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Herts County Council Candidate Ralph Sangster

I have had the privilege of serving as the County Councillor for Rickmansworth Division for the past four years. In 2015 the Boundary Commission introduced new boundaries for County Divisions and as a consequence I will be standing on May 4th as the County Council Candidate for the renamed Rickmansworth West Division.

During my tenure I have served the residents of my Division to the best of my ability. I have resolved many individual issues and ensured

that the area has been well supported by County Council services.

I have worked hard to represent residents views and concerns about local issues such as the condition of our highways. My background and experience in construction and project management was recognised in 2016 when I was appointed Deputy Executive member for the Highway Service.

I have worked with the Executive Member over the last two years to significantly

improve the service's performance introducing new initiatives and focusing on residents most vexing issues. I believe there has been a significant overall improvement in delivering a safe and serviceable highway network, which is one of the busiest in the Country, while still recognising that more needs to be done.

I would be honoured to serve Rickmansworth West as its County Councillor and will do all within my power to ensure that its residents receive the very best services the County Council can afford.

Ralph Sangster

A County of Opportunity

Hertfordshire is one of the most desirable places to live in the Country. On average people live longer, healthier and happier lives in a county with some of the lowest crime rates and highest education standards in England.

Let's keep it that way Vote Conservative on May 4th

For Rickmansworth West

Vote Conservative

On Thursday 4th May

76% of residents say the County Council have maintained or improved services

In a period of considerable financial pressure the County Council has been able to strike a balance between the interests of the Council Tax payers and those who rely on its Services. It has delivered value for money and prioritised spending on front line services.



A great place to live, work and raise a family



A great place to spend a happy and healthy retirement



A great place for business and Jobs

To protect the vulnerable and your most valued services you should vote Conservative

Do not believe empty promises or reckless commitments by opposition parties. Given the opportunity they will crash and burn the County Council's Budget, putting the vulnerable and your most valued services at risk

The County Council already raises the maximum cash it is permitted to from Council Tax and other sources.

The only way opposition parties can finance additional spending commitments is to;

Borrow More or Cut Existing Services

Liberal Democrats want you to believe they have a magic money tree from which £10's millions can be harvested. If all their implied commitments were to be delivered they would;

Crash and Burn the Council's Budget

plunging it into crisis.

They already have form for overspending budgets. At Three Rivers the Liberal Democrat Administration has, on average, overspent their annual budget by 6.5% for the last 8 years. That is the equivalent of £52 million a year at County Level.

Such reckless spending would trigger an emergency budget requiring savage cuts to unprotected services like Highways and Libraries.

Over the past 4 years significant savings have been achieved by redesigning the way the Council delivers services. Introducing technology to improve value for money and productivity. The Council has also had to take difficult decisions on transport subsidies and third party commissioning.

In all it has saved over £30 million with little impact on front line services.

Most of these savings were rejected by the opposition parties. They need to explain where would we be now if we had not delivered them and where will they find £24 million of savings needed to balance the books for next year?



Mischievous Lib Dem Survey



Another day and another opportunity to mislead, misrepresent and manipulate local residents' opinions.

If you have come across the Lib Dem survey you need to be wary of the claims, insinuations and fictions embedded in its questions.

You may find the information below enlightening. When you receive their campaign leaflet notice how they use the survey responses to reinforce their agenda.

Isn't it also worrying that local Lib Dems appear not to be better informed on these issues, or are they?

● **Roads and Pavements**

If asked, who wouldn't want better roads and pavements. What's missing in the proposition is "which services would you like to cut to pay for them"

● **Education**

Blaming the County Council for the lack of school places when it isn't its responsibility to build new schools is deceitful. It is a Central Government function.

● **Buses**

Subsidies support a tiny minority of routes. Saving £1.4 million pounds in 2015 helped to support Libraries and Children's Centres.

● **Street Lighting**

Part Night Lighting has saved millions of pounds to invest in other services and enabled the Council to meet its climate change targets. With the new investment in LED's it will be possible to retain these gains and be more flexible on timing in the Part Night Lighting areas.

● **Verges and Trees**

The County Council is only responsible for maintaining verges and trees to a safe standard not an aesthetic one. If local residents want more, Local District Councils take over this responsibility and subsidise the service. Three Rivers does not.

● **Drains & Flooding**

Drains and Gullies are blocked by silt and detritus washed into them. Three Rivers District Council, who are responsible for cleaning the roads, has cut back this service so more drains are being blocked. Nearly 400 gullies have been dug out this year in Rickmansworth alone.

● **Supporting the Vulnerable**

Hertfordshire County Council's social and children's services are considered one of the top performing in the Country. They have been at the forefront of innovation and improvement in service delivery. Focusing their resources is a key factor in driving value for money, productivity and maintaining service levels.

● **Higher Council Tax**

The Liberal Democrats know that the County Council raises all that it is permitted to from Council Tax. Deceiving residents into thinking that more could be raised to support the vulnerable, without a referendum, is disingenuous.

A record to be proud of

The Conservative administration at County Hall has a Proven Track Record of: vision, innovation and financial control

- Vision is vital in recognising services must change and adapt to meet expectations
- Innovation is an essential ingredient of improving productivity and achieving value for money
- Maintaining and improving services can only take place when finances are under control



“ I think Hertfordshire might just be our national treasure. ”

Isabelle Trowler

England's Chief Social Worker

THE POTHOLE SEASON

AS THE POTHOLE SEASON REACHES ITS BUSIEST MONTHS PLEASE CONTINUE TO REGISTER THEM ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL WEBSITE. CURRENTLY THEY ARE ONLY TAKING 15 DAYS ON AVERAGE TO REPAIR AND 99.8% ARE FIXED WITHIN THE 20 DAY TARGET.

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