

Simon McGrath for Cllr Rep on the Federal Board



Re-elect me as your rep on the Federal Board for more of the same

Since May 2025, I've served as your representative on the Federal Board. My focus has been to raise the profile of our local government base & the work of Lib Dem run council groups.

What I've done

- Challenged why member emails talk only about the work of MPs. We now have a monthly pipeline: LGA Group staff provide local stories to HQ about our LD run Councils and Council groups
- Reviewed the initial 2026 budget for its impact on ALDC.
- Contributed across the Board's work. With past experience during a financial crisis for the Party, I've paid close attention to the management accounts.

If re-elected

- I'll keep that focus.
- I want to work with ALDC and the LGA Group to help more women and ethnic minority councillors become Council Leaders through a mentoring and training scheme (would require HQ funding).
- I'll continue email updates to councillors after each Board meeting. As far as I'm aware I'm the only councillor rep on a Federal Committee who does this, and the feedback has been very positive

About myself

I have been a Councillor in Merton since 2018 and am Whip of the LD Group of 17. Outside politics, I am the Trustee of a homelessness and community support charity and was an HR Director. I am used to reviewing Board papers and Management Accounts.

I ask for your vote to continue the work I have started

"Simon asks the questions other people think but won't ask"
Cllr Anthony Fairclough, Leader of the Opposition, Merton Council