

**COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION**

County Councillor COLIN TAYLOR has been chosen by the Liberal Democrats to stand for re-election to the County Council on 4<sup>th</sup> June.



Colin has lived in Epsom since 1970. He was first elected to the county council in 2001. He is also a borough councillor for Stamford ward and serves as a school governor for three local primary schools.

Colin's interests include Highways, Planning and Health. He is involved in scrutinising NHS plans for the future of Epsom General Hospital.

He will continue to press for better maintenance of local roads and better road safety, especially around schools.

Colin Taylor is opposed to excessive development that would put a strain on local services. He will fight to safeguard local Green Belt land.

Colin Taylor – the councillor with “the commitment local people appreciate”

**THE KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS**

Cllr Colin Taylor says the key issues at County Hall will be:

- Improving the roads and the other council services.
- Keeping costs down by cutting bureaucracy not services.

The key issues for county councillors here in **Epsom** will be:

- Reducing traffic congestion in the Town Centre.
- Residents' Parking Scheme to deal with commuter parking.


**SIX STEPS TO A BETTER DEAL FOR SURREY**

Surrey's Liberal Democrat county councillors and campaigners have launched their plans to improve Surrey's One-Star County Council and the services that it provides to residents.

“Council tax in Surrey has doubled over the last ten years, but services are being cut yet again”, says Cllr Colin Taylor, “and still our roads remain a mess. It's just not good enough, particularly when we see just how much money our Conservative-run one-star county council has wasted.”

It's time for changes at County Hall that only the **Liberal Democrats** can provide.

Their plans are comprehensive and backed by a published Manifesto – for the details see inside. Turn to the back page for the top priorities – the “**Six to Fix**”.



## **DO YOU REMEMBER THIS HEADLINE?**

Tory-led Surrey County Council became the only "One Star" county council due to its poor services for vulnerable children.

*Yet they spend millions on PR and tried to risk even more in a failed attempt to get a Judicial Review of Ofsted's findings.*

Everyone knows the roads are bad, but the Tories are paying consultants to find out if the public are satisfied with them.

*Yet they insist on calling Surrey an "Outstanding" authority.*

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**IT'S ENGLAND'S  
WORST COUNCIL**

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### **THE LIB DEM TOP PRIORITIES – THE SIX TO FIX**

1. Improve the roads and pavements.
2. More help for older people, disabled people, vulnerable children and their carers.
3. More activities for young people.
4. Protect the environment.
5. Improve and protect public transport.
6. Stop Surrey County Council wasting money.

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### **THE LIB DEM RECORD OF ACTION AND SUCCESS 2005-2009**

1. We put pressure on the Tories to improve the condition of the roads and pavements. This has led to money being spent on resurfacing more roads.
2. We urged the Tories to tackle the problem of flooding that affects some properties and causes hazards on some Surrey roads. We asked the Council to identify the problem areas and to improve road drainage. This resulted in money being allocated to a number of flood prevention schemes.
3. We opposed Tory proposals to cut bus services and as a consequence the cuts were shelved.
4. We led the campaign to oppose the closure of a number of youth centres. This succeeded as the Tories backed down and the youth centres were retained.
5. We opposed the cut to the number of youth workers resulting from the recruitment freeze in the youth service. As a result, the Tory administration reversed the decision and lifted the recruitment freeze which meant that youth centres could continue to maintain their opening hours for the benefit of young people.
6. We led the opposition to the Tory proposals to close a number of libraries in Surrey. The Tory administration did a U-turn and the libraries were retained.
7. We have pressed the Tories to work with Boroughs and Districts in Surrey to increase the amount of waste that is reduced, re-used and recycled. This is now happening.
8. We have consistently opposed mass burn incineration and have called for the County Council to dispose of the remaining waste in the most environmentally friendly way possible. As a result, the Council is now considering different ways of disposing of the remaining waste such as anaerobic digestion and composting.
9. We pressed Surrey County Council as a major employer and as a Council representing a significant number of UK residents to urgently take a leadership role and act to reduce Surrey's impact on climate change. As a consequence, two years later, the Tory administration has produced a strategy on climate change.
10. As the only effective opposition on Surrey County Council, we have kept up the pressure on the Tory administration to ensure that they were held accountable for their actions.