



FOCUS



On Dunston Hill & Whickham East

Lib Dems Oppose Council Tax Rise

Some reserves used - but not to reduce residents' bills



Gateshead Council have set a budget for the year ahead. The key features include:

- **Council tax will increase by 2.99%**, the highest increase allowed without a referendum.
- Some of the £48M reserves will be used, but not to reduce Council Tax for residents.
- Labour have put up council tax by almost 3% when people in Gateshead are paying the highest council tax (Band D) of any metropolitan council.
- 75% of those who responded to the Council

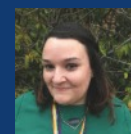
consultation disagreed with a Council Tax increase.

Vicky Anderson said "Another year of Council tax increasing is going to be tough for residents, especially with household bills set to increase further this year. Residents deserve a break"

Liberal Democrat Councillors listened to resident's concerns and voted against the Council Tax increase at the Annual Budget meeting in February this year. The rise was voted through by the Labour run Council.

Contact the Team

The local Lib Dem team want to hear from you on any issue, big or small, that you'd like help with.



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Vote for Amelia in the local elections on 5th May



Amelia Ord has been a long standing and hard working local campaigner in Dunston and Whickham.

"I have been active in the local community since 2010 and working hard to improve the area. Voting for me to be the next Liberal Democrat Councillor for Dunston Hill and Whickham East will allow me to help more people.

I am a Trustee and Events Coordinator of Friends of Chase Park, Trustee of Whickham Volunteer Library Association. I am a member of Lighting Up Whickham and Whickham Village Belles WI. I became a member of Whickham Rotary last year, after having the privilege of being an honorary member for several years, in recognition of my community service.

I will work with Councillors Peter Maughan and Vicky Anderson, to improve Dunston Hill and Whickham."

Amelia



Amelia Ord and the Liberal Democrat team - working hard for you

- ✓ Cleaning up Gateshead
- ✓ Saying No to Labour waste
- ✓ Working hard all year round

Council House Rent Goes Up!

In January, Gateshead Labour Councillors voted to increase the rent for Gateshead Council tenants by 4.1%. Liberal Democrat Councillors opposed this.

Peter Maughan said "This increase will be a big blow to council house tenants. Many people are really feeling the cost of living crisis and this increase will only make things worse"

The rise will be introduced in April.

643 Bus Service Saved - For Another Year

This hourly, inter-peak, Monday – Saturday route was introduced in September 2021 with funding from the Government's Covid Recovery Funding for buses which has now been phased out. The 643 replaced the original M8 commercial service operated by Go North East.

We are pleased to advise you that the 643 has now been saved with funding from Nexus and a new one year contract has been awarded to Go North East. There are some minor timetable changes and the 643 will also be extended to serve IKEA .

Local campaigner **Amelia Ord** said, "This is very welcome news. I have spoken to residents who have been very concerned about the future of this service. The 643 serves some isolated residents in parts of our area who would otherwise be left without any service".



Planning Permission Still Not Officially Granted For Labour's Houses On Whickham Highway



Residents have been in touch with the Liberal Democrat Focus Team asking for information on the timescales of the planning application for the houses south of Whickham Highway. Permission for 582 houses was granted by Gateshead Council in

November 2018 subject to a Section 106 Legal Agreement. Planning permission will only be granted once such an agreement is in place. Your Liberal Democrat Focus Team have recently been advised that a Section 106 Legal Agreement has still not been agreed between Gateshead Council and Persimmon Homes.

Parking on Market Lane

There have been concerns raised about the safety for school children and residents due to parking on Market Lane. These have been passed onto the Council by your Lib Dem team.



Previously a PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) zone has been established on Market Lane and Park Terrace from 7th September 2020 to try and reduce parking during peak hours.

Local Lib Dem campaigner **Amelia Ord** said, "We would like to see an extension in the protection order and further precautions in place to make the area around the school as safe as possible for children, parents, staff and local residents."

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Name:

Address:

Post Code: Phone:

Email:

- I want to join the Liberal Democrats
- I can help deliver Liberal Democrat leaflets in my area
- I can help with clerical work for the Liberal Democrats
- I will vote for the Liberal Democrats in the May 2022 local election

Return to Amelia Ord:

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