

TIME FOR ACTION TIME FOR CHANGE

The Conservative Manifesto for the South
Lakeland District Council elections on
2 May 2019



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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR BEN BERRY CONSERVATIVE GROUP LEADER

Dear Resident,

At the heart of this manifesto is you - the people of South Lakeland.

From the fixed-income grandparents struggling to meet rising council tax bills and parking charges, to the young person who faces having to leave South Lakeland to get a decent pay-package, we promise to make a positive difference to your lives.

Our council has been run by the same party for more than a decade and has grown complacent when it comes to securing good jobs, delivering excellent council services and providing value for money.

We have a real plan for the future of South Lakeland that places you at the centre. This manifesto will show you how.

If elected on 2nd May, we ask you to judge us on our results and hold us to account.

Councillor Ben Berry



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DELIVERING OUR PLEDGES TO YOU

A RECORD OF ACTION

- We've successfully campaigned for a reduction in business rates to help our local high streets.
- We've opposed the council's plans to spend £5 million on a luxury makeover of its offices in Kendal.
- We've helped to make sure it is now easier for groups to apply for a woodland creation grant and support our local wildlife.
- We've secured millions of pounds in extra funding for local flood prevention schemes across South Lakeland.
- We've secured more than £2.6 million from the Government to help local areas with high rates of second homes ownership.
- We've led the way in arguing for long-overdue reform to the way our local councils work - change that puts investment in services first.
- We've worked with the Government to get more money in the NHS. With the NHS getting billions extra from this April.
- We've helped to secure an extra £12 million from the Government for pothole repairs in Cumbria.

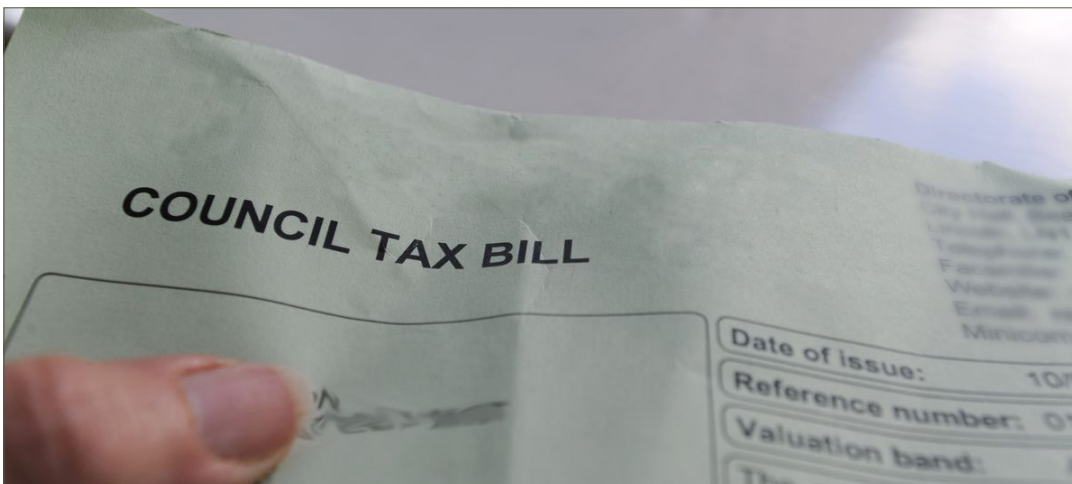
A PROMISE OF MORE

- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll create an enterprise district to attract good jobs to our area.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll protect the services we all use and freeze council tax and car parking charges.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll work with communities to increase tree-planting and support Bee Sanctuary schemes.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll fix the delays in the council's flood grant scheme and make sure people get the help they need.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll deliver more homes for local people by working with communities.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll re-start negotiations to secure hundreds of millions of pounds of funding for our area.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll make sure residents can help to decide where the extra money for the NHS is spent locally.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll ensure the county council provides extra road repair teams for our area.



1. ATTRACT MORE GOOD JOBS TO SOUTH LAKES

- We've helped to secure a cut in business rates that delivers a saving of up to £8,000 a year for local small businesses.
- But more council action is needed. As other parts of the country benefit, in South Lakes average wages continue to lag behind the rest of the nation.
- If elected to run the council on 2 May, we'll create an enterprise district across South Lakes to support tourism and agriculture, and attract high-value manufacturing jobs, creative and digital industries, and medical life sciences employment to our area.



2. FREEZE COUNCIL TAX AND PARKING FEES

- We've identified millions of pounds which the council currently loans to councils as far away as Surrey on top of their £5 million office makeover.
- Despite acting as banker to other councils and holding £7 million in unallocated reserves, council tax has gone up by 13% under the Lib Dems.
- If elected to run the council on 2 May, we'll use council tax raised in South Lakeland to protect services here and give families a well-earned break by freezing council tax rises and parking charges.



3. PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- We've helped to make sure it is now easier for groups to apply for woodland creation grants and support our local wildlife.
- Our local council has removed some of our area's most iconic trees and has been too slow to take action to help protect our local pollinator population.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll work with communities to increase tree-planting and support Bee Sanctuary schemes to protect our local pollinator population.



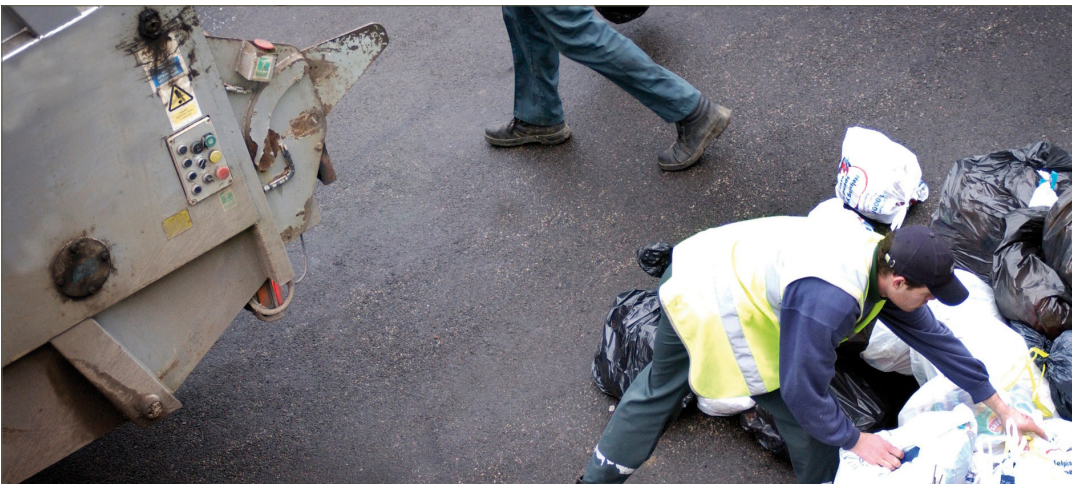
4. FLOOD PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

- We've secured millions of pounds in extra funding for local flood prevention schemes in South Lakeland.
- Our council left residents waiting too long to get grants they were entitled to - and needed - to get back on their feet after the devastation caused by Storm Desmond.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll fix the delays in the council's flood grant scheme and make sure residents get the help they need sooner.



5. MORE HOMES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

- We've secured more than £2.6 million from the Government to help local areas in South Lakeland with high rates of second homes ownership.
- Over the years our council has alienated lots of communities with its heavy-handed approach to planning decisions.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll deliver more homes for local people by listening to our communities and identifying sites that attract local support.



6. PUTTING LOCAL SERVICES FIRST

- We've led the way in arguing for long-overdue reforms to the way our local councils work - change that will put investment in services first.
- Our council has rejected a devolution deal which would unlock millions of pounds in extra investment for our area's front-line services for children and families.
- If elected to run the council on 2nd May, we'll reform the way our council works so that your council tax is used to fund improved local services - not frittered away on councillors' allowances and town hall bosses' huge salaries.



7. GIVE YOU A SAY ON EXTRA NHS MONEY

- We've worked with the Government to get more money in the NHS. And we're starting to invest straight away.
- While Carlisle has secured a new £30 million radiotherapy service, our council has failed to get South Lakeland's voice heard when it comes to investment in our local NHS.
- If elected to run the council on 2 May, we'll make sure residents can help to decide where extra money for the NHS is spent locally.



8. SECURE EXTRA ROAD REPAIR TEAMS LOCALLY

- Working with the Government, we've secured an extra £12 million for county council road repairs in Cumbria.
- The last time the county council received extra funding for pothole repairs, they failed to spend it on road repairs months after receiving it.
- If elected to run the council on 2 May, we'll ensure South Lakeland gets a fair share of this new funding to secure extra road repair teams for our area.

YOUR CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATES



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**YOUR LOCAL
CONSERVATIVE TEAM
STANDING UP FOR YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY**