**OXFORD & DISTRICT LABOUR PARTY**

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**To: Members of the Oxford & District Labour Party**

You are invited to a meeting of the Oxford & District Labour Party at **7:30 p.m**. on **Friday 14 December 2018** at the Summertown Church Hall, Portland Road, Oxford OX2 7EZ, at the junction with Banbury Road, just north of Summertown shops.

The agenda is below. It would be helpful to have amendments to the minutes and notice of urgent business in advance. On Brexit, each of the three motions will be proposed and seconded, followed by general debate and then three separate votes. The motions have arisen from detailed discussion within branches and, in the interests of reaching a conclusion and with the agreement of the co-chairs, no amendments will be accepted.

Formal business will finish by 9 p.m., followed by the launch of Duncan Bowie’s book on the history of the Labour party in Oxford (see attached) and light refreshments provided by the Summertown and Wolvercote branch. Donations for party funds will be appreciated. All members are welcome to attend, speak and vote on all policy issues including resolutions. I hope to see you there.

**Please bring the papers in hardcopy or on phone / tablet / etc.**

Ann Black, Secretary

**AGENDA**

*7:30* 1. Attendance, apologies and welcome

*7:32* 2. Agreement of agenda and timings

*7:33* 3. Minutes of the all-member meeting on 9 November 2018, attached together with a regional conference report from Becky Boumelha.

*7:35* 4. Matters arising.

*7:37* 5. Urgent business, including any other business.

*7:40* 6. Oxford city Labour group – budget update with councillor Ed Turner. A note will be circulated.

*7:50* 7. Fundraising collection

8. Motions

*7:50* **(a) Adult Social Care in Oxfordshire** proposed by The Leys branch

This meeting condemns the Coalition government's and the current Tory government's cuts of hundreds of millions of pounds and grant funding to Oxfordshire County Council.

We note that the Tory led County Council is bringing forward plans to increase care costs by up to 40% from October 2018. The new hourly rate is increasing from £19.40 to £27.25. This must be among the most expensive rates in the country. We believe that it is wrong in principle that people who have paid taxes and national insurance all their working lives should be hit by these costs.

We urge the Oxford Labour Executive working with Oxford City Council, our MP and local trade unions to condemn this and organise a public campaign and demonstration that calls on Oxfordshire County Council to:

* seek increased funds from central Government to properly fund Adult Social Care
* bring Adult Social Care back in house so that the County council delivers the services directly, so reducing the costs caused by commissioning and monitoring contracts and the need for profits for the shareholders of the private companies.

This meeting calls upon the Labour Party to commit to reversing Coalition and Tory Government cuts to local authorities grant funding and the chronic underfunding of adult social care.

*8:00* (b) **Brexit (1)** proposed by the Greater Marston branch

This meeting calls on the Labour front bench to commit to delivering a People's Vote with an option to remain in the European Union, and to include this, or a commitment to a People's Vote on rejoining the European Union, in the next General Election manifesto.

(c) **Brexit (2)** proposed by the South West Central branch

This meeting calls on the Labour front bench to continue to adhere to Party policy, adopted overwhelmingly at conference, by voting against Theresa May’s deal. In the event that her deal is defeated in Parliament, Labour should demand a general election and campaign across the country to bring down the Government. Labour should campaign in the election to renegotiate on the basis of Labour’s six points and then hold another referendum to choose between the best terms Labour can get; and remaining in the EU to campaign for reform with other left and progressive forces across Europe.

(d) **Brexit (3)** proposed by the East Oxford branch

This meeting believes that:

1) the United Kingdom's imminent withdrawal from the European Union represents one of the greatest crises to face the country since the end of the Second World War. It is therefore essential that the Labour Party should have a clear and unequivocal policy on this issue.

2) the Labour leadership has done well to commit the party to opposing the deal negotiated by the current government and to pressing for a parliamentary vote to oppose a No Deal Brexit.

3) it is essential that they now go further and embrace the clear spirit of those attending this year's annual conference and call for a people's vote with the option to remain.

4) in the event of a people's vote the Labour Party from the top down should campaign energetically for Britain to remain as a full member of the European Union.

*8:35* 9. Parliamentary report - Anneliese Dodds MP

*8:55* 10. Executive committee report. The minutes of the meeting on 21 November 2018 are attached.

*8:57* 11. NEC report. A report from local member Peter Willsman is attached.

*8:59* 12. Future meetings. **Thursday 10 January 2019** (Wesley Memorial Methodist church, discussion on climate change), **Friday 8 February 2019** (Dean Court, Botley), **Thursday 7 March 2019** (AGM, Rose Hill community centre), **Thursday 9** or **Friday 10 May** (?Kidlington), **Thursday 13** or **Friday 14 June** (?GLOW, Blackbird Leys)**, Thursday 11** or **Friday 12 July** (?Abingdon).

Refreshments and conversation with Duncan Bowie, launching his book on the history of the Labour Party in Oxford, see attached.