

# A message from Gerard Batten - UKIP Party Leader, Making a real difference

17.4 million
people
voted with
UKIP for the
UK to leave
the European
Union. This was
the largest vote
that has ever
happened in the
history of the UK
including all of our
General Elections.

We won despite the lies and slurs of 'project fear' and the remain camp because real people saw through the politics and spin. We voted to leave the EU.

We now ask you to continue to vote UKIP in order to ensure that the politicians are reminded that real people must not be ignored.

People see a lack of democracy and connection with the three old parties. UKIP bring a breath of fresh air into politics and offer the electorate a real alternative to the old status quo.

Our councillors come from different walks of life and really understand the communities they represent.

Importantly a UKIP councillor is not under a party whip like the old parties' councillors are. UKIP councillors are encouraged to represent the concerns of local people.

UKIP wants more power for local people and local communities and more say over what happens in your street, village, town and city. We offer an alternative of direct democracy and empowering the people who elect us. UKIP is putting democracy back into local government.

Council budgets have been slashed by Government over recent years and the funding needs an urgent review. National government is prioritising funding the EU, Foreign aid and protecting Whitehall Departments, ahead of protecting the services that you and the most vulnerable people in your community rely on.

Local government is under pressure and services are stretched due to the government's open door immigration policy combined with reduced funding. UKIP will change this and put local people first.

We want to keep the National Health Service free at the point of delivery and oppose Labour and Conservative attempts to privatise it. UKIP will prevent developers from concreting over the countryside, protect our pensioners, look after our veterans and help our young people seeking work.

UKIP has been through its trial and tribulations over this past two years, but under my leadership we are now back on track representing the views and needs of ordinary voters and citizens.

You can be confident that if you vote UKIP, you'll get UKIP. We are the only party being honest about immigration, jobs and housing; the only party offering a real alternative.

Gerard Batten



## Labour betrayed working people

back control of our borders and end the government's policy of open door by the

The huge increase in migrants over the last decade was in part due to a politically motivated attempt by ministers to radically change the country... Labour's relaxation of controls was a deliberate plan to 'open up the UK to mass migration', but ministers were nervous and

but ministers were nervous and reluctant to discuss such a move publicly for fear it would alienate its core working class vote.

#### **Andrew Neather**,

Adviser to Tony Blair, Jack Straw and David Blunkett.

Lib Dems will take us back into the EU and still want the UK to join the disastrous Euro and scrap the British Pound

UKIP believe in an immigration system that is fair to all and does not give EU citizens free movement whilst restricting non-EU citizens, including those from the commonwealth. UKIP's points based immigration system similar to that used in Australia will ensure that those immigrants that the UK needs will be able to come to the UK and will not be penalised because they are not EU Citizens.

# Pressure on services

Conservatives pledge to cut immigration to the "tens of thousands" lies in tatters after the Office of National Statistics reveals that 683,000 foreign nationals came to settle in the UK last year. This has added unsustainable pressure on local housing, health, education and welfare services.

The UK is borrowing money to give away on Foreign Aid

The UK currently gives away around £13.4Billion per year in foreign aid and this give away is set to increase to £14Billion by 2020.

This means the UK is set to spend more in foreign countries than it spends on the Home Office (£10.5billion in 2015/6) which funds police, immigration control and counter-terrorism in the UK.

# Spaces and areas of natural beauty under attack

"Vast swathes of the countryside will have to be sacrificed to build new homes for immigrants... migrants accounted for almost half of the housing boom and 100,000 new homes a year will be needed to accommodate them".



### **UKIP** believes that....

UKIP's no whip policy is enabling our Councillors to represent you, not party politics.



#### UKIP believes that:

• Council tax should be as low as possible whilst protecting essential services.

old political parties

- Immigration must be controlled to relieve pressure on our health, education, housing, police and welfare services.
- Green spaces should be protected we oppose excessive housing development, wind farms and HS2.
- Local homes should be for local people and veterans first.
- Councils should cut highly paid council executives, not front-line staff and services.
- We must give real decision making to local communities.
- Money for local services, not the EU, foreign aid and foreign wars.
- UKIP will stop over development on our countryside
- UKIP will stop developers building on known flood plains.
- We will give residents the power to override planning authorities on unwanted planning approvals.

#### **UKIP in Local Government**

Putting communities back in charge UKIP Councillors are already make a big difference. UKIP Councillors ensure that communities are listened to by moving governance of Councils to more democratic systems.

We refuse to be dictated to by the 'politically correct' and will always stand up for local people and common sense. This is often a shock for politicians from the old parties, but is the 'breath of fresh air' that our Councils need.

UKIP councillors work harder
Noticeable differences that
residents have commented on are
that UKIP councillors seem to be
more practical and work harder than
old party politicians.

UKIP councillors roll up their sleeves and get on with the job. In council chambers, UKIP councillors are fighting for older people's services and accommodation, fighting to save our post offices, protecting green spaces, opposing parking charges and road tolls and fighting against wind farms and overbearing large housing estates.

**Standing up for local people** 

UKIP councillors believe in putting the residents first. We believe in local referenda and the ability of local people to put their communities first. UKIP's NO Whip policy ensures that your UKIP Councillor represent the communities needs. UKIP believes in a hands on approach and are there for you when you need them.



The UKIP spokesman on Local Government, Cllr Peter Reeve received an MBE in the Queens New Years honours list for services to local government and the community. Pete says "UKIP Councillors are a breath of fresh air; we are motivated to work on behalf of our communities, we believe passionately in finding alternative ways to deliver local services while keeping tax as low as possible and bringing back real democracy to local people. Residents vote UKIP because they know they will get a hard working,

ney will get a hard working, dedicated Councillor who will make a difference"

Clir Pete Reeve, MBE

UKIP Local Government Spokesman

# Prioritising services for local people We must end benefit and health tourism and give priority to local people for housing, education, health and social services. In planning, the local people's opinions should be respected and not overruled.

- 2. Moving government closer to the people We will provide incentives to encourage enterprise, attract jobs and reinvigorate town centres and local high streets. We will continue to fight to save our countryside and Green Spaces and we will ensure local people and veterans are prioritised for social housing. UKIP believe in real devolution and real local decision making. We are concerned that this Governments Public Sector Reform Agenda undermines local communities instead of empowering them.
- **3. Fighting crime and rural crime** Britain's communities suffer from an unacceptable level of crime and anti-social behaviour. We should overhaul the system to make sentences meaningful, deter reoffending, deport foreign criminals, free up the police from excessive form-filling and tackle nuisance neighbours and anti-social behaviour.
- **4. Spending our money at home** The UK continues to give the EU £55 million per day gross and the Foreign Aid budget is more than £13.4 billion of which only £3 billion is used wisely on real foreign aid such as water, inoculations and disaster relief, the rest is wasted. The three old parties think that this is good use of your money. Whilst at home care for the elderly and most vulnerable is being reduced, services are being cut, health, policing and roads are being run down. UKIP believes this money should be spent at home on the people's priorities, not abroad.
- **5. Regain control over development** Our housing, education, health and social services cannot cope with constantly rising numbers of people coming to live and work here. The government is now riding roughshod over local people's wishes with mass house building that has become a 'Developers' Charter' without the new services and infrastructure to go with it.
- **6. Local referenda** It's time to bring power back to the people. Major decisions should be subject to binding local referenda and a local vote.

## What your UKIP Councillors will work for:

### UKIP Councillors

Working hard for you all year round

## **Environment, Planning and Housing:**

Reduce the pressure on housing by ending open door immigration.
Provide incentives to re-use empty homes. Protect our green spaces by directing new housing and business developments to brown field sites.
Stop preferential treatment to special groups such as travellers - laws should apply equally to us all.

## **Local People and Veterans first**

UKIP wants local people and veterans prioritised for social housing and locally affordable homes.

#### **Education:**

Improve access to quality local education and create more grammar schools and technical skills colleges, encourage vocational education courses and apprenticeships, give parents the right to choose where their children go to school, protect rural schools and support home schooling.

#### **Democracy:**

Introduce binding local planning referenda on major decisions, such as out-of-town or large scale supermarket developments, wind turbines, incinerators, solar farms, major housing developments and transport schemes like HS2. UKIP will introduce, where possible, the committee-based system of local government as it's far more democratic.

#### **Economy and Enterprise:**

Reduce tax and business costs to stimulate the local economy. Make it easier for smaller and local businesses to tender for local authority contracts.

#### **Public Health & Social Care:**

Put local communities at the heart of health care. Oppose health tourism and cuts to front line doctors, surgeons, dentists and nurses, but reduce the number of managers and executives. UKIP supports better funding of services to the most vulnerable in our community. Only UKIP are addressing the crisis hitting adult social care and mental health services in the UK. UKIP will stop hospital parking charges, which are just a tax on the sick.

#### **Transport and Roads:**

Improve road maintenance as a priority. Mending potholes should take priority over council vanity schemes. Upgrade public transport, especially maintaining and reinstating rural bus routes that many communities depend on and which feed town-centre businesses and markets. Increase provision of free parking to regenerate town centres and boost business. Oppose any introduction of tolling on roads and motorways.

# Empowering local people

#### **Culture and Heritage:**

Supporting our national heritage, by defending public libraries and develop a programme to protect buildings of local importance.

#### **Safer Communities:**

Get police officers back on the beat and stop the scrapping of front-line police jobs. Adopt a zero tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour and crack down on nuisance neighbours.

## **Energise the voluntary sector:**

UKIP believes that the best decisions are decisions that are made locally. Community groups and volunteers are often better placed to run facilities and services than the State. By ensuring that these groups are supported, empowered and energised much more can be achieved.

# Here are just some of the ways we will save you money:

Slash excessive pay deals for senior council staff

Cut the councils' advertising and self-promotion budgets

Build partnerships to reduce costs

Abolish non-essential and politically-correct jobs and red tape

**Deliver Brexit** 

Drop the EU Landfill Directive to cut refuse disposal costs

Control immigration to ease the burden on local services

Close unnecessary central government departments and quangos

End wasteful subsidies to 'renewable energy scams', such as wind turbines and solar farms putting up bills by 11%

Require all visitors to show adequate health insurance at the port of entry into the UK

Reduce bureaucracy in the education system

Scrap EU directives that add unneccersary and detrimental costs in the UK

# Thank you for taking the time to read our Local Election Manifesto.

# If you agree with us then why not join us?

UKIP is the only real opposition to the political establishment.

If you vote Conservative, Labour or Lib-Deb then you still end up more or less in the same place.

UIKIP campaigned for 23 years to get the EU Referendum, and UKIP won that Referendum on 23rd June 2016.

The cross-party political establishment now intend to betray Brexit and ensure that we either have a drastically watered down 'exit' or that we don't actually leave at all.

UKIP is needed as much as ever, and there is much that needs to be done. Please help us to campaign for the things you care about.

You can join us by going on-line at www.ukip.org or by calling us on 01626 831290.

## Take advantage of our £20 membership special offer (open until 31st May 2018).





## Why You Should Vote UKIP

- UKIP Councillors are community champions. Whether it is looking after the elderly and vulnerable, winter gritting, volunteering to keep libraries open. Our Councillors roll up their sleeves and get the job done. We get involved in our communities to make a difference to everyday lives.
- UKIP Councillors fight against over development. Protecting our countryside and green spaces is a priority. Development only works if it is wanted locally and adequate provision is made for infrastructure including roads, transport, schools, doctors, dentists and community facilities.
- UKIP believes in keeping tax as low as possible, whilst protecting essential front line services.
- UKIP believe in putting local people and veterans first and putting local communities back in control of what happens in your local area.
- UKIP Councillors are not Party whipped, we are here to support and serve YOU.

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