.** Hackney Council currently invests over £10 million of its pensions scheme in the arms trade, more than any other borough council in London. Greens are campaigning to end investment in this sordid industry.

**10. Strengthen Neighbourhood Forums** giving them a more significant role in decision-making, in areas such as the local environment, planning and budget plans, with revenue devolved to Ward and Neighbourhood Forum level.

**11. Making Our Streets Safe for Pedestrians and Cyclists.** We will promote the London Cycle Network and target the most dangerous roads to make them safer. We will pressure Transport for London to revert the A10 to two-way traffic for buses and bicycles.

**12. A Community Games for Hackney** providing year-round training and sporting events for young people and children.

**13. Free Bikes for Young People** as part of a Hackney bike recycling, refurbishment and reuse project.

**14. A Borough-Wide 20mph Speed Limit** to make all roads controlled by Hackney Council safer.

**15. Genuine, Value-for-Money Council Information.** A Green Council would use Council publications such as *Hackney Today* and street signage for genuine public debate and information, rather than spin.