# the jewish manifesto for local Government

## Consultation

### September/October 2017

It is critical for the Jewish community to make its voice heard in local authorities. Councils are responsible for, or have a role in, many of the services which we rely on every day - community safety, social care, schools and healthcare.

In 2018 key elections will be held in boroughs across London as well as in major cities like Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester and districts like Hertsmere, Epping Forest and Oxford amongst others.

In preparation, the Board of Deputies is collating a Jewish manifesto, which will be distributed to council candidates and officers in local authorities across the country. It will set the benchmark for councillors seeking to serve and represent the Jewish communities of the UK.

Furthermore, for those Jewish residents who live away from the community’s major population centres, it will act as an authoritative document that can be used in defence of their interests.

This consultation will ensure that the Manifesto draws on a wide range of voices representing our community. The success of the Board of Deputies’ Jewish Manifestos for the 2015 and 2017 general elections and 2016 devolved elections in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland was rooted in the expertise, insights and experiences of our communal bodies, organisations, experts and individuals. Make your voice heard by responding to this document, and help to ensure that this manifesto puts our community’s case forward.

You can fill out the consultation by online survey [here](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9LF737Y) or by completing the form below and returning it to daniel.elton@bod.org.uk. Please also send any additional documents that may be relevant.

When filling out the form please consider which issues are of greatest importance to your organisation or community. For example, you may want to ask councillors and their parties to pledge to adopt a new policy. We are encouraging a wide response and welcome submissions on more than one topic, using a separate consultation form for each issue. Please note that we are happy to talk with individuals, organisations or synagogues. We look forward to receiving your responses. Thank you for your time and help.

Gillian Merron

**Chief Executive**

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In preparation for the 2018 local elections, the Board of Deputies of British Jews is co-ordinating a community-wide consultation on the various issues and concerns that will form a manifesto for the UK Jewish community. Please use this form to detail your ideas on what should be included in the Manifesto. We ask that you use a separate consultation form for each issue - there is no limit to how many forms you can submit. The closing date for consultation is Tuesday 31st October.

**Contact Details**

**Name:**

**Synagogue/Organisation:**

**Email:**

**Contact Number:**

* Please highlight or underline below the heading that applies to your issue:

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| Community Cohesion | Community Safety |
| Education and Young People | Housing |
| Israel | Jewish Culture and Heritage |
| Planning and Communal Infrastructure | Public Health |
| Social Care (Children and Disabilities) | Social Care (Elderly) |
| Welfare | Other Topic (Please state): |

* In 200 words or fewer please describe the background to the issue or concern you wish to address:
* In 200 words or fewer please detail your issue or concern:
* In 150 words or fewer please outline the policy ask (pledge) you would like to see resolve the issue or concern:
* If you would prefer your organisation/synagogue NOT to be credited in the final Jewish Manifesto for Local Government document please indicate:

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Please return this document to daniel.elton@bod.org.uk Thank you for your time and support in this matter.