### **Cornwall Liberal Democrats**

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Tackling the Climate Emergency
Delivering Prosperity for All



Cornwall Liberal Democrats Manifesto 2021: Standing up for Cornwall



# Liberal Democrats Standing up for Cornwall

The Conservatives have slashed Cornwall's core Government funding by half since 2015 from £176m to just £81m.

Many councils, including Tory-run councils, have been declared bankrupt. But Cornwall's Liberal Democrat and Independent partnership has remained resilient and balanced the budget, successfully defending and improving services.

Liberal Democrats will continue to put Cornwall before the Party – to work with those who put Cornwall's best interests first.

We will stand up for Cornwall and make sure Cornwall's voice is heard, not taken for granted.





Cornwall is one of the fastest developing places in the country. Our housing stock has doubled in the last 40 years. But the housing problems of locals have got worse.

Conservatives want to force Cornwall to take another **80,000 houses**, the equivalent of **24 new towns**.

They forced an additional 7700 houses on Cornwall, claiming that we "must accommodate the growing demand for second homes"!

The planning system is fuelled by greed, not need. We must stop the Conservatives treating Cornwall like a developers' paradise. We need breathing space. Yes to homes which meet local need. **No to concreting over Cornwall.** 

Cornwall comes first.





#### **Cornwall Liberal Democrats**

#### Our Record of Action

Top Council in the country for affordable homes

Foundation Living Wage for all council employees

Protected the adult social care budget

#### Our Promise of More

Protecting the vulnerable

Tackling the climate change emergency

Delivering prosperity for all





#### A record of action

#### **Our 2017 Election Promises:**

- 1. Top Council in the country for providing affordable homes In 2017 the Liberal Democrats promised to provide a thousand new homes for Cornwall. That figure has now been achieved and we have moved beyond it, becoming the top Council in the country for providing affordable homes, allowing more Cornish people to live and work in the place they love.
- 2. Foundation Living Wage for council employees We promised that Cornwall Council employees would be moved onto the Foundation Living Wage we are pleased to say that not only has that promise been achieved, but we also now require Cornwall Council contractors to do the same.
- **3. Protect the social care budget** Our third promise was to protect the social care budget which supports some of Cornwall's most vulnerable children and adults. Not only have we achieved this, but we have increased the social care budget year on year, every year.





#### A promise of more

#### **Our 2021 election promises:**

- 1. **Protecting the Vulnerable** People have always been more important than money in Cornwall. We will continue to protect the adult social care budget because we believe the mark of a civilised society is how we treat the most vulnerable amongst us.
- 2. Tackling the Climate Emergency Liberal Democrat led Cornwall Council declared a climate emergency in January 2019 and since then we have created one of the most ambitious climate change action plans in the country. Our target of achieving zero net carbon for Cornwall by 2030 is a full 20 years ahead of the national government's target of 2050. We will continue to pursue the tackling of climate change as one of our top priorities because local solutions work.
- **3. Delivering Prosperity for All** We will ensure that Cornwall comes out of the Covid-19 pandemic stronger by building homes for Cornish residents, investing in roads and rail, creating apprenticeships, supporting business and providing training for the Cornish workforce.





#### Top Council for affordable homes



www.cornwalllibdems.org.uk/1000homes





#### Living wage promise



www.cornwalllibdems.org.uk/livingwagedelivered





#### Adult social care promise



www.cornwalllibdems.org.uk/socialcaredelivered





#### Conservatives have let Cornwall down

Whether Members of Parliament or Cornwall Councillors the Conservatives have let down Cornwall at almost every opportunity:

- Let down our elderly failed to provide the Personal Protective Equipment needed to keep Cornwall's care home residents safe.
- Let down Cornish communities failed to legislate to stop second home owners benefiting from Covid-19 business payouts.
- Let down Cornish children failed to provide funding for free school meals during the holidays.
- Let down our farmers failed to support Cornish farmers by preventing cheap imports and protecting the UK's high food and animal welfare standards.
- Let down our fishermen failed to support our fishermen at a time when they most needed certainty to plan their business futures.



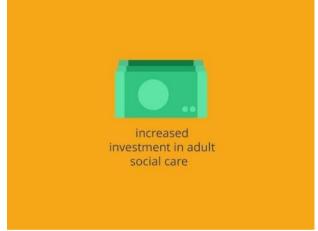


# Our Achievement: Caring Cornwall













## Our Promise: Caring Cornwall







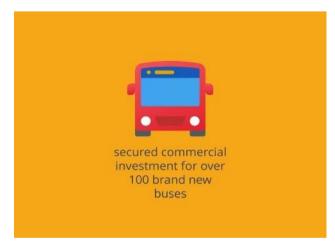






## Our Achievement: Connecting Cornwall













## Our Promise: Connecting Cornwall













## Our Achievement: Cornwall Covid Response







## Our Promise: Cornwall Covid Response







### Our Achievement: Green Cornwall

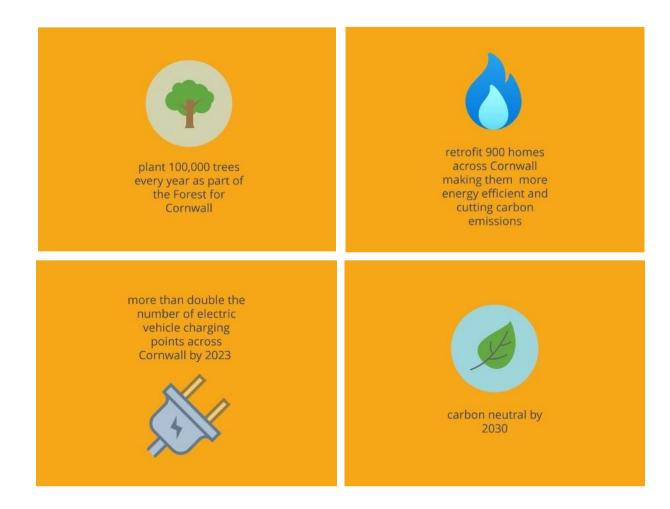






#### Our Promise: Green Cornwall







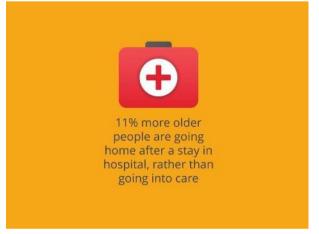
# Our Achievement: Healthy Cornwall













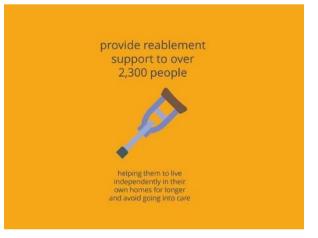
## Our Promise: Healthy Cornwall













### Our Achievement: Homes for Cornwall













#### Our Promise: Homes for Cornwall







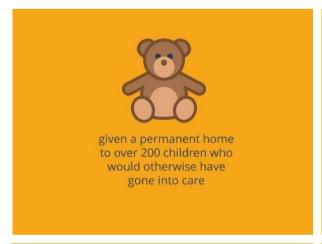


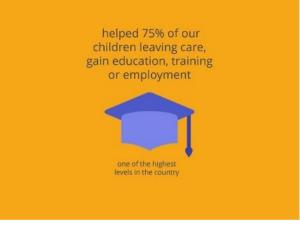




# Our Achievement: Young Cornwall













## Our Promise: Young Cornwall













# Our Achievement: Prosperous Cornwall













## Our Promise: Prosperous Cornwall









