

Martin Walker - Social Liberal Forum Council Elections Manifesto

As a Party, we need to stop playing it safe. We need to stop being frightened to say things on issues like immigration that some people who will never support us may disagree with. We need to stop relying solely on opposition to Brexit to transform our electoral fortunes.

We need to start focussing on social justice and equality of opportunity, and we need to be a Party with a meaningful, distinctive policy offer to every community in the country - not just an ever decreasing number of swing voters in target seats, leaving large parts of the country behind as a liberal desert.

As a Social Liberal Forum, we can play a key role in generating and campaigning for distinctively liberal ideas which prioritise social justice. Nobody else is going to do that for us.

To do that, we need a Social Liberal Forum Council who will commit to leading the policy debate and to developing the profile and membership of the organisation.

I am standing for election because I think I can bring enthusiasm, experience, organisational skills, and geographical balance to the SLF Council.

Crucially for any Council of this nature, I will happily take on specific responsibilities where that will help the work of the Social Liberal Forum.



- **Parish Councillor since May 2017, winning a contested election against Labour in one of the safest Labour constituencies in the country**
- **Membership Development Officer, North East Region Liberal Democrats**
- **Membership Secretary, Liberal Democrat History Group**
- **Membership Secretary, Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform**
- **Council member, Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary**
- **Member, Your Liberal Britain Brexit Resource Group**
- **School Governor**
- **Housing Consultant**

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