

CLLR PATRICK WILSON

CHOSEN AS CANDIDATE FOR DONCASTER CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY

Commenting on his selection Patrick said “*Town Moor Ward (formerly Intake Ward) has changed considerably during my time as a councillor. It is my ambition to be elected to parliament to take those changes a step further*”.

Some of the improvements I will campaign to introduce are;



JUSTICE IN NEIGHBORHOODS

Give people a direct say in how petty criminals and those who engage in anti-social behaviour are punished in their area. This will be achieved by the creation of Neighbourhood Justice Panels, like the one run by **Liberal Democrats** in Somerset where 95% of offenders have been turned away from crime.

Make Prisoners Work

It is only fair that prisoners pay for the damage they cause. They will be made to work and provide a financial contribution to a compensation fund for victims. At the moment prisons are just colleges of crime. Making prisoners work will give them the skills and discipline they need to “go straight” when they are released.

3,000 More Police On The Beat

Everyone knows that the way to cut crime is to catch those that commit crime - and we need more police out on the streets to do it. By scrapping pointless ID cards, we will pay for 3,000 more police, and cut bureaucracy so that they're out fighting crime not filling in forms. The police will also work better, by giving local people a say in tackling outdated or bad working practices.

Under Labour South Yorkshire is 308 police officers below strength

FAIR TAX SYSTEM

Under this government millions of people on low incomes are forced to pay hundreds of pounds of income tax every year, keeping pensioners on the breadline and meaning that for many people in low paid jobs work simply doesn't pay. At the same time we have a tax system that lets the rich treat tax as an option.

The **Liberal Democrats** will raise the threshold at which people start paying income tax from current levels to £10,000 cutting the average tax bill by £700 and for pensioners by £100. These plans will mean that almost 4 million people on low incomes will not have to pay income tax at all.

At present 1 in 5 pensioners live below the breadline. The **Liberal Democrats** would immediately restore the link between the basic state pension and increases in average earnings meaning that pensioners living standards keep improving at the same pace as working people. A higher state pension is needed if pensioner poverty is to be avoided and to ensure that they share in economic recovery when it arrives.

The current council tax system is unfair as it does not consider ability to pay. This will be changed to a fair local income tax.

IMMIGRATION CONTROL

People with the skills that are needed to contribute to this country should be welcomed. Without them, essential services such as the National Health Service could not function.

Years of incompetence by the Labour government have led to a crisis of confidence amongst ordinary Britons. The **Liberal Democrat** approach to immigration will be to focus on a system that really works. We will improve border controls with the introduction of a National Border Force, so that only people who can benefit this country will be allowed to enter, with stringent removal powers.

MY PLEDGES TO YOU

- I will not claim for a second home and will live in Doncaster
- I will not increase my income by employing members of my family
- I will not claim extra pay allowances
- I will not claim first class rail fares
- I will not claim for luxury goods or home improvements
- I will publish all of my expenses on the internet

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