

# Balls rolls in for Labour campaign

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SHADOW Chancellor Ed Balls came to Bedford on Wednesday to meet with the Labour Party's mayoral candidate.

Mr Balls attended the launch of Michelle Harris' candidacy for the top job which was also attended by 40 Labour candidates standing in the Borough Council elections in May, and 12 candidates which are hoping to win seats on Kempston Town Council.

And the MP praised Ms Harris and her team's attitude towards the race and claimed that she could do very well.

He said "People in Bedford need a candidate who believes in local government and wants to fight against the cuts that are being delivered too much too soon."

"We have a great fighting team here in Bedford and the people need Labour councillors and a Labour mayor."

He added: "People voted for the Liberal Democrats



VOTE FOR US: Ed Balls at the launch with mayoral candidate Michelle Harris

at the last election because they promised a fairer future, they won't make the same mistakes again.

"I think Michelle will do really well because we have a big team and everyone has lots of energy."

Michelle Harris also delivered a speech to the

crowd which gathered outside the Labour Group's new campaign headquarters in Ford End Road, Bedford.

She said: "I think that if we want to show this government that we think these cuts are going too far too fast now is the time to do it."

"Neither the Lib Dems or the Tories are in a position to do anything because they are part of the problem."

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