



BRAY *for* BOARD

Councillor Representative

Vote Prue Bray as your #1 Choice for Councillor Representative to Federal Board

My fellow Councillors,

I have been a councillor on an English unitary authority for the past 25 years. I've been in opposition, part of a minority administration and now Deputy Leader of a Lib Dem majority-controlled council. I have also had the privilege of chairing ALDC for 4 years. Now I am standing as Councillor rep to the Federal Board, and I ask for your support.

I want the Party to be alive to what I think are the opportunities and threats for the party with regard to local government across Great Britain.

One of the things I want to do as Councillor representative to the Board is to take advantage of what we in local and devolved government can contribute to making the party successful. Not just in terms of ensuring policy is coherent. Not just our understanding of how to juggle finances and priorities when money is tight. Not just that we are an army of campaigners with a ready-made platform for communicating with the public. But because we can implement Liberal Democracy on the ground, making a difference to people's lives in ways our Westminster MPs simply cannot.

Those are the opportunities. What about the threats?

We have been very successful over the last few years, and now run over 70 councils with thousands of councillors, and successes across all 3 states. But much of that is threatened by the rise of Reform, and by the Labour government's plans for reorganisation in England. With their plans for fewer councils and councillors overall, even if we do well, the party could see our numbers and the tithing income that funds our campaigning significantly reduced. Then there's strategic authority mayors. We cannot afford to make the same mistake with them as we did with Police & Crime Commissioners. We must take these fights seriously - because our opponents will.

If, like me, you want the party to take proper account of on the opportunities for and threats to local government, please vote for me as your rep to the Board.

With best wishes,

Prue Bray
Cllr. Prue Bray, MBE

Feel free to get in touch:

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I have been a unitary authority councillor for 25 years and currently am Deputy Leader of a council, with responsibility for the Children's Services portfolio.

I was chair of the Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors for 4 years and remain a member of the management committee. I regularly volunteer for ALDC as a trainer and mentor and lead council group development days.

I am also a member peer and mentor for the LGA, and vice chair of the SE Region's sector-led improvement programme for Children's Services.



IF ELECTED AS COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE TO FEDERAL BOARD, I WILL:

- Work with ALDC and the Liberal Democrat Group at the Local Government Association, the Welsh Local Government Association and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, to ensure that Federal Board takes account of local government priorities and needs
- Promote the importance of fighting large area elections such as Police & Crime Commissioners and Mayoral Elections
- Challenge policy and strategy decisions made without input from local government
- Make sure the Board utilises the skills, experience and knowledge of councillors used to making difficult decisions in tight financial and political circumstances, to help the party run as effectively and efficiently as possible
- Report back to councillors on my activities as their representative on the Board



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