



Bedford Borough Mayoral Election
Thursday 5th May 2011
Polls are open 7am ~ 10pm

Vote for Michelle Harris as your Labour Mayor of Bedford Borough

Dear Castle Resident

I am writing to you as your Labour Mayoral candidate.

These are the last elections in Bedford Borough for four years. We are just at the start of the Conservative ideological campaign of extreme cuts. These cuts are causing misery and suffering, and at the same time damaging the economy. They would not be possible without the support of the Liberal Democrats.

In my view, the only way to demonstrate our opposition to the national cuts programme, to increased tuition fees, to job losses, damage to the NHS, and 20% VAT; is at the polling station. You now have a clear choice, with Labour as the only main party standing for the alternative - progressive politics with principles grounded in equality and opportunity for all. If you want to fight the local impact in Bedford of the government's unfair cuts programme, the way to do that is to have a Mayor who is in opposition to the government.

As well as sending a strong message to the Conservative-led government, if elected I will be Bedford's voice in tough times. I am passionate about protecting public services and jobs; increasing economic growth; ensuring good quality education for all; easing access to the town centre; promoting tourist opportunities, and advocating on the town's behalf. If you vote for me you will be voting for a Mayor who concentrates on the detail needed for Bedford, but without losing sight of the bigger picture.

In order for our beautiful historic town to flourish we need to ensure that we have sufficient facilities for people to get into the town centre. That means protecting and enhancing public transport; promoting cycling provisions; and carrying out a complete review of the Borough's parking facilities.



We also need to make sure that our town is a pleasant place to visit. We have a fabulous diverse community; our beautiful river Great Ouse; independent shops; and pretty countryside which provide us with tourism & Leisure opportunities that I would like to see fully promoted. It is also right that we seek to develop the town, improve recycling and enhance job opportunities, as your Mayor I will listen to you and seek to improve Bedford for us all.

Please vote for me and your excellent Labour candidates in Castle.

Michelle

To find out more about what I would do for you and Bedford Borough, please visit my website at

<http://michelleharrisformayor.org>