



Liberal Democrat Priorities for Nottingham

Local Elections 2023

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To the People, Organisations, and Businesses of Nottingham

Dear Friend,

On the 4th May there is a chance to move Nottingham away from the debt, mismanagement and decline of the past four years.

The following statement of priorities outlines our plans to influence our city's journey towards 2027. This document shows the city our 'six to fix' – our immediate priorities to kickstart the regeneration and clean up of Nottingham. If you want change in Nottingham, there is only one way to do it – vote for your Liberal Democrat candidates on May 4th.

We hope that we can count on your support.

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The Lib Dems' SIX TO FIX in Nottingham



The Liberal Democrats are the party of local government and believe the most important issues are the ones that affect people on a daily basis. Residents in the city want good services at a good price. Nottingham has one of the highest council tax rates in the country and yet it is in decline. It's time to reverse that.

- **A council that cleans up its finances.** Sound finances need to be restored to the City Council. Any Lib Dems elected would be an effective opposition to scrutinise their finances.
- **Building a better Broad Marsh.** Making sure the Broad Marsh development has a proper green space and that any building on that land is to a decent environmental standard, rather than lowest common denominator.
- **A sound future for Nottingham Castle - with a public business plan.** The Castle needs to be reopened with a proper, public business plan, and we will push for the grounds to be open to all (not just three times a year as Labour are promising)
- **Protect our libraries.** We still don't have a Central Library, several years after the previous one was closed. The council has wasted money on storing books while, at the same time, threatening to close three more libraries. The Lib Dems fought those closures and will push the council to deliver better provision, including a proper central library again.
- **Attract jobs & investment.** Nottingham is an internationally known city, famous for many inventions and for Robin Hood. The current administration has presided over its decline. Lib Dems would engage with business plus the creative and science sectors. It's time for the city to be revitalised.
- **Turn around the city's 'inadequate' Children's Services.** It is shameful that the City Council's provision of Children's Services has been rated 'inadequate' by Ofsted. There are Lib Dem councillors in the UK who have turned around failing Children's Services provision. If elected, the Lib Dems would engage with them and push for sharing of best practice so that the next generation in Nottingham are not let down.



Where we are in 2023 - the political reality in Nottingham

Labour have controlled the council since it was formed. They have 50/55 seats and it is certain they will be in charge again - what isn't certain is whether there will be an opposition. With the Conservatives in chaos and Labour pushing hard to win marginal seats, there's a chance that we could be in a one party state from 5th May.

That being the case, every vote for the Liberal Democrats will send the council a message. Every Liberal Democrat elected will be an effective opposition

Every vote for the Lib Dems sends the message that our city needs a strong, functioning opposition, that scrutinises the decisions of the council and that fights for a better deal for residents.

Our Priorities



- ✔ Fixing the mismanagement, unlawful misspends and finances
- ✔ Fixing the lack of environmental vision at the Broad Marsh
- ✔ Fixing the fiasco at Nottingham Castle and opening the grounds to all
- ✔ Fixing the chaos at our libraries. Stopping closures and pushing for the central library to be a space for the city to be proud of
- ✔ Fixing the lack of ambition. Making sure this is a city that attracts investment. Less blame on others for the city's failures and more action from the council
- ✔ Fixing things for the next generation. Pushing to turn around Children's Services

