

# DON'T JUST PROTEST ON MAY 7TH...

# IT'S OUR CHANCE TO VOTE FOR SOCIALIST CHANGE!



## The local elections are a chance to protest at Sir Keir Starmer's Labour government.

He promised change after 14 years of Tory policies but our public services and general living standards haven't seen it. Only the super-rich elite are doing well.

But opposing Starmer is easy. Almost every other candidate on May 7th will say they do too. So the elections should also be about what kind of change we want to see.

Starting with the local public services we are electing councillors to provide. Rent controls and council house building; more youth clubs, libraries and elderly care centres; free school meals for all, school uniform grants and nurseries; grants for 16-18 year olds in education; affordable leisure, arts and sports facilities. These are just some of the policies councils could implement. Properly funded, council services can change lives.

Candidates from the establishment parties don't give us that choice though, as they put the interests of the wealthy 1% elite first.

The Tories starved councils of the funding they need and Sir Keir Starmer's Labour government is doing the same, with the plan to curb special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) rights just the latest example. Meanwhile Reform, also led by millionaires, are Tories on steroids, only concerned to divide working class people so that it's harder for us to fight back.

**But candidates from the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) are different – a chance not just to protest on May 7th but to vote for socialist change.**

The Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) is an alliance of working-class fighters prepared to stand up to the establishment politicians at election time.



Each candidate has their own independent record and views as a trade unionist, a community campaigner, an anti-war protester, or a supporter of Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana's Your Party, which is not standing here.



**But all candidates are pledged to the TUSC six guarantees, below. They are what voters should know that any councillor elected under the TUSC banner will do.**

**1. Oppose all cuts and closures to council services, jobs, pay and conditions. Resist their privatisation or transfer to 'arms-length' organisations which are the first steps to privatisation.**

**2. Reject council tax, rent and service charge increases for working-class people to make up for cuts in government funding.**

**3. Vote for councils to set no-cuts budgets and demand from the Labour government the money to make up any shortfall.**

**4. Refuse to co-operate with any commissioners sent by government to try to cut local services.**

**5. Support only democratically debated local Climate Emergency plans that create new employment, build flood defences, and improve air quality and the local**

**environment, while protecting the jobs, pay and living standards of all workers.**

**6. Fight for united working-class struggle against racism, sexism, and all forms of oppression, including against refugees and asylum seekers. Back all workers' struggles against government policies making ordinary people pay for the crisis.**

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