

SOUTHAMPTON'S CITIZENS BLAST TORY FAILURE

Devastating survey results

It's official - vital Council services have declined since the Tories took over. The people of Southampton told an independent MORI survey what they thought, and it's bad news for the Tories.

Only a quarter of residents now think that the council provides value for money.

Fewer feel able to influence decisions in their local area and less than half think that local public services act on their concerns.

FOCUS campaigner Adrian Vinson says: "It's sad that people now recognise that the Tories have messed up what the Liberal Democrats achieved for the city."

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Nick Clegg - "NO Income Tax for 4m People"

Nick Clegg describes the new Lib Dem tax policy: "Under this Labour Government millions of people on low incomes are forced to pay hundreds of pounds in income tax every year. This means that for many people in low paid jobs, work simply doesn't pay.

Even a person working full time earning the minimum wage sees nearly £1000 taken from them in income tax.

We propose that no one earning less than £10,000 should pay income tax. This cuts the average working age person's income tax bill by £700, and pensioners' income tax bills by £100.

We will pay for this by cutting reliefs and closing tax loopholes that benefit the wealthiest, and a 1% levy on properties over £2m.

These plans mean that almost 4 million people on low incomes would no longer have to pay any income tax at all."



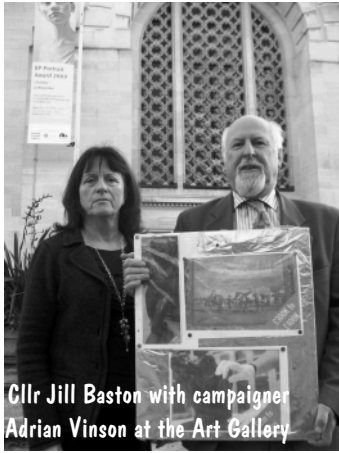
Nick Clegg explains the Lib Dem tax plans

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TORIES FORCED TO RECONSIDER ON ART SALES



Cllr Jill Baston with campaigner Adrian Vinson at the Art Gallery

Southampton's Conservative Council has deferred a decision to sell works from the City Art Gallery after criticism from national art organisations, local people and Liberal Democrat councillors.

Local Lib Dem campaigner Adrian Vinson says: "The Tories have declared time after time that there was no alternative to selling the artworks. Now they've got to reconsider. They could have saved a lot of time and expense if they'd listened to us in the first place."

Success on Bus Seat Reminder

The company owning Unilink buses has promised Cllr Jill Baston that notices reminding passengers to give up seats to elderly or less mobile people will now be installed. Jill comments: "It can be distressing to see younger people occupying these seats when elderly people could clearly benefit from them. Often all that's needed is a gentle reminder."



Council Accepts Our Climate Change Challenge

Portswood Lib Dem Councillors Jill Baston and Steve Sollitt have persuaded the Council to sign up to 10:10, the new climate change initiative. Steve says: "The Tories do not seem to recognise the urgency which is the whole point of the campaign, are very complacent, and kept talking about 2050."

The campaign commits councils, businesses, institutions and individuals to cutting their carbon emissions by 10% in 2010.

If you'd like to find out more, here is the website address: www.1010.org.uk

DOWN YOUR STREET

Adrian Vinson has asked for potholes to be repaired in Welbeck Avenue, South Road and Kent Road.



Church Path was cleared of a mass of damp, slippery leaves after a request from Cllr Steve Sollitt.



New street nameplates are in place in Priory Avenue thanks to a resident who notified Cllr Jill Baston.



The Liberal Democrats made it Council policy to prioritise pavement repairs in areas with many elderly residents. Residents tell us they are pleased to see the results in Westwood Road.



Can we help you?

Let us know of any local concerns you may have in this space.



Can you help us?

- I can do some FOCUS delivery
- I'm interested in joining the Lib Dems
- I can do some clerical work

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