

# Key pledges from your local Liberal Democrats



Thursday 6th May 2010 is your chance to elect a councillor to represent you and your neighbourhood on **Tandridge District Council**. 14 of the Council's 42 seats are to be contested.

The **Liberal Democrats** believe in providing you with a clear, honest, costed and ambitious programme which you can expect them to work towards if you elect them to run the Council.

## PROTECTION FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

### ■ Step up "reduce - reuse - recycle"

- ◆ Extend the range of recyclables collected and get an additional civic amenity site in south of Tandridge. Local services = less CO<sub>2</sub>!
- ◆ Promote local energy generating schemes and produce a plan with Energy Saving Trust to radically reduce emissions
- ◆ Improve energy efficiency in homes to combat climate change

### ■ Clean up our streets

- ◆ Improve street sweeping arrangements to create a high quality service especially sweeping near cars
- ◆ Introduce a graffiti hit squad
- ◆ Co-ordinate Surrey Police, Surrey CC, schools and Parish Councils to combat anti-social behaviour
- ◆ More facilities for young people

The Liberal Democrats 'green' credentials are second to none. All their policies have environmental consideration built in. The environment is never an afterthought.

The Liberal Democrats campaign strongly for the introduction of green initiatives, but recognise a high quality living environment is equally as important.

Lib Dem-run councils across the country are behind innovations to improve our neighbourhoods. It is no coincidence that Council Tax rates are lower in these areas because investment in improvements is cheaper than the clean-up costs.



The Highways services in Surrey are split into two regions. In the east, the contractor is under-performing compared to the west. This is confirmed by official figures from County Hall. This results in us having some of the worst roads in the south east without the clout to bring the contractor to account.



## INVESTING IN TRANSPORT & ROADS

### ■ Transfer highway maintenance and its funding from Surrey to Tandridge

- ◆ Will address poor response times, overcome shoddy workmanship and improve the current "Third world" standard of our roads
- ◆ Stop money going on pet schemes rather than maintenance

### ■ Joined-up public transport and parking strategies

- ◆ Buses to meet trains and more station parking
- ◆ Improved parking enforcement, especially disabled bays. Residents' parking schemes where suitable
- ◆ Developers must provide sufficient off-street parking

## BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

### ■ Developers must build housing we need for local people

- ◆ Increase the amount of affordable housing on new developments - key workers can't afford £150K for a starter home
- ◆ The Council must build its own homes instead of giving tax payers money to Housing Associations, whose quality of service can't be guaranteed
- ◆ Introduce a tariff-based charge on new homes to pay for infrastructure

### ■ Promote our local businesses and economy

- ◆ Accelerate development of Caterham Valley and the Oxted Gasholder site.
- ◆ Encourage homeworking, as this reduces transport needs.
- ◆ Farm diversification and hubs/serviced offices for start-up business

The Lib Dems supported Tandridge District Council's Core Planning Strategy process, which includes defence of the Green Belt. Protecting our important countryside while maintaining the quality of life in existing built-up areas - housing should be sited where there are facilities and infrastructure to support population growth.



The Lib Dems recognise that protecting built-up areas from overcrowding is just as important as protecting low quality Green Belt areas - they also recognise that the term "brownfield" unfortunately includes back gardens. The Lib Dems will continue to lobby the Government to promote growth elsewhere to take the pressure off the Southeast.