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Jo Watkins

Re-energising Liberalism in South Wales East

- ✓ The only LibDem leader in the region to sit in Council Cabinet sessions.
- ✓ Well known in local media in print, online & on screen
- ✓ Leading community voice winning £10mn of capital investment for Caldicot.
- ✓ Trained & led 28 activists in the region in 2019 in traditional & online



I will continue to demonstrate my leadership:

- By recruiting new members, and training new activists across the region as a whole
- By fundraising for all three local parties, to ensure our financial resources can support the talent and energy of our party members, to transform our vote share and results not just in the Senedd elections but in the Local Council elections which will follow in 2022.
- By continuing to be the leading liberal voice in the region's media on the issues that matter to our communities, such as housing, education and the environment.
- By using my platform as first list candidate to support Council candidates in target wards for 2022, with the goal of at least tripling our number of Council seats in 2 years' time.

Economy

Lethargic Labour in Cardiff have wasted years murmuring about catching up with England, when as a nation we should hold a much grander global ambition. Wales should aspire to be a world leader in the technologies and jobs of tomorrow, just as the Lib Dems should aspire to win back our leadership role in urban councils, and ultimately – the Senedd.

Education

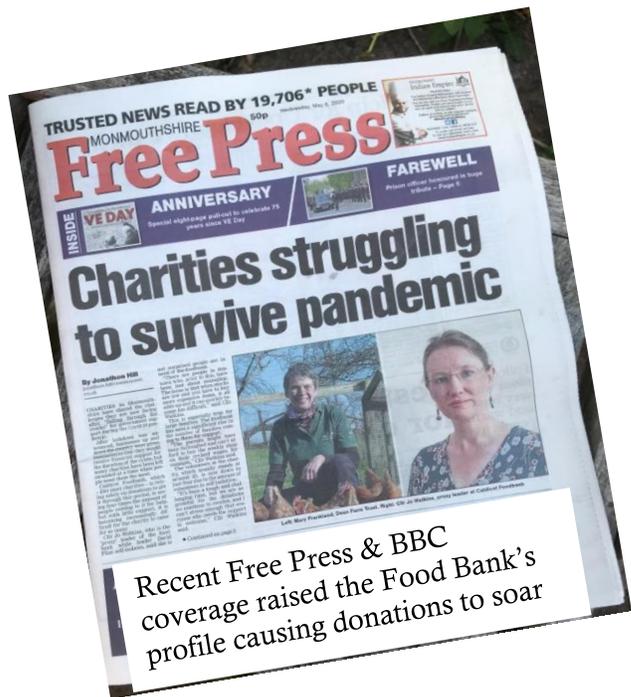
To punch above our weight economically we need to invest in out-thinking global competitors. I'll build on Kirsty Williams' transformative work in reshaping our school system by helping our bright young minds develop the skills needed for the challenges of the 21st century. This means targeted investment in our Apprenticeships, Further and Higher Education

Environment

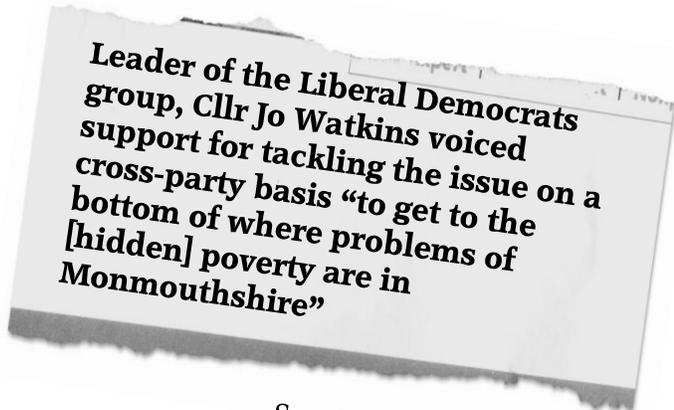
Central to the economic solution is our approach to the environment. This is not merely celebrating our natural resources, tourism, and leisure industries, not merely combating regional flood risk and pollution: we need radical solutions to the environmental challenges we face and the nations which lead in developing and deploying these technologies will lead the world.

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I am known for my results. Here's a selection:



Recent Free Press & BBC coverage raised the Food Bank's profile causing donations to soar



South Wales Argus, 21.1.20



Front & centre even in challenging times



Sky TV interview at the Islwyn Count, General Election 2019

A worker... A winner!

A NEW fostering service for children in Monmouthshire and Blaenau Gwent [is described as] an 'important step forward' in addressing complex cases locally.

"I want us to be clear that we've got their needs very much at the heart of what we're looking at, rather than it being a cost-cutting exercise," said Cllr Watkins

Wraparound care will also be provided, with Foster carers and families given extra support to make sure they 'never feel on their own'

South Wales Argus 22.10.18

Climate change hotly debated as [Monmouthshire County Council] becomes the first council in Gwent to declare a climate emergency.

A motion put forward by Liberal Democrat councillor Jo Watkins received support in the chamber on Thursday... Predicted sea level rises could see parts of Portskewett, Severnside and Chepstow under water if action is not taken. Councillor Watkins said it was vital the council worked... to help limit global warming by 2030. "My six-year-old will be 18 by [2030] and I fully expect her to ask, 'mum what did you do?'"

Saul Cooke-Black, BBC, 17.5.19

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