

Demand Better - for a better services

Angus Robinson

Your Liberal Democrat candidate for EHDC



I am a Music student who has grown up in Buriton, and have campaigned both locally and elsewhere for the Lib Dems. If I get elected, I fully intend to work hard on the Council and provide a strong young voice against the currently unchallenged Conservative dominance.

Local Government is also too often a no-go zone for young people, even though local authorities deal with many issues that particularly affect them. I aim to represent the younger generations and bring the different set of knowledge that we have to the Council.

Currently, the makeup of East Hampshire District

Council is 43 Conservatives, and one Independent. This means a shocking lack of scrutiny, and poor decisions. Most striking among these are the millions of pounds-worth of risky commercial property investments, at the same time that the District Council fails to build enough affordable housing. They need a fresh voice.

Thursday 2nd May

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Mary Vincent

Your Liberal Democrat
candidate for Town Council

I have lived and worked in Petersfield all my life and the family business in which I worked has been established here for over 130 years.

I have been on the Town Council for 24 years and have a great depth of local knowledge of the area and its many business activities which has proved invaluable in chairing the

Grounds, Halls and Planning committees. I have also been Town Mayor twice. I have been, and am still, an active member of Petersfield in Bloom improving the appearance of our town.

The town has benefited from the sale of Penns Field and we must make sure the money is used wisely for the benefit of Petersfield. The location of the Town Visitor Centre will need to be decided.

Having been on the council for a long time I am pleased to see several of my interests coming fruition, for example Penns Field, the Sports Hub & strengthening of the Heath Pond's banks.

I have the interests of Petersfield at heart and will remain very active in achieving the best results for all residents.

I will work hard for every resident in Petersfield.

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VINCENT, Mary



Working all year round

Tesco Water Meadows

Fellow Lib Dem **Louise Bevan** has been involved in the project to get this as public open space.

We haven't forgotten, and will keep on supporting its transfer to the council.



"Affordable" Homes

East Hants District Council policy is for 40% "Affordable Housing", but recently it averaged less than 25%.

Conservatives are claiming 40% in Petersfield area, but that planning has been handled by the SDNP. Elsewhere in East Hampshire it's been as low as 15%.

Major house building companies are making huge profits, while claiming they cannot afford to build affordable homes.

Unlike East Hampshire District Council, **Liberal Democrat Eastleigh Borough Council builds affordable homes for rent and shared purchase.**

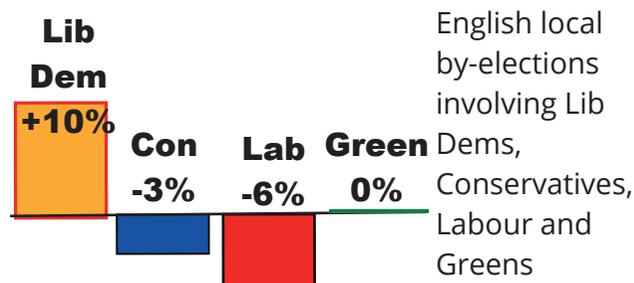
Festival Hall Costs

Once elected, the new council is due to meet and consult with members of the public about plans for the Festival Hall and council offices.



There have been concerns raised and the council plans to both explain and listen.

2019 Local Elections



Average change in vote share, Jan to Mar 2019



Investment risks

EHDC are rushing to invest another £100million in one year to increase income. Recent decisions has seen property bought far and wide. One investment has now been empty for four years and another in Winchester is half empty.

Making large investments in property, this coming year, in competition with other investors seems high risk.

Most of the money is not being invested locally, or in affordable housing which is desperately needed. We need to invest wisely, and nearer.

Local Decision Making



The existing local community forums have no powers, and are therefore poorly attended and frequently cancelled.

Most councillors aren't on the planning committee for their ward's applications. This means that many decisions are made by council officers or councillors who don't know the area.

We believe that Local Area Committees with real powers and budgets should be reinstated. These were working well here until the Tories abandoned them, and are still used successfully elsewhere.

Councillors will be both responsible and accountable to their local electors.

Town Visitor Centre

Following the article in our last Focus, thank you for all your comments. The general feeling seems to be that it needs to be in the centre of town for it to be used. Your comments have been passed to our councillors.