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# TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL NEEDS **NEW LEADERSHIP**

## *Our Manifesto for the 2023 local Council Elections*

**Now is a time to vote for change.** After years of Conservative mismanagement, the Borough Council needs new leadership and a fresh approach to creatively develop new solutions to the issues that we all face.

We have 6 key policy themes that a Liberal Democrat-led Council would deliver against, and we believe can make a real difference for you and your community.

**On 4th May vote Liberal Democrat** to elect hard-working local champions who will provide a strong voice for you and your community.

Liberal Democrat Councillors are visible and active all year round (not just during elections) and we will ensure that the Council will actively listen and consult with residents across the whole borough on the things that matter to you.

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## **WE WILL** FIX THE COUNCIL FINANCES

- ◆ The Liberal Democrats will immediately get to work on the Council's financial woes by setting a long term strategy to get the Council back on a firm financial footing.
- ◆ The Liberal Democrats will review all Council spending programmes and investments to ensure value for money.
- ◆ The Liberal Democrats will reverse the Conservative's culture of taking unnecessary risks with your hard-earned tax-payer money.

## **WE WILL** PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

- ◆ Reverse the Tories' environmental 'opt outs' and sign up to the full Gloucestershire Statement of Common Ground (joining all the other District Councils in Gloucestershire) to protect our environment.
- ◆ Develop effective strategies for wild-flowering and tree planting across the borough, including ways to better manage parks and verges.
- ◆ Create a new Climate Emergency Cabinet lead member to make these issues a priority.



## WE WILL SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES

- ◆ Work with communities to develop Place-Making plans for neighbourhoods and villages.
- ◆ Release the unspent Social Housing funds to tackle our area's social housing crisis.
- ◆ Stop letting developers off the hook. Deliver a clear process that records, monitors and chases developers, holding them to their infrastructure (Section 106) promises.

## WE WILL ENSURE OUR AREA IS CLEAN

- ◆ Maintain the weekly bin collection service for all residents.
- ◆ Work to deliver a garden waste service that is effective and affordable for residents.
- ◆ Develop sustainable plans for commercial waste collections.
- ◆ Work with Parish Councils to tackle dog fouling and fly-tipping hotspots.

## WE WILL KEEP NEIGHBOURHOODS SAFE

- ◆ Promise to prioritise the fixing of poor and damaged street lighting across the Borough.
- ◆ Work to encourage a more consistent and visible presence of police patrols across the Borough, and especially in those areas where people are most worried about anti-social behaviour.
- ◆ Increase investment in CCTV to address fly tipping and increase successful prosecution of offenders.

## WE WILL LISTEN TO YOUR CONCERNS

- ◆ Actively work with our residents by working closely with community groups and parish councils.
- ◆ Better publicise Council meetings and where possible hold meetings at times when most people can attend; and live-stream Council Meetings so residents watch on-line.
- ◆ Be active and visible locally - all Liberal Democrat Councillors will hold monthly surgeries to meet and talk with residents to hear and address their issues.