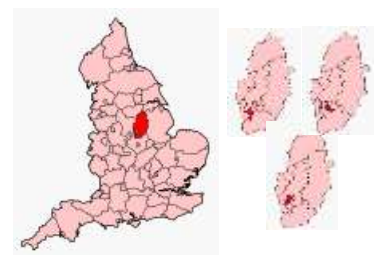


## OUR PLAN TO SECURE A BETTER FUTURE FOR NOTTINGHAM



- **We are working to a long-term economic plan that will secure a better and brighter future for Britain.** Our plan is helping to create a healthier local economy and a better future for hardworking taxpayers in Nottingham.

Our long-term economic plan builds a stronger, healthier economy and secures a better future for Britain by:

1. **Reducing the deficit** so we deal with our debts, safeguard our economy for the long term and keep mortgage rates low. There are 8,605 more businesses in the East Midlands than in 2010 – a clear sign our long-term plan to secure a stronger, healthier economy is working.
2. **Cutting income taxes** and freezing fuel duty to help hardworking taxpayers be more financially secure. An estimated 126,623 people in Nottingham have seen their taxes cut since 2010.
3. **Creating more jobs** by backing small business and enterprise with better infrastructure and lower jobs taxes. 117,000 more people in the East Midlands are now benefiting from the security and stability of being in work than in 2010.
4. **Capping welfare and reducing immigration** so our economy delivers for people who want to work hard and play by the rules. 2636 fewer people in Nottingham are now relying on unemployment benefit each week than in 2010.
5. **Delivering the best schools and skills for young people** so the next generation can succeed in the global race. £20.9 million is being invested in Nottingham for new school places.

## CUTTING TAX FOR HARDWORKING TAXPAYERS IN NOTTINGHAM

- **In this Parliament, we have cut tax for an estimated 126,623 people in Nottingham and taken 15,127 people out of tax altogether**, taking pressure off household budgets, helping hardworking taxpayers be more financially secure and saving a typical family around £700 a year.
- **Funding to freeze council tax.** For four years we have offered money to councils to help them freeze their council tax. This has meant that, on average, council tax has fallen by 11 per cent in real terms since 2010. Under Labour, total Band D council tax bills for residents in Nottingham South went up by 93 per cent between 1997/98 and 2010/11. Labour-run Nottingham City Council have increased council tax by 7.2 per cent since 2012/13.

## CREATING MORE JOBS IN NOTTINGHAM

- **Employment is up in the East Midlands by 117,000 since the last election.** That's 117,000 more people who are earning a regular wage and who are better able to provide for their families.
- **The number of people in work in Nottingham increased by 15,500 since 2010.** 60.2 per cent of people in Nottingham South are in work, lower than the East Midlands average of 74 per cent.
- **Unemployment is down in the East Midlands by 12,000 in the last quarter, a rate of 5.6 per cent.** That's fewer people out of work and more who now can get on in life and have the confidence to plan for the future.

## BACKING BUSINESSES IN NOTTINGHAM

- **In 2013 there were 8,605 more businesses in the East Midlands compared to 2010 – providing more people with the safety and security of work.** Our long-term economic plan is backing businesses and creating jobs.

## **FIXING WELFARE TO MAKE SURE WORK ALWAYS PAYS**

- **In August 2014 the claimant count rate in Nottingham was down by 21.6 per cent (6.26 per cent) compared to the month before the last election when the rate was 7.2 per cent. That's fewer people claiming unemployment benefit meaning more people in work with the security of a regular wage.**

## **HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE GET THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED**

- **Since 2010 10,830 people have started an apprenticeship in Nottingham, giving young people the chance to earn a salary and gain a qualification whilst gaining valuable workplace skills and experience.**
- **We are ensuring that local authorities have the money they need to provide enough school places so that we invest in the next generation.** Between 2011 and 2015 £20.9 million is being invested in Nottingham for new school places.
- **Between 2011 and 2014, schools in Nottingham will receive £45.5 million through the Pupil Premium, ensuring that disadvantaged children are given the support they need to fulfil their potential.**
- **There has been an increase of 138.4 per cent in the number of pupils in Nottingham taking the key subjects that they need to get a good job since 2010.** We have incentivised schools to encourage more pupils to take core subjects at GCSE.

## **OUR ACTION PLAN TO TACKLE CRIME IS MAKING NOTTINGHAM AN EVEN SAFER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND RAISE A FAMILY**

- **Under this Government, recorded crime in the Nottinghamshire Police area is down by 27.0 per cent.** Since 2010 criminal damage is down by 45 per cent. Families are safer and more secure – and communities can enjoy a better, brighter future.

## **SECURING THE BEST HEALTHCARE IN NOTTINGHAM**

- **Because of the realistic assessments we have made of public spending elsewhere, we have been able to increase spending on the NHS. We have also made the NHS more efficient and effective by reducing the number of managers. This means:**
  - **There are now 338 more doctors looking after patients in the East Midlands than under Labour, ensuring that people receive the care they deserve.**