



## **PAUL BELL FOR LABOUR MAYOR OF LEWISHAM**

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Dear Evelyn Member,

I've been a Lewisham Councillor (Telegraph Hill ward) for seven years, a position I combine with my job as a national officer for a trade union. I've been endorsed by the GMB and Lewisham Momentum. I was raised in a working class family on a council estate in Sheffield, know what it was like to live on benefits in Thatcher's Britain, confronted homophobia as a young gay man growing up in the era of Clause 28 and the HIV/AIDS panic and overcame dyslexia to get a degree at university. I am proud to be a disabled person.

I'm dedicated to representing the diverse communities that enrich Lewisham and standing up for the most vulnerable. I voted for Jeremy Corbyn in both leadership elections (in 2015 and 2016) and want to build on the same vision, ambition and hope that galvanised Labour support in this year's general election.

To make change in Lewisham, I want to tap into the talent and creativity in the borough to generate wealth and provide innovative solutions to overcome the savage cuts the Conservative government has dealt local authorities. I'll conclude much better deals with private developers attracted to Lewisham's potential, deliver more social housing more quickly and tackle under-achievement in Lewisham's schools. I will also place Lewisham in a leading role in the national campaigns to extract proper funding for adult social care and schools, help the NHS fight the cuts facing South East London and work with the Mayor of London and TFL to improve public transport and deliver healthier streets.

I will end outsourcing and privatisation. It is not efficient but it costs more, drives down wages and prevents us from fighting austerity. I will work with schools (where there is a need) for the benefit of our young people, protect our SEN kids by investing more in their future and defend the rights of EU citizens to remain in the UK: [www.paulbell.org/eu](http://www.paulbell.org/eu).

But we cannot do anything without the money and income to do it. That is why we must look at a prevention and income generation strategy. I will be talking more about this in the coming weeks.

You can find out more on [www.paulbell.org/mayor](http://www.paulbell.org/mayor) . I am not a career politician. I am not concerned with profile building. I am, as I've always been, a campaigner against unfairness and injustice. Will you join me in this new vision, a new hope and turn it into real and lasting change? If yes, please email me [paulbell1971@gmail.com](mailto:paulbell1971@gmail.com) and follow me on twitter @paulbell1971.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Paul Bell

Endorsed by



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