

Alex Small's Manifesto

Southend is a multicultural town and I want to see more multicultural events organised to promote interfaith relations. I will work with places of worship to encourage better co-operation across all faiths in Southend in order to stop hate crime and intolerance

Following work of previous Southend Youth Councils and Youth Members of Parliament, Southend Council is listening to us, but it needs to act more on what they hear. I will press the council for an impact assessment on younger people for every policy created at Southend Council.

If elected, I will talk to bus operators, to seek an improvement in their services. Fares are expensive for many families, and those with two or more children using public transport need help. I will push for the introduction of a sibling ticket, available at a reduced rate for second or third younger siblings using busses to go to school.

Southend needs to be greener. I will work with schools and Southend Council to press for a reduction in the use of plastic in schools, and for dual bins to be introduced in every place of study..

Getting experience in Journalism at a young age is key to being successful in the Media industry which is why I will press to get an online newspaper set up with articles written by the Southend's Youth and also can be used to promote and show off the work of our youth council to more effectively engage with our electorate

More support needs to be given to young carers who care for members of their family. Their lives are an example to us all and they save our social care system substantial funds by providing care themselves often without rest or proper training. We need to provide better respite care and social events for carers to meet away from their caring responsibilities.

I will work with Southend Council, local schools, colleges and the university to ensure they listen to the needs of local employers, so young people have all the skills required to start work locally. There is an urgent need to attract large employers back to Southend, Employers who bring well-paid jobs and the potential of a progressive career.

I will work with Southend Council to promote the greater provision of low-cost housing, Houses that are genuinely within the price range of Southend young people. I will work with Southend Council to give more hope to all of us wanting to continue to live in Southend in the future

I need the support of all Youth Council members and the youth of Southend to deliver a substantial manifesto and ask everyone to help me deliver an agenda that will make a positive change in the lives of young people in Southend

A vote for me will result in the work starting on day one and continuing until we make Southend a better place for young people.