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ADRIAN FORD - LIB DEM CHOICE FOR TEST



Adrian Ford

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Southampton **Lib Dems** have selected **Adrian Ford** as **Liberal Democrat** candidate for Southampton Test in May's General Election.

Adrian says: 'My family and I love Southampton, where I have lived for 25 years, with all of the city's facilities, including our wonderful parks and Common, heritage and diversity.'

Adrian runs his own business in the city centre. He has a degree in business studies from Southampton Solent University, and has served as Chairman of his local trade

association and of his daughter's school's parent-teacher association. He is currently Chair of Southampton Liberal Democrats.

Adrian says: 'Nationally I believe good quality public services, including investing in the health service and our schools, colleges and universities, cheaper and more frequent trains and buses, and encouraging development of all forms of renewable energy are essential in order to provide all our citizens with a decent standard of living.'

A FAIR DEAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Southampton Test Parliamentary candidate **Adrian Ford** writes: 'The **Liberal Democrats** are the **ONLY** party to have committed to protecting funding for children and young people from 'cradle to college'.

- ✓ **Free childcare** - high quality pre-school education for all 3 and 4 year olds.
- ✓ **Continuing to provide extra funding for disadvantaged children** through the **Pupil Premium** - over £6.5 million for schools in Southampton Test over the last 3 years.
- ✓ Enhanced and equal rights to **parental leave**.
- ✓ Healthy **free school lunches** for all infants.
- ✓ Early years **Pupil Premium** of £50m for 172,000 of the most disadvantaged 3-4 year olds.

Adrian Ford says: 'I want every child in Britain today, no matter what their background, to get the best start in life and have a chance of achieving success. That is why education is my top priority.'



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On Thursday 7th May **FORD Adrian**



Stronger Economy - Fairer Society

SOME MORE OF THE SUCCESSES OF THE LIB DEMS IN GOVERNMENT:

- ★ More than 11 million pensioners will now receive £950 more in their pension than they did in 2010.
- ★ University acceptances reached 512,400 in 2013-14 - the highest ever. And application rates from disadvantaged 18 year olds are at their highest ever levels.
- ★ Over 2 million apprenticeships have been created since 2010. Over half have gone to women.
- ★ Over 2 million more private sector jobs now than in 2010.

Find out more at www.libdems.org.uk

OUR NHS

Liberal Democrats intend to increase NHS funding by at least £8 billion a year by 2020.

We will focus extra funding on two key priorities:

MENTAL HEALTH - we want to end the discrimination against mental health problems. We have pledged £500 million extra a year to support people.

PREVENTION - keeping people healthier for longer and supporting them to stay as healthy as possible.

Adrian Ford says: *'Only the Liberal Democrats are committed to increasing NHS funding by £8*



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Lib Dems Deliver TAX CUTS To 27m Workers

Cutting taxes for workers by raising the personal allowance to £10,000 was on the front page of the 2010 Liberal Democrat manifesto.

As a result of this key Lib Dem policy, a typical basic rate taxpayer is now £825 a year better off compared with 2010/11.

By the end of this parliament, Liberal Democrats will have lifted more than 3 million people out of paying tax altogether.

This would not be happening without the Liberal Democrats in government.

Adrian Ford says: "The Conservatives said it was not affordable but Liberal Democrats in government have fought tooth and nail to cut taxes for workers."

LIB DEMS SET GREEN AGENDA



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Lib Dem plans for 5 new 'green laws' :

A NATURE BILL setting targets for conservation, clean air and water, and access to green space.

A HEATING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY BILL boosting renewables, setting new energy efficiency targets, relieving fuel poverty.

A ZERO-WASTE BILL prioritising recovery and recycling, with an action plan with binding targets to reduce waste and end landfill.

A ZERO-CARBON BILL ending dirty coal power stations and setting a target for the electricity sector to reduce carbon emissions.

A GREEN TRANSPORT BILL prioritising walking, cycling and public transport in new developments and giving incentives for greener travel.

Southampton Test Parliamentary candidate Adrian Ford says: 'As well as the 5 'green laws', I am proud of the Liberal Democrats' green record in government. We've created 200,000 'green' jobs, more than doubled renewable energy generation, and announced a £214m investment in cycling.

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