

Phil

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A vital scrutiny champion and voice for the regions

Dr Phil Bennion is one of the sharpest policy brains in the Lib Dems, who served 10 years on FPC before being elected to the European Parliament.

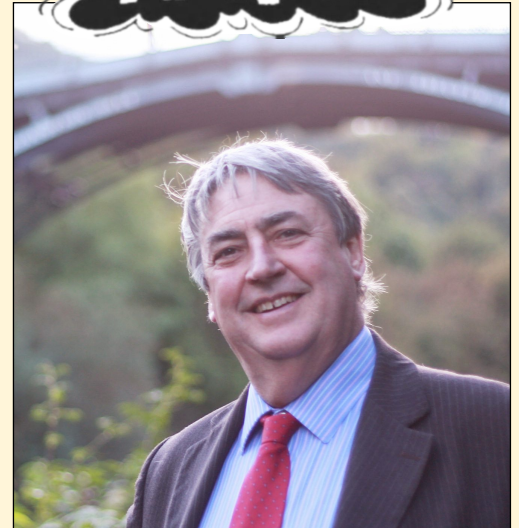
As a Midlands MEP, he shaped EU legislation on employment and safer lorries. He is now Vice President of Liberal International, the global federation of 90 liberal parties, and regularly represents LI at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

As VP, Phil has this year restored direct meetings between the Lib Dems and Renew Europe MEPs

for the first time since Brexit. He is the only UK participant in the *RENEW*PAC project between Europe and African allies to boost investment, avert reliance on China and help reduce migration from Africa to Europe.

Rural-proofing

A working farmer with a PhD in agronomy, Phil is an expert in sustainable rural policy. We need him back as a **'Rural Champion'** on an urban-dominated FPC, where in previous terms his work **rural-proofing our manifesto** was a huge asset to our MPs.



As a partner in a rural SME for 40 years, he is well placed to help us revamp our policies for business. As a councillor in Staffordshire, Phil has front line insight of the battle to stop Reform, our biggest challenge in this Parliament.

"Getting policy right will make or break us in the battle with Reform. Campaign bullet points should be backed with costed, credible plans - but our principles must not be obscured by technical detail.

"With so many of our MPs in rural areas, 'rural proofing' our manifesto will be existential. Any inconsistencies will be ruthlessly exposed, so we need to be careful and clear.

"As Vice President of the Liberal International, my work with the UN Human Rights Council will bring international experience to FPC."



PHIL'S FACT FILE

- Former MEP West Midlands, now global Vice President of Liberal International.
- As MEP authored the Bennion Report on employee participation & pushed EU-wide laws for safer lorries.
- Phil is an effective campaigner. A councillor for 15 years and Parliamentary and European candidate.
- A working farmer in Staffordshire, PhD in Agronomy, and degree in Economic History.
- Phil got sustainability criteria written into EU law to stop rainforest timber being claimed as bio-mass.
- Former chair of the Lib Dem European Group (LDEG), the Federal International Relations Committee, LI British Group and Staffordshire NFU.



***For forensic, clear policy-making
WE NEED PHIL BACK ON FPC***

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Phil needs your FIRST PREFERENCE vote.