

Dear Elector,

Cambridgeshire Council is dominated by the Conservatives and although they do not have an overall majority on the Council, they have often been able to get their way, with the support of UKIP and some "Independents".

The recent budget decision was a good example of this - basically they failed to tackle the severe pressure on budgets this year and have shelved difficult decisions about Council Tax until next year, when there will be even less money available from Whitehall.

The Liberal Democrat group, with 14 of the 69 members, is the largest opposition party - but we need more Liberal Democrat councillors to keep the Conservatives in check and hold them fully to account. The residents of this ward deserve someone who will represent their views rather than someone who will just follow Tory policy.

The present Tory government's policies on health, education and industry are unravelling and their financial policies are making things very difficult for local government.

Their latest plan for changing the funding formula for schools fails to increase funding in line with inflation. A cautious estimate is that all schools will be between 8% and 11% worse off by 2020. This means that, within 3 years, all schools may lose teachers, have larger class sizes and pupils will have less special needs support and fewer learning materials. The government's failure to invest in our children's future will damage the life chances of the younger generation.

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

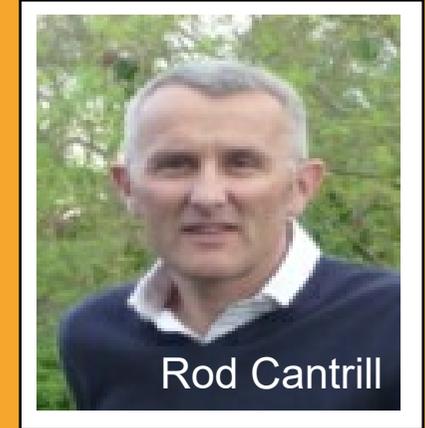
We need to maintain and improve local services and facilities in our area and fight the Tory cuts. If you agree with me, I would ask you to give me your support on May 4th.

In the meantime, if there are any matters you would like to raise with me, please give me a ring on 01480 530939 or e-mail me at david@logisticsbusiness.com.

David Priestman



ROD CANTRILL BIDS TO BECOME OUR FIRST MAYOR



Rod Cantrill is a business owner and an experienced Councillor in Cambridge.

- He has lived locally for over 30 years. He understands the challenges we face because his family faces them too.
- As a small business owner, Rod understands the support that local businesses need to grow our economy and spread prosperity to every corner of our region.
- As a councillor, Rod has worked with residents to deliver real change in his community. As the first mayor of Cambridgeshire, he'll listen to and work with local people to get things done.

Vote

Rod for Mayor on May 4th.

Tory Budget Puts County Services at Risk

“The Tories’ short-sighted approach to Council finances has put vital and statutory services at risk”, says David Priestman.

“The reduction in the government’s Revenue Support Grant has already increased the pressure on the Council in what amounts to a transfer of responsibility from Whitehall to local government. And the grant will be phased out completely in two years time”.

“However, decisions taken by the County Council this year and last year have removed a total of £11million revenue per year from the County’s coffers and that will put services at risk. And that is despite the fact that the need for services is increasing because of the rising population and the disproportionate increase in the numbers of the elderly and vulnerable young people who require care”.

“The Council should have been thinking about the longer-term, when the cuts will have to be managed - but instead the Tories rejected that opportunity and it is the most vulnerable members of society who will be affected by their decision”.

“The Lib Dem budget would have increased Council tax by another 2%, in line with most other Councils. That would have protected services, at a cost to average households of an extra 45p per week.

“We need more Lib Dems on the Council to ensure that our finances are managed wisely”.

What a Liberal Democrat County Council would mean:-

- ✓ A hard-working experienced team
- ✓ Listening to residents
- ✓ Understanding and fighting for local issues
- ✓ Committed to the community
- ✓ Working hard all year round
- ✓ Getting things done
- ✓ Improving parking and the condition of roads and pavements
- ✓ Maintaining support for our key partner voluntary organisations

Remember

Liberal Democrats work for you all year round - not just at election time

**For a Better Future for Our Area
Vote for David Priestman on May 4th.**



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David Priestman lives in Hemingford Grey with his young family.

He has run a successful publishing business in Cambridgeshire for 20 years and he served as a Councillor for the Huntingdon East Ward on Huntingdonshire District Council from 2006 to 2010. His political interests include housing, planning, environmental issues, transport, education and business.

He has the experience and a reputation for hard work and energy, which will enable him to become an excellent councillor for our ward.

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