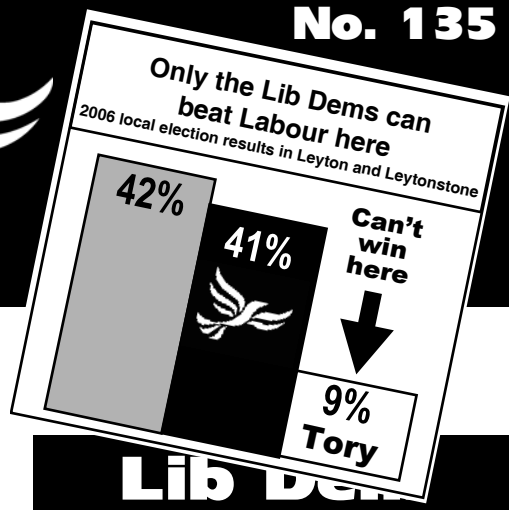


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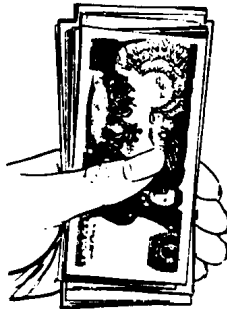
Your Local Newsletter



Lib Dems put residents first Council tax frozen and rents kept below inflation



At a time when residents are feeling the pinch from Labour's recession, **Liberal Democrats** have produced a budget that freezes council tax and keeps the rent increase below inflation.



Over the past four years **Lib Dem councillors** have pledged to keep council tax increases below inflation while maintaining council services. Despite the Labour Government taking millions away from the Council, **Lib Dem councillors** have kept their pledge and have frozen Council Tax this year.

Council rents have been kept to an average rise of less than one percent - well below inflation. That's not all, as well as freezing the council tax; **Liberal Democrats** have agreed extra money for street cleaning, decreasing parking charges and for protecting children.

Lib Dem parliamentary candidate Cllr. Farooq Qureshi says: *"Local pensioners and families are already seeing price rises for food, energy and fares. The more we can do to keep costs down, the more it helps all our residents - particularly those most in need."*



Disgraced MP Cohen to pocket more money!

Having fiddled thousands of pounds of expenses by renting out his home in Colchester while claiming a second home in Wanstead, MP Harry Cohen is set to pocket a further £100,000 from the sale of the Wanstead house that taxpayers helped to pay for in mortgage interest payments and expensive improvements.

Although MP Cohen's retirement grant of £65,000 has been taken away from him because of the fiddling, he could still bank the cash from the sale of the house. Sir Ian Kennedy, chairman of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, said that gains from rises in the value of second homes "should not be retained" by MPs.

Cllr. Farooq Qureshi, Lib Dem parliamentary candidate said: *"It's a disgrace! If Harry makes an excessive profit from the sale, the money should be paid back".*

Lib Dem Focus Team Action File

Knotts Green Road

The Council is dragging its heels in implementing the one-way system in **Knotts Green Road**, despite the fact that a large majority of residents called on the Council to immediately implement the scheme.



The Focus Team is pressing the Council to install the Knotts Green Road one-way system now.

Forest Ward Lib Dem Focus Team Getting things done all year round NOT just at election time

Fly Tipping Madness



Household rubbish was scattered and dumped on the pavement at the junction of **West End Avenue** and **Peterborough Road** overnight. After reporting it **Cllr Qureshi** and **Cllr Safdar** have thanked council officers for its swift removal.

Liberal Democrats working all year round

White House Estate



Lib Dem Forest ward Cllrs Samina Safdar and Farooq Qureshi when they visited the White House Estate

the details of the changes to see if they can help.

Redevelopment of the **White House Estate** is well on the way. Most of the tenants have been moved and the remainder will go shortly to make way for the building works to start.

Meanwhile, some of the residents of **Cheltenham Road** and **Epsom Road** are unhappy at the news that the developers have made changes to the original plans. **The Focus Team** has contacted the local planning department to find out

Repair Work at St. Andrews Church

Repair work is continuing at **St. Andrew's Church**. **The Focus Team** looks forward to seeing this historic building restored to its former glory.

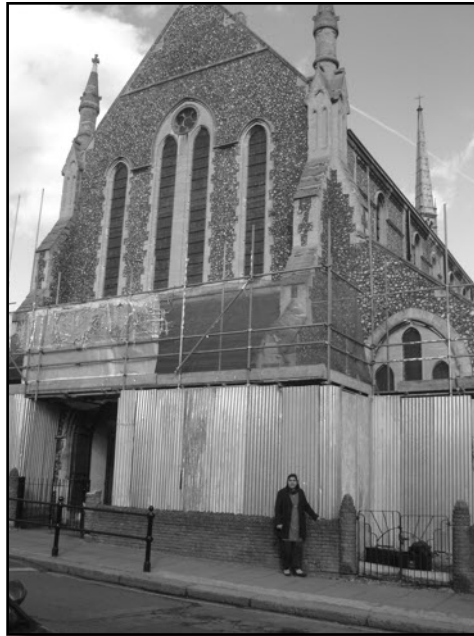
Plastic Recycling



Lib Dem cabinet member for **Environment**, Cllr **Bob Belam** says:

"From April 1st residents will be able to re-cycle yoghurt pots, food trays, plastic bags and drink cartons – these were previously not re-cyclable."

The Council **cannot** recycle polystyrene, ceramics, CDs or videos. **Focus** suggests that you donate them to a charity shop.



Lib Dem Cllr **Samina Safdar** visited the Church to see how the work was getting on.

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Potholes

Due to the weather a number of potholes have appeared in our roads. **The Focus Team** has been reporting these to the Council.



The Council has temporarily filled in over a thousand holes and are trying to fill in the rest; unfortunately the continuing frost is causing more holes to appear.

Lib Dem Councillors Surgery/Advice Centre

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No appointments are necessary
All consultations are confidential

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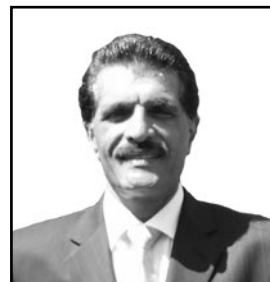
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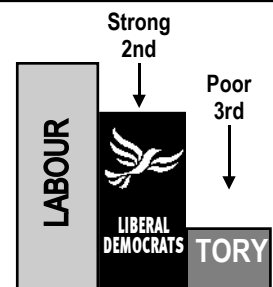
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