

Lichfield Liberal Democrats choose Cllr. Ian Jackson

Lichfield Liberal Democrats have chosen Cllr. Ian Jackson as their Prospective Candidate for the forthcoming General Election, widely expected to be on May 6th.

Cllr. Jackson is the Leader of the main opposition group on Lichfield District Council. He has represented Leomansley Ward since 2003 and contested the Lichfield Constituency for the Liberal Democrats in 2005. Speaking to a well-attended meeting last Saturday Cllr. Jackson told his audience that Liberal Democrats will fight this campaign on a platform of Fairness - Fair Taxes, Fair Politics, a Fair Economy and a Fair Start for every child.



“This important election will be fought against the background of a desperate economic crisis. Together with Japan, total UK private, corporate and national debt is the worst in the world. With the pressing requirement to reduce our debt we must expect inevitable reductions in personal income and more expensive credit.

“The Liberal Democrats are the party best suited to offer solutions to the crisis. We are not in the pockets of vested interests in big business and the unions. In Vince Cable we have a potential Chancellor who is widely regarded as the only spokesman to have a real grasp of the problem. The Liberal Democrats, for example, are the only party to recognise the need to split the High Street banking functions off from Investment Banking. The taxpayer can no longer be expected to bail out the speculators.

“We will continue to campaign for serious constitutional reform where the Liberal Democrats are the only party that can be trusted to make the real changes that are needed. We must to change the way we elect our representatives at local and national level, to give voters a real say. We need to devolve power from the centre, get rid of Quangos and rationalise local government. We need to replace council tax with a fairer system and return the business rate to local control. This would enable our local council to give incentives to businesses to locate to the area.

“With the real prospect of a hung parliament the Liberal Democrats are serious players in this election. **In the county council elections in 2009 we polled more votes than Labour within the constituency. We are now the only viable alternative to the Conservatives in Lichfield.** We have a stronger and more confident organisation than in 2005 and we are ready to go.”