



WOLVERHAMPTON IS BETTER OFF IN EUROPE

On 23rd June you will get a vote in the EU referendum which will decide if Britain remains in or leaves Europe. This vote will affect the future of all of us who live in Wolverhampton and our families.

As your Labour MPs and local Labour Councillors we have published and paid for this leaflet to focus on the likely impact on Wolverhampton and its people.

Leaving the EU would hit the UK's economy and could leave a £36bn black hole in our public finances

- meaning either big cuts to public services or tax rises to make up the difference. We can't say with absolute certainty what this would mean for Wolverhampton, but on the overwhelming balance of probability the Council would face further massive cuts and funding for the NHS in the city is also likely to be cut.



The University of Wolverhampton is vital to our City's economy. It has received over £17 million in EU funding for projects across the Black Country



67% of manufacturing jobs in the West Midlands are linked to our trade with the EU

Wolverhampton has received £43 million of EU funding since 2007, that's roughly £5 million a year.

EU Youth Employment Initiative funding worth £3.8 million is supporting 3,342 young people between 15 and 29 years old into education and training.

Small and medium size businesses across the Black Country access support and finance of £3.5 million of EU funding - more than £1 million will be in Wolverhampton.

Two bids for environmental improvements around Bilston Urban Village and our canals are worth over £1.2 million to the City.

See over for the views of your Members of Parliament, Council Leader, Local Business, Youth and Trade Union Representatives

THANK YOU FOR VOTING LABOUR

We wish to place on record our thanks to the people of Wolverhampton for placing your trust in Labour in returning three Labour MPs to Westminster and in voting to increase the number of Labour Councillors serving on the City of Wolverhampton Council. We are very conscious of the trust you have placed in us to represent you through these financially challenging and volatile times and pledge to do all in our power to repay that trust.





VOTE REMAIN IS "IN WOLVERHAMPTON'S BEST INTEREST"

Your Wolverhampton MPs back remain

"Being in the EU increases the security, power, and prosperity of our country. In an interconnected world, we are stronger and safer when we work with our neighbours. Of course, the EU needs reform, but only by remaining in Europe can we help to shape it."

"EU membership has helped to bring investment and jobs to Wolverhampton. Our City is a centre of manufacturing excellence, and exporting goods to the EU is vital for our continued success. We strongly believe that a vote to remain is in the best interests of the people of Wolverhampton."

Rob Marris MP, Emma Reynolds MP and Pat McFadden MP



Council Leader

"Wolverhampton has benefitted enormously from our membership of the EU."

"Investors like Jaguar Land Rover would hesitate to invest further if we leave and our ability to influence important decisions would be diminished."

"That is why I will vote remain as I believe it is in Wolverhampton's best interest."

Councillor Roger Lawrence



Local business

It is well known that big businesses of importance to Wolverhampton such as Jaguar Land Rover support remain (Dr Ralph Speth, CEO, signed letter to Times dated 23 February, 2016). However the impact on the many small and medium businesses in the city is also vital. Pat Cross runs a firm called Gecko which offers business development and training across Europe.

"The EU is vital to my business and many others in Wolverhampton. A vote to remain will mean a safer, stronger and more prosperous future for our city!"

Pat Cross, CEO Gecko



Trade Union

Unions representing over 4 million workers, including UNITE, UNISON, GMB, USDAW and CWU are backing remain.

"I'm voting to remain because our EU membership guarantees British workers protections such as:
paid maternity and paternity leave
equal pay
minimum paid holiday
health and safety at work
hours of work and breaks."

"All existing and future workers' rights are at risk if Britain leaves."

Vera Kelsey, Communication Workers Union (CWU) representative



Youth Representative

"The outcome of the EU referendum on 23rd June will have a lasting effect on young people."

"Voting remain will help us keep the opportunities that our membership brings, such as the freedom to work and study abroad, job security at home and the continued protection of workers' rights."

"This vote is massively important to our future. We will have to live longest with the outcome."

Kashmire Hawker, Chair of City of Wolverhampton Youth Council and former Youth MP



VOTE TO REMAIN FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN'S FUTURE