

# Wokingham Borough Liberal Democrats: Our Local Manifesto 2018

## Treating people fairly

### The problems

- Access to council services is hard if you don't have good IT skills or can't get to the main Council Offices
- Life is made more difficult for residents who have problems with disability and mobility, mental health issues, and low incomes, because the council doesn't properly take their needs into account
- Council spend is focused around Wokingham Town, with little going to the rest of the Borough
- Hate crime is rising
- Young people particularly struggle to get housing
- Voluntary organisations of all kinds are not valued
- The council makes decisions without the residents they affect having a voice
- Secrecy prevents residents finding out what is happening

### Our solutions

- Improve the council's online, telephone and person-to-person contact facilities so all residents can have access
- Make sure new council projects take account of all residents needs before work begins
- Cut back the Wokingham Town Centre regeneration and provide facilities for other parts of the Borough
- Work with other organisations locally to combat all forms of discrimination and bigotry
- Use the council-owned housing companies to provide affordable homes for young residents and build council houses
- Create a new partnership with voluntary organisations that gives them influence and acknowledges their contribution to our community
- Consult residents properly and act on their findings
- Open up meetings at the council to give more public access
- Communicate honestly and openly with residents