

TEN GENERAL QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK CANDIDATES IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

- 1. Would you work towards abolishing an unfair two tier, social care system by promoting free social care and support for all who need it?**
NB Hammersmith & Fulham and Tower Hamlets LAs have stopped charging for home care.
- 2. Will you ensure free access to technological and physical aids and adaptations and routes to obtaining them?**
- 3. As a first step will you oppose raising charges for care and support and halt aggressive and frightening debt recovery processes against older and disabled people.**
- 4. Would you widen the care provided both at home and in residential establishments to go well beyond meeting basic physical needs to ensuring that people can exercise choice and control to enable them to live the life they want with dignity?**
- 5. Will you take steps to stop large private companies and equity firms extracting millions of pounds profit from our care system by retaining and promoting in house, publicly provided care and support and encourage the development of Cooperatives and micro enterprises?**
NB <https://neweconomics.org/2025/11/private-equity-firms-taking-millions-in-profits-from-care-sector-each-year-new-analysis-reveals>
- 6. Will you seek to develop community facilities that are available all year round and fully inclusive of disabled and older people and oppose the closure of lunch clubs, day centres etc., unless it is clear that better alternatives are genuinely available for all concerned, as these are a lifeline for disabled people and carers.**
- 7. Will you promote genuine co-design and co- production with service users, unpaid carers, care workers and local communities – not just tick box consultations?**
- 8. Will you seek to provide a flexible range of support for all unpaid carers who need it?**
- 9. Will you ensure that the Local Authority only commissions providers who will pay staff at least the minimum wage, sick pay, travelling time etc. and commit to training their staff ?.**
- 10. Will you take steps to end the exploitation of care workers from overseas and provide local support to care workers who lose their jobs with the company that sponsored them to assist them to find alternative employment?**