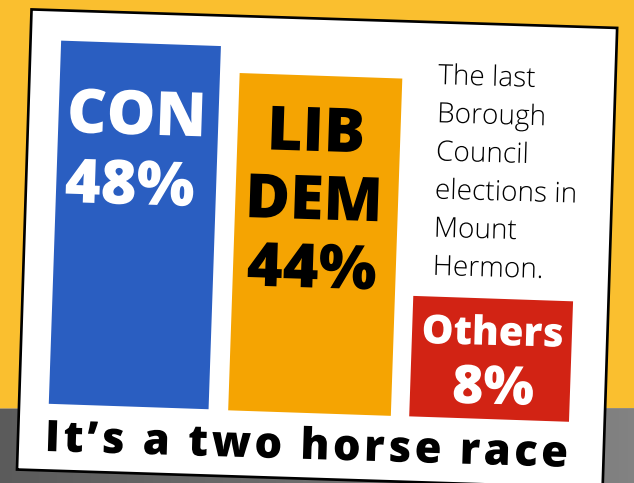


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From Liam Lyons and the Mount Hermon Lib Dems



# Save Woking Police Station

Lib Dem Liam Lyons campaigns to save Woking Police Station from closure



Liam Lyons opposes Conservative plans to close Woking Police Station.

Local Lib Dems have launched a campaign to keep Woking's Police Station open following Surrey's Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner's recent announcement that he wants to close it.

The Police say they can cut costs by completely closing their stations in Reigate and Woking, and moving to a newer HQ at Mount Browne in Guildford. Police staff currently in Woking's Police Station would move to Guildford Police Station and Woking Borough Council's Civic Offices.

Lib Dem candidate for Mount Hermon, Liam Lyons said, "The Lib Dems and I are very disappointed that Woking looks set to lose its Police Station. A town and borough the size of Woking needs its own

Police Station and a sizable Police presence locally. I know many local residents are concerned about crime already, and Woking losing its Police Station will hardly help keep people safe from crime and anti-social behaviour."

Liam Lyons added, "The Tories' decision to close Woking Police Station was taken without any consultation and after they have put up the Police's share of our Council Tax by 5.3%."

On May 3rd, residents have a chance to send a message to the Conservatives that they don't want more cuts to key local services and they don't want to lose Woking's Police Station by voting for change and voting for the Lib Dems.

## Council gritting cuts to hit local roads



Councillor Ian Johnson and the Lib Dems are concerned to hear of plans to reduce gritting on York Road.

According to the Woking Advertiser, Surrey County Council is considering downgrading York Road from its gritting routes as part of its policy to cut £340,000 from its winter maintenance budget.

Ian Johnson said, "I am are very concerned that the County Council wants to remove York Road from its 'Priority One' gritting network. This road is a busy link road in south Woking, it should always be gritted when we have snow or ice. The Council should not be cutting such a significant amount from its winter maintenance budget. This will cause considerable inconvenience to residents and could lead to accidents, endangering drivers and pedestrians alike."

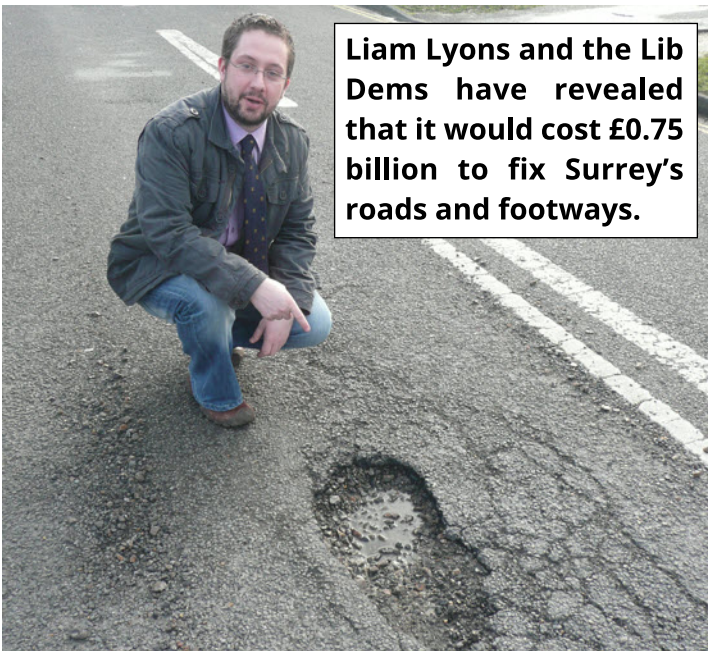
# It's the Lib Dems or Conservatives here!



# Pothole bill revealed

Conservative-run Surrey County Council has admitted that it would take over three quarters of a billion pounds to repair Surrey's roads and footways to an "as new" standard. At the current rate of spending, it would take the County Council almost 50 years to complete this work.

Liam Lyons said, "The fact that our roads and footways are in such a dreadful condition is not news to our residents who have to drive over many potholes every day. That £754 million of spending is needed to bring them up to a decent standard is quite shocking, and only highlights the inadequacy of the County Council's recently announced £5 million of additional funding for road repairs, which is a drop in the ocean. The Council needs a plan to improve our roads and footways after decades of neglect and underfunding by the Tory administration at County Hall."



# Surrey County Council agrees more support for care leavers

The Lib Dems recently succeeded in getting Surrey County Council to agree a package of measures to support care leavers including taking young care leavers out off Council Tax.

As part of a new Charter unanimously agreed by the County Council, young care leavers will be exempted from Council Tax, as well as given support with continuing education, managing a household and work skills.

Lib Dem County Councillor, Will Forster said, "I am pleased that the Council unanimously supported my proposal to make life better for care leavers in Surrey. As corporate parents, we Councillors need to do everything we can to try to make the start of their transition to adult life is as smooth as possible."

Liam Lyons added, "Aside from the other measures proposed, taking care leavers out of Council Tax will make a huge difference to their lives and give them a sound financial footing in their new life, rather than putting them in danger of falling into debt. This Charter could really help change the lives of care leavers, the Lib Dems did very well to get the County Council to agree to their motion. If elected as a Councillor, I will play my part to improve the lives of care leavers."

# MP fails to stand up for Surrey



Local Lib Dems have criticised Woking's Conservative MP after he voted in favour of the Local Government Finance Settlement which includes significant funding cuts for Surrey and Woking Councils.

The Settlement sets out the level of funding from Central Government to local authorities for the next financial year and has been heavily criticised for not providing adequate funding to councils to provide essential services.

Lib Dem Councillor Will Forster said, "I am deeply disappointed that Woking's MP didn't speak up or vote against cuts to Council budgets."

# Contact the team YOUR CHOICE ON 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY

The Mount Hermon Lib Dems want to hear from you on any issue, big or small, that you'd like help with.



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Liam Lyons and the Lib Dems have a strong record of fighting for Mount Hermon. Liam Lyons was a Councillor for Mount Hermon West between 2010 and 2016. He has lived in Mount Hermon for over a decade, he knows the issues people face.



Liam Lyons has a record of achievement in representing residents' views and fighting their corner. He always works tirelessly to represent local people's interests.



Liam Lyons and the Lib Dems want to stop Woking Borough Council wanting money so taxpayers get value for money for their Council Tax.

OR



The Conservatives are spending so much time and money on Brexit, our key services such as schools, road repairs and social care are suffering. Now Tory cuts are threatening Woking's Police Station.



The Conservatives are the Government, and run Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and Woking Borough Council. Isn't it time for a change?

... and Labour are a distant third in local elections and cannot win here.