INVEST IN LOCAL SERVICES AND STOP THE SNP CUTS

Time to end SNP cuts
Labour candidates will stand up for Dumbarton, Bowling and Milton and put your interests first.

Labour will reject SNP cuts and instead will invest in the future of our people and our area.

That means investing in education so our young people get the best start in life; investing in jobs so our economy grows and providing care for our older people. Only Labour will work for you and invest in your future.

Hands off our hospital
The SNP Government has been in charge for 10 years and during this time services have been slashed—staff numbers are down, beds are cut and wards closed.

Vital local services and labs have been centralised at the RAH in Paisley.

Now our GP Out of Hours Service and the future of the Medical Assessment Unit is uncertain.

We promise to stand up and fight for the Vale of Leven Hospital and local health services, unlike the local SNP leader who voted for cuts.
1000 new homes for rent
Labour has unveiled bold plans to build 1000 new homes for rent in West Dunbartonshire over the next five years.

More than £120 million has been set aside to reach the ambitious target and tackle the housing crisis.

Over 200 new homes have already been earmarked for Dumbarton to help regenerate our local communities. This includes the demolition of old blocks of flats to build 90 new homes in Westcliff and Castlehill. The Labour Council has also been working with Dunbritton Housing Association to deliver 155 new homes for rent on the Dumbarton Harbour site.

3000 jobs and apprenticeships
Labour has delivered on its pledge to create thousands of jobs and apprenticeships for local people in West Dunbartonshire. The Council is now well on track to deliver 3000 jobs - three times the original target. Most of the full-time jobs are in the private sector and the Council has created hundreds of apprenticeships for local young people.

Chivas Brothers has also announced plans to move its headquarters from Paisley to Dumbarton, bringing 460 full-time jobs to the area. This is a huge vote of confidence in West Dunbartonshire. Unemployment is going up across Scotland but West Dunbartonshire is bucking the national trend. If re-elected in May, Labour will continue to create jobs and make sure people have the skills they need to find work.

Restore the High Street
The regeneration of the High Street is Labour’s number one priority to grow our local economy.

Transferring over 500 council staff to the town centre and building hundreds of new homes at Dumbarton Harbour will increase footfall on the High Street and bring the buzz back to the town centre.

Work is well underway on the building of the new council offices and the old grain tower has been demolished. We will also link up the town centre and the Castle with a new walkway to boost tourism.

Labour’s City Deal project in Bowling will also deliver up to 700 new full-time jobs on the old Exxon site and create a new relief road for the A82. This will help improve connectivity and attract new businesses to the area.

There is still a lot of work to do and Labour will continue to invest in jobs and economic regeneration.

Your Labour team in Dumbarton, Milton and Bowling

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David has been a very effective Dumbarton Councillor for 10 years. As Housing Convener, he has focused on improving and investing in new Social Housing and regeneration of our communities and Town Centre. He pledges to deliver 1000 new build social homes in the next five years.

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Liz has been a community campaigner in the west of Dumbarton for over 30 years. Living in Castlehill with her family, she currently runs Dumbarton West Out Of School Care and served as Chair of Cube Housing until 2016. Liz is passionate about making a difference in her local community and she is an active member of Havoc Community Development Trust and Castlehill and Westcliff Action Group.