

# Historic Labour Swing in City of London sees absentee Tory MP running scared!



## Thank You from Ibrahim Dogus

Dear friends,

*I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported me.*

*Together we cut the Conservative majority from around 10,000 to around 3,000 votes, demonstrating just what can be achieved by getting out and speaking to people about the issues that matter to them most.*

*I have little doubt that the the Cities of London and Westminster will soon be returning a Labour member to Parliament.*

*You have convinced me more than ever that, together, we can make Britain a better and fairer place for all. And I look forward to continuing to make that aspiration a reality.*

Warm regards,  
Ibrahim

## Labour's Best Ever Result!

On June 8th the voters in the Cities of London and Westminster constituency slashed the Tory majority from nearly 10,000 to a little over 3,000.

The constituency is now ranked as 46th most winnable by Labour, on a 5.1% swing, and one of the 64 seats Labour would need to win in order to gain an overall majority.

Ibrahim Dogus, the Labour candidate selected on May 1st, ran a very energetic campaign across the whole constituency to raise Labour's share of the vote to 38.4% - higher even than in the Labour landslide of 1997.

## Join the Labour Party

"I'm pleased to have been elected to the position of chair for the City of London branch of the Labour Party and will endeavour to build on the great work of my predecessor, Peter Kenyon. Along with the several new branch officers we aim to increase membership, increase activity within the branch and support our recently elected Labour Common Councillors at the Corporation of London.

We want to broaden our connections with all residents and workers in the City of London and if you are involved in your residents association, trade union or other community group and want to campaign with us or if you are interested in joining the Labour Party please contact me at [paulobrien4labour@gmail.com](mailto:paulobrien4labour@gmail.com)"

- Paul O'Brien, Chair

## UPDATE FROM YOUR PORTSOKEN COUNCILLORS JASON PRITCHARD AND MUNSUR ALI

### Middlesex Street - Security

Jason Pritchard writes: "One thing that has bothered many residents for a long time has been the very poor security on the Middlesex Street. To improve this was one of the reasons I stood this year as your councilman.

The good news is that the car park shutter is now fixed and the door at entry level 1 has also now been repaired. Our estate manager, Michelle Warman, has also said that locks will be fitted on the internal doors from the car park after we flagged this as a potential vulnerability. Finally the City has agreed to block off some "dark corners" outside the main car-park entrance which have attracted unwelcome attention.

Thanks to all those who joined the recent estate walkabouts who helped to identify these solutions.

### Mansell Street - Road Safety

In April the death of long term Mansell Street resident Luis Gutierrez while crossing the road sent shock waves through our community.

Sadly this is not the only fatality on this road we have experienced in the last few years. Jason and Munsur have met with local GLA member Unmesh Desai to urge a rethink about pedestrian safety on this busy road and have also been discussing the matter with colleagues in Tower Hamlets.

Again we are keen to work together as a team of councillors to see changes here. We will keep you updated on developments.

### Middlesex Street - Fire Safety

Fire Safety is clearly on people's minds at the moment. All of your ward councillors are committed to working together to ensure that fire safety standards are met. We will continue to raise the concerns of residents within Corporation of London and will work to ensure fire safety standards are delivered to the highest levels.

The City has now committed to annual fire safety checks and we have posted the most recent assessments for Middlesex Street Estate on our website: <http://tinyurl.com/msefiresafety>

We have also uploaded a recent report by the Director of Children & Community Services on Fire Safety in the City's residential blocks. Residents who wish to receive a copy of the fire risk assessment for their block can contact their local estate office and request that a copy is forwarded to them.

Please contact us at any time if you want to talk about any of this.

### Weekly Doorstep Surgeries

Due to the success of our recent weekly doorstep surgery sessions, Munsur and Jason will be continuing this format in both July and August.

For more information please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/portsokendoorstep>

Alternatively you can send an email to: [labourportsoken@gmail.com](mailto:labourportsoken@gmail.com)

## Upcoming

### Branch Meetings:

12th July  
13th September  
11th October

### Women's Meetings

Interested in joining our upcoming meetings for women in the City of London?  
Contact Eve at [evetokens.labour@gmail.com](mailto:evetokens.labour@gmail.com)

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