Executive's Commitments

Council Priority		Executive's Commitment
Strong and sustainable economic growth	1.	Develop council owned but empty buildings around the central station for starter homes, these homes to be sold at a discount to local young people who want to get on the housing ladder.
	2	Work with other local Councils to deliver a devolution deal for our area.
	3.	Support the growth of small businesses by providing low cost flexible start-up units in the city centre.
	4.	Guarantee of free parking at district centres and continue to freeze or reduce parking charges in the city centre.
	5.	Work with partners to build one affordable home in our city every day.
	6.	Set up a Business Improvement District in the city centre to generate extra resources to be spent on new services and events.
Children and young people get a good start in life	7.	Build three state of the art play areas at Southampton Common, Mayfield Park and the Veracity Ground.
	8.	We believe in giving city children the best start in life so we will keep all Sure Start centres open and work with the NHS to provide more services from them.
	9.	Keep all library buildings open and operating as libraries.
	10.	Continue to invest in Southampton schools, encouraging co-operation between them and promoting their achievements.
	11.	Set up a council run letting agency as a 'fair deal' competitor to rip off commercial lettings agencies.
People in Southampton live safe, healthy, independent lives	12.	Work with the local business community to build and run a state of the art set of public toilets in the city centre.
	13.	Oppose any cuts to Fire and Police in Southampton.
	14.	Launch a cross city 'Trust the Council' one stop shop for household services; offer to include boiler servicing, gardening services, cleaning and maintenance services.
	15.	Build Extra Care housing so that older people can live independent lives in a supported environment.
	16.	Increase the number of older and vulnerable residents in receipt of a direct payment so they can choose the care they receive.

	17.	Support Credit Unions and advice services in our city.
	18.	Invest in council homes to improve insulation and fit new heating systems, saving tenants hundreds of pounds a year.
	19.	Use participatory budgeting principals to allocate money from our public health budget on local priorities.
	20.	Work with other local councils to launch our own power company. Use it to offer cut priced electricity and gas to local residents.
	21.	Confirm our three year rule on local people getting access to Council housing.
	22.	Make Southampton a clean air city by getting old polluting lorries and buses off our roads.
Southampton is an attractive and modern city, where people are proud to live and work.	23.	Guarantee Christmas lights in our city for as long as Labour is in control.
	24.	Deliver family friendly events on no less than twenty five weekends a year to bring city residents and visitors together.
	25.	Build a brand new public service hub in Bitterne precinct to include Health, Police, Library and Leisure services. Build extra care housing for the vulnerable elderly on the land released.
	26.	Change planning rules so that new HMOs will be refused permission if 10% of houses in the area are already HMOs.
	27.	Continue with the policy of doubling the spend on road re-surfacing.
	28.	Continue to work with 'friends of' groups for our parks and common to invest in and improve them.
	29.	Continue to invest in the city's heritage and cultural life.
	30.	Work with local campaigners like CAMRA to protect local community pubs from redevelopment by listing them as community assets.