



Newham London

# Mayor's contract 2011 – 2012

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# The Mayor's contract with you sets out how the Council will address your priorities to make Newham a better place to live, work and stay.

Dear Resident



My contract with you details how the council and I will be working to address your top priorities over the coming year.

Newham has been harshly affected by the national government's spending review - more than almost any other London borough. During the next four years our funding from central government will be cut by approximately £75m whilst richer areas of the capital will lose far less.

During January 2011, I met with residents at a series of Newham Together events to explain how council funding has been affected by the national cuts and to talk about the tough choices we face in order to protect the services that residents' value the most.

The year ahead will be a financially tough one and the Council is only able to continue to provide these services through making over £75m of efficiency savings. It is my role to ensure that the council supports residents through these difficult times and delivers services that meet your priorities. Above all else I promise we will continue to improve the services residents have told us are important to them including access to jobs, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and keeping our streets clean.

Despite the government cuts, by working in partnership with residents, we will continue to work hard to meet your needs and deliver value for money.

Sir Robin Wales  
Mayor of Newham

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We are on the side of hard working residents and we want to make sure that you are supported to improve your circumstances for good.

We are therefore working to make sure you're able to enjoy a better standard of living – even in tougher times. We already have the lowest Council Tax in outer London and we are continuing to make major savings to ensure that every penny is spent on the services most important to you. This means that for the third year we will freeze your Council Tax bill.

Despite the government's spending cuts I am determined to continue to protect the services that residents have told me are important to them and make a difference in your purse or wallet. That's why we will be continuing to offer all primary school children free school meals – which is the equivalent of £500 per child for hard working families. We will also continue to have the lowest resident parking costs in London and offer free collection of bulky waste.

## I promise...

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As part of our commitment to keeping the lowest council tax in outer London, for the third year there will be no increase at all.

## I promise...

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Each household with a car within a Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) will receive its first parking permit for free. We will also provide 30 free one-day visitor permits to households within an RPZ without a car. This will mean Newham continues to have the lowest resident parking costs in London.



## I promise...

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We will continue to provide Free School Meals to all children within our 66 primary schools. For every child that's an extra £500 after tax in your family's pocket.



## I promise...

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We will continue to offer our residents free collection of up to six items of bulky waste, such as fridges and sofas, at a time when many other boroughs are charging for this service. The same service in other boroughs would cost you a minimum of £27 in Bexley, £30 in Redbridge and up to £56 in Havering.



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Through the Newham Together events and the many other meetings I have with residents I know that you value the Council's workplace initiative which helps residents to access jobs and training. This year we have an ambitious target to help 4000 to 5000 local people access work. We will be working hard with Westfield and the many new businesses opening at the Stratford City Shopping Centre in the Autumn, to ensure residents have access to the new jobs that are coming to our borough.

We are also working closely with West Ham Football Club to ensure the future of the Olympic stadium is in the interests of local people. We want to ensure that:

- the stadium benefits the community by providing jobs for local people and through increased access to sport, leisure and culture for everyone
- by West Ham vacating Upton Park football ground this will act as a catalyst for improving the Green Street area
- the council's support for the proposal will not cost Newham taxpayers a penny – and in fact will lead to the Council making money on its contribution, which we will be able to invest back in to local services for residents.

## I promise...

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We will continue to work hard to help you access jobs and training:

- we will help to get 4,000 to 5,000 more people into work via Workplace
- we will enable 1,500 people to access skills training courses, so they have the best chance of securing new and existing jobs.



## I promise...

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We will fight to win a proper 2012 legacy for Newham's residents.





● Secondary Schools ● Primary Schools

Improvements to a further eight primary school will be confirmed in the spring.

## I promise...

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We will continue to invest in our schools to help our young people to have the best start in life.

Despite national government cuts we will continue to improve our local schools and with £70m of improvements in primaries and £175m in secondaries.



This year's investment:

- |   |                |    |            |
|---|----------------|----|------------|
| 1 | Brampton Manor | 9  | Essex      |
| 2 | Sarah Bonnell  | 10 | Curwen     |
| 3 | Rokeby         | 11 | Sheringham |
| 4 | Lister         | 12 | Dersingham |
| 5 | Forest Gate    | 13 | Brampton   |
| 6 | Eastlea        | 14 | Vicarage   |
| 7 | Langdon        | 15 | Avenue     |
| 8 | Royal Docks    |    |            |

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I am determined that we will continue to offer opportunities to young people that in other parts of the country people may take for granted, such as access to learning a musical instrument. In its first year our Every Child a Musician programme had a 90% take-up rate and this year it will be expanded to all Year 5 and 6 pupils.

With the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games just around the corner we want young people to be inspired to achieve their personal best. We will pilot a new approach to this through helping young people in year 7 to identify the sports that suit them – and help them to play the sports that they like. We will continue to offer a wide programme of sporting activities through our Summer of Sport programme, school based sports and access to local sports clubs and activities in our parks.

Despite national government cutting funding we will continue to provide free swims for under 16s and over 60s. With tea dances, lunch clubs and free swimming for the over 60s, older people in Newham stay active for longer and we will continue to provide these opportunities for all our residents.

We are also proud that Newham is a place where people get on well together. We put on a wide range of free community events and activities for residents for all ages to get involved and explore their talents. We believe these opportunities are vital to help to build a strong active and connected community, which is why we're continuing to provide them.

## I promise...

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We will help every Year 5 child to be a musician by providing free tuition with the use of an instrument, with a free instrument to keep for each child who completes the full 2 years



## I promise...

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We will help every young person to be a sportsperson.



## I promise...

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We will continue to provide free swims for under 16s.



## I promise...

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We will continue to provide free club membership at Newham clubs for the over-60s in the borough. We will also continue to provide free swims for over 60s, despite national government cuts.

## I promise...

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Over 200,000 residents attend our free events and we will continue to build on this – we want to ensure the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games are a party to remember for the whole community. *This year the Newham London Run, Sunday Fun Day, Town Show, Under the Stars, Waterfront Festival and Fireworks Night will be even better.*



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Residents have told us that Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour are a top priority. In partnership with Newham's Police we will continue to work towards a safer Newham.

Our priorities for the year ahead will be to:

- stop the illegal dumping of waste on our streets
- tackle people who litter, flypost or write graffiti
- deal with intimidating groups and individuals
- use our licensing powers to reduce alcohol related crime and ASB
- using dog control orders to tackle nuisance dogs and promote responsible dog ownership.

## I promise...

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We will continue to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour through our enforcement team working closely with the local police and other partner agencies.

## I promise...

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We will fund a reward scheme for those who help to tackle serious crimes. We will offer a reward of £150 to anyone who provides information which leads to someone being arrested and charged for a knife or gun related crime.

## I promise...

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We will increase the use of CCTV in the borough to improve community safety and reduce anti social behaviour and make it more responsive to local issues.



## I promise...

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We will tackle anti-social dog owners by:

- using Dog Control orders to tackle nuisance dogs and promote responsible dog ownership
- cracking down on those people who allow their dogs to foul in public places by enforcing fines
- taking targeted action within areas where nuisance from dogs affects the local community
- taking action against dangerous dogs including removal of animals where necessary.



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In the face of national cuts we will continue to invest in making our streets cleaner, including continuing with seven days a week cleaning for our main streets. We want residents to be proud of their local neighbourhood, so will be investing in improving our high streets and local residential streets. We are keen to make recycling as easy as possible for residents so as well as introducing separate recycling bins for street properties we will also continue to provide recycling for flats and doorstep advice to all residents on recycling in the borough.

## I promise...

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We will continue to improve our parks and open spaces with further investment in the following play and sports facilities. Last year we improved 15 play areas across the borough and this year we will improve more facilities including Plaistow Park, New City Green, Star Park, Abbey Green, Gooseley Playing Fields and Newham Leisure Centre.

## I promise...

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We will continue to invest in improving the look and feel of both our high streets and local residential streets.

This year there will be improvements to roads and pavements in the following areas: High Street North, Stratford Broadway, Canning Town as well as more residential streets.



## I promise...

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We will continue to make recycling easier by introducing separate bins for street properties.





## I would like to hear your views...

Call me at my telephone surgeries on **020 3373 8444** on the second Wednesday of the month, 9.30 – 10.30am, or the fourth Wednesday of the month, 9.30 – 10.30am.

Write to me at **Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, East Ham E6.**

Email me at [mayor@newham.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@newham.gov.uk)

### Visit me at one of my surgeries:

**First Thursday of the month, 12 – 1pm**

Stratford Local Service Centre, 112-118 The Grove, Stratford E15

**Second Monday of the month, 9.30 – 10.30am**

Canning Town Local Service Centre, 3 Beckton Road, Canning Town E16

**Third Tuesday of the month, 5 – 6pm**

Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, East Ham E6

**Fourth Saturday of the month, 9 – 10am**

Manor Park Local Service Centre, 685-689 Romford Road, Manor Park E12

Please note these dates are valid at all times except in the months of August, December and any bank holiday weekend.

To find out more visit [www.newham.gov.uk/mayor](http://www.newham.gov.uk/mayor)



## Other ways to get involved

Newham Council has an Active Community Team who run regular events throughout the borough where you can tell us what you think about how we're doing. The Council also offers volunteering opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. To find out how you can get involved email [community.forums@newham.gov.uk](mailto:community.forums@newham.gov.uk)

### Useful numbers

Anti-social behaviour hotline – **0800 731 3300**

Workplace – **020 3373 1101**

For all other enquiries call **020 8430 2000** or visit [www.newham.gov.uk](http://www.newham.gov.uk)

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