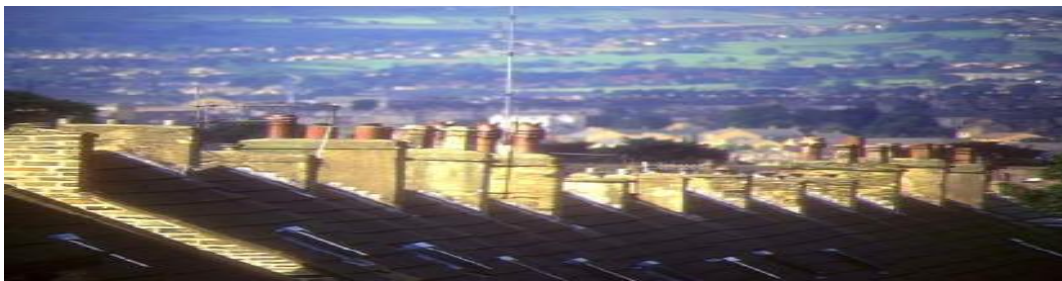


A Green Manifesto for Bradford District



Health



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Health

The issue

Health care is not primarily a responsibility of local government, but there is a lot that Bradford Council can do to improve the well-being of individuals and communities across the district. Medical care is important for health, yet so are healthy urban and rural environments, workplaces, educational settings, transport networks and a vibrant local economy. Bradford Council does not run hospitals, but it can improve other aspects of our lives that are also essential for our health.



"Every day I walk for 30 minutes, I drink 8 glasses of water, and I eat 5 fruits and vegetables...
BUT I'M STILL GETTING OLDER!"

In Bradford

The Council has a fairly limited role in health, leaving this to the Primary Care Trusts and central government. In recent years, though, your green councillors have sought to promote health in the district by:

- ▶ supporting more energy efficient technologies in new medical centres such as the new Shipley health centre;
- ▶ promoting healthy eating and exercise across the district, including more varied and healthier school meals;
- ▶ trying to persuade the West Yorkshire Pension Fund, managed by Bradford Council, to disinvest in the tobacco industry (our proposal was rejected by the Conservatives and Labour);
- ▶ opposing the fluoridation of our water supplies.

What would a Green Council do?

In addition to continuing the strategies outlined above, a Green Council would:

- ▶ continue to promote the strategies outlined above;
- ▶ design a fully-resourced council Travel Plan that would boost health by enabling more council employees to walk and cycle to work;
- ▶ press for more decentralised out of hours services for areas such as Shipley, which has lost its local out-of-hours service in recent years.

