



Vote

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Councillor Rep for Federal Policy Committee

Our Policies must be fresh, sensible and relevant and involve the voices of hardworking Councillors working at the front line. The service areas we work across are often stretched and seriously under resourced yet we do not allow people to slip through the gaps. The pressures and issues faced working at this level must be raised however when developing policies to address the many issues we face.

Our policies should be shaped not by what we think will poll the best, but by the lived realities of those we serve - what we know are the 'right' things to do.

That's how we create lasting change — and that's how we earn the rarest and most valuable element in politics, trust.

**In the past, we have sometimes chased quick political wins, diluting our principles to fit the moment.
That must change**

In the face of growing 'dog whistle' politics, we must convince both the disillusioned and the newly politicised to turn to a credible party with a clear identity and strong values.

We believe in politics that listens, that includes, and that builds communities and society.

Our liberal values — as set out in the preamble to our constitution are not negotiable. We must lead with them.

Now is the time to bring people to *our* values and lead with courage, clarity and conviction.





A bit of background.

I trained as a **pianist at the Royal College of Music**, and most of my professional life has been spent working in the **Arts/Cultural sector or in Education**.

I was galvanised to enter politics five years ago seeing such utter incompetence and lack of moral leadership at the top of government. **I set out to 'be the change I want to see'** and haven't deviated from that aim since.

I stood and was elected as a Cornwall Councillor and am currently **Cabinet Member for Public Health and Community Safety** and **Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group** of Councillors. I also **lead on Equalities**.

I stood in the General Election as a **Parliamentary Candidate**.

I sit on the **Safer and Stronger Communities** and the **Fire Commission** board at the **LGA**.

Why vote for me?

- ✓ Determined to bring the **Councillor voice** to the table. So much is about **improving partnerships, collaboration** and the **co-production** of solutions. Getting the 'nuance' and detail right is important.
- ✓ Proven track record on **tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)**. A whole system approach is needed and our party could play a key role here in developing stronger policies.
- ✓ Strong knowledge and background of our **Education** system and the **Cultural** sector.
- ✓ We must ensure **all our policies are current and relevant** now. If we have policies where evidence and knowledge has changed we need to address this.
- ✓ Passionate about **tackling health inequalities**. Believe the 10 year health plan offers key opportunities with the prevention aspects and focus on neighbourhood/community speaking directly to our natural way of solving problems from the ground up.
- ✓ **Mental Health** services are in crisis. We need a joined up approach so as no-one is left with nowhere to go and there is adequate support when people need it.
- ✓ Believe passionately in **freedom of speech and expression as core liberal values** that must be **protected** to preserve *our* integrity and credibility.
- ✓ Believe it is crucial we look at all policies with a poverty and inclusion lens.
- ✓ Whilst there should never be a hierarchy of privileges, policies are stronger when scrutinised through many different lenses.



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