



COLCHESTER CITY COUNCIL LOCAL ELECTION MANIFESTO 2024

A Council Fit for the Future

Balancing the books and changing what we do to keep essential services running. Living within our means but still investing in our future and delivering what matters most well.

Support for the most vulnerable

Continuing to help those struggling or at risk of homelessness. Tackling crime and ASB.

A City with Ambition

Investing in our past, from Jumbo to the Castle, and our future. Working with our Business Improvement District and others, delivering Town Deal and Levelling Up projects and securing new public and private investment, bringing life and footfall and vibrancy to our city centre.

Green Liberal Democrats

Reducing our carbon footprint and investing in our Council housing. Calling out those who pollute our rivers and seas with sewage. Planting more trees every year. Investing in our parks and green spaces and recycling.

Travel

Pro-choice whether car or public transport. Opposed to ULEZ for Colchester. Committed to a new bus station and transport interchange and better public transport. And making it easier and safer to cycle or walk to reduce congestion and improve air quality and our health.

Better roads and pavements

Pressing the County Council for better support to our city and crumbling infrastructure. Working with them to catch up and fix our City Centre pavements and roads: to invest as a Council in keeping our city centre clean, vibrant, attractive.

Healthy Lives

Keeping open sports and leisure across the city (while other Councils close them). Investing in community facilities. Guaranteeing the Council and Health Services work hand in hand to deliver better, more efficient services.

Housing and homelessness

Tackling the crisis, investing in more homes for those most in need, keeping families off the streets and fighting for help from government. Backing investment in council housing.

Arts, Culture and Heritage

Proud of our creative Colchester and our fantastic arts, and culture and heritage we will continue to support them. To recognise their added value: footfall, and financial return. To protect our history and invest in our future: as with the Roman mosaic in Red Lion Walk.

Partnerships

Recognising their power to work with all, including the NHS and the University, the County Council, and the voluntary sector. To tackle together deep-rooted challenges, such as deprivation, the need for homes, and flooding at the Hythe.

Integrity

The policies and proposals in this manifesto are realistic and deliverable. Consistent with our commitment to act on what matters and tell the public the truth on the tough decisions and financial challenges facing the Council.

Values

We will live our values. To welcome new residents, whatever their background or needs. To welcome difference and diversity. Doing what's best for Colchester.