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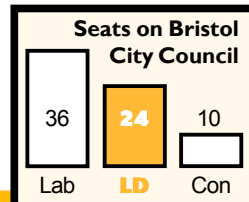
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ELECTION SPECIAL

Only the Lib Dems can challenge Labour!



Bristol Deserves Better!

On 1 May you will have a chance to pass a verdict on Labour's record on Bristol City Council. Having failed to deliver at both a national and local level, pundits predict that Labour will now lose overall control of the Council.

Anne White has been Cabot's Lib Dem councillor for the last five years. She has used this opportunity to campaign on a number of local issues, including local parks, sporting facilities and ensuring the Council offers value-for-money.

Anne says, "We're so close to ridding Bristol of a stale and complacent Labour Party. This is a wonderful city with so much potential - isn't it about time to give the Liberal Democrats a chance to show what we can do?"



Cllr Anne White
Cabot Lib Dem Candidate

Labour's nasty Council Tax shock

Increased Council Tax bills have been greeted with dismay by Cabot residents. "I don't mind paying taxes," says Cabot's Lib Dem Councillor Anne White, "but, like local people, I want to see services improve as well."

Bristol under Labour!



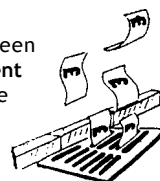
Pensioners will be hit particularly hard. With the continuing chaos in Bristol's benefits service, claims for Council Tax relief for many poorer and unemployed people will be delayed causing further distress.

Why is Bristol's tax rise so high? The simple answer is that, Bristol's finances under Labour are a **complete shambles**. Before

1997, Labour councillors used to moan that all of Bristol's problems could be blamed on the Tory Government. Labour has been in Government for six years and nothing's changed!

The Lib Dems have long pressed for the total **abolition of Council Tax**. We want a local income tax related to peoples' ability to pay.

Anne White comments, "Bristol has been declared a "weak" council by government inspectors. We pay high taxes for inadequate services. Give Labour a firm message that Bristol wants excellent services and value-for-money."



The beginning of the end... but at what cost?

With American forces rapidly extending their control over Baghdad, it appears that the Iraq war may be drawing to an end. **But is this the war that Labour promised us?**

Casualties have been much higher than predicted, with perhaps 2,000 Iraqi civilians already dead. US forces have not found any weapons of mass destruction and the role of the UN as a world peacekeeper is severely dented. **Is this a legitimate cost of war?**



Charles Kennedy MP with Stephen Williams

Stephen Williams, Bristol West Parliamentary Spokesman, explains, "We were clearly opposed to this war - we wanted more time for UN weapons inspections and the moral sanction of the Security Council. We hope that the end is in sight, not least so that humanitarian aid efforts and the rebuilding of Iraq can begin in earnest."

The Lib Dem position on Iraq :

- ✗ Against Saddam Hussein's regime, BUT...
- ✗ Against war without UN backing... STILL!
- ✓ For the safety of UK troops and Iraqi civilians
- ✓ For a UN-led, not US-led, post-war government
- ✓ For rapid humanitarian aid

Moving Bristol forward



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS believe Labour has let down the people of Bristol. Our key objectives will be to improve the **quality of life**, provide a much-needed **transport infrastructure** and **open up opportunities** for the people of the city. An important factor will be to make sure that the Council provides the quality of challenge, support and intervention needed to deliver **improved educational attainment**. We will **build a new school in north-west Bristol** as part of a city-wide strategy to reduce the number of children being taught outside the city. We will better **co-ordinate city regeneration** projects.

Giving power to our communities



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS believe Labour has taken power from communities and we want to give it back. We will **introduce Neighbourhood Committees** with budget and decision-making powers. We will **clean up parks** and other public spaces, **improve safety and access** and provide **better library services**. We will introduce a **freephone Repair Hotline** for Council Tenants. We will continue to support the Police in pressing for more Government funding for **greater security in our communities**. We will **crack down on persistent hooliganism** and nuisance.

Giving value for money



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS believe Labour's administration is wasteful and inefficient; so do Government inspectors who recently branded it 'weak'. Assets are poorly used, money is squandered on central bureaucracy and there is little financial control. We will adopt **more efficient ways of providing services** and replace the over-centralised and inward-looking culture. We will adopt a **'zero waste' policy** and develop new **re-use, refurbishment and recycling schemes**, encouraging community, business and householder participation. We will **reduce landfill waste disposal**, as we have done in Bath.

Vote Lib Dem...



All 53 Lib Dem MPs have voted against the war on every occasion in the House of Commons.

...the only realistic alternative to Labour in Bristol

Lib Dems : Challenging Labour across Bristol



Cllr Anne White - "We could build a swimming pool here"

Park to fund a 50 metre competition pool in another part of the park. Yet South Bristol already has four community pools and another four pools at schools. West Bristol has only the baths at Gloucester Road - **and they are planned for closure!**

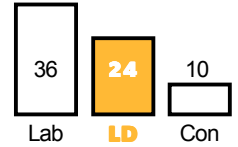
"Labour's swimming strategy is crazy" says Anne. "The best place for a large pool would be the city centre where it could be accessed by public transport from all parts of the city. The Centre also has all the hotels and other facilities needed to host major competitions." Anne is also concerned that the Council should explore funding partnerships, for instance, with the university.

Sport & arts - let down by Labour!

Bristol is on the shortlist for European City of Culture 2008. Quite an accolade - and hopefully Bristol will win. And hopefully, by 2008, Bristol will have the facilities to live up to the title. Cllr Anne White says, "The Lib Dems are fully behind Bristol's bid. We hope that taking part in the contest will lead to more attention being paid to upgrading the City's artistic and sporting facilities."

Anne White has taken a particular interest in encouraging swimming but she is worried that Labour are squandering an opportunity to develop new facilities in the right places. The Labour-controlled Council is planning to sell off part of Hengrove

Seats on Bristol City Council



**The Tories are... THIRD on the Council
THIRD in Bristol West
THIRD in Cabot!**

By George!

Even former Bristol City Council leader **George Micklewright** has had enough of Labour! In a recent public letter he announced his resignation from the Labour Party after 33 years with a stinging attack on the party's policies and lack of openness.

His main reason was the "unnecessary, unlawful and immoral" war in Iraq, but he also attacked the way in which "Tony Blair has dismantled the party's internal democracy".

George finally lost his Filwood seat on Bristol City Council when he was ousted by Lib Dem Ann Cooper a year ago!

Why Labour need a rest in Bristol :

- ✓ **INADEQUATE consultation with residents**
- ✓ **WOFUL performance by city schools**
- ✓ **DREADFUL record on recycling**
- ✓ **WEAK - the Council's official rating by government watchdogs!**

STOP PRESS! Redcliffe Flats Parking

Tenants on the Area Housing Committee will visit the flats on 14 May to look at the parking problem. They have a budget that could be used to help the situation. A scheme has been designed that would cost £35,000. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to make their voices heard. For further information contact Anne White on 0117 903 1946.

Where has all the money gone?



The Labour Council sold our shares in Bristol Airport for £140 million, of which £48 million paid off some debt. **Where has the rest of it gone? Have you noticed any transformation in Bristol?**

Labour have frittered away most of this money and all of the major issues in the city have been left untackled. We have desperate transportation problems and poor cultural and sporting facilities.



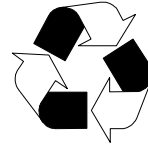
In April 2002, the Council set aside £15 million of the airport money for new swimming pools and claimed they had a £45 million 'strategy'. But the only

pool proposed to be built near Bristol West is already shrouded in 'budgetary problems'. **Cllr Anne White** asks, "How many more airports does Labour have to sell off?"



Reduce your footprint!

Your 'footprint' is a measure of the amount of the world's resources that you use each year. One easy way to start reducing your footprint is through more everyday recycling. **Lib Dem Cllr Anne White** says, "It's a disgrace that Bristol Labour-run Bristol only recycles a pathetic 14% of its domestic waste when **Lib Dem Bath recycles 30%.**" Labour have had little commitment to recycling in Bristol. **The Lib Dems would make recycling a priority, expanding the scheme to plastics and cardboard.**



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Lib Dem Parliamentary Spokesman Stephen Williams supporting students in their opposition to Labour's unpopular plan to **TRIPLE** university tuition fees.

Lib Dem Cllr Anne White at the entrance to St Georges Road where she wants to cut the traffic speed to improve safety for local residents and City of Bristol College students.



Election Day 1st May



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