**JOWELL, Tessa**

The question for this selection is simple – who can deliver the change that London needs.

Who has a plan, who can win next year, and who can deliver?

London is a great city but it should be better.

I love its vibrancy, its diversity and its ambition - but I hate the inequality. Not just inequality of wealth but inequality of opportunity too.

My vision is One London where everyone shares in our city’s success – inner city and outer suburbs, young and old; low and middle income as well as the better off; no Londoner is left behind and we are utterly intolerant of poverty, injustice, and hopelessness.

That means building the homes we need, affordable transport Londoners can rely on, and unleashing London’s full potential through opportunity for all.

But we can only do that if we win - and we will win with an open and inclusive campaign to match our city.

I believe I can win, and I promise you I will deliver.

 I delivered Sure Start and helped London win the Olympics and deliver the best Games the world has ever seen.

But I didn’t do any of it on my own. Working with people, sharing their goals, building support – that’s how we did it and that’s how I want to run London.

As a psychiatric nurse, a councillor, an MP and a director at Mind I have always championed a strong and constructive link between the trade union movement and the Labour Party – and the tremendous progress we can achieve together from the minimum wage to workers’ rights.

 That’s exactly the approach that I took as a Minister where I:

* Agreed a progressive partnership with the construction unions to deliver the Olympic Games - raising the bar on health and safety, employment practices and apprenticeships in the construction industry
* Strengthened equal pay laws and worked to tackle bullying and harassment at work.
* Chaired the Public Services Forum - which worked to prevent a two tier workforce in outsourced public services and introduced new ways that Government could learn from frontline staff

This year I have been campaigning with Unison on childcare, the NHS and the minimum wage.

It is a scandal that many care workers, who play such an important role in our society, are not being paid enough to live on. As Mayor I will support local authorities to enforce the minimum wage in their boroughs, demand the right to set a higher minimum wage in London and campaign to make London a Living Wage City.

I will also do all that I can to protect London’s NHS, local government and voluntary sector from any more damaging Tory cuts.

And I want to do it together.

So I am immensely proud to seek your nomination as the next Labour candidate to be the next Mayor of London.