

# Cornwall Liberal Democrats



Protecting the Vulnerable  
Tackling the Climate Emergency  
Delivering Prosperity for All





# 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.



# No to the developers' charter Yes to homes for locals

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](http://www.cornwalllibdems.org.uk/1000homes)



# Living wage promise



[www.cornwalllibdems.org.uk/livingwagedelivered](http://www.cornwalllibdems.org.uk/livingwagedelivered)





# Adult social care promise



[www.cornwalllibdems.org.uk/socialcaredelivered](http://www.cornwalllibdems.org.uk/socialcaredelivered)

# Conservative failure



## 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



freed up over 7,000 hospital bed days a year, by ensuring people get the care they need to leave hospital without delay, once they are well enough



created 130 care sector apprenticeships



increased investment in adult social care

won a national award for our model of supporting children in care and care leavers to thrive



# Our Promise: Caring Cornwall



invest an extra £16 million a year to sustain social care services



provide long-term assistance to over 600 adults across Cornwall with learning disabilities through Supported Living and Shared Lives schemes



provide packages of care to over 2,200 people who are no longer able to live independently at home



respond to over 10,000 requests for early help from families across Cornwall, so that they can avoid crisis and thrive

# Our Achievement: Connecting Cornwall



secured commercial investment for over 100 brand new buses

secured the relocation of National Rail's biggest depot to Long Rock



safeguarding 63 jobs and creating 22 additional engineering jobs

connected more than 9,000 homes and business premises with superfast broadband



94% of properties in Cornwall now have access to superfast



dualled 4.5 kilometres of strategic road



# Our Promise: Connecting Cornwall



bring in discounted  
bus fares for  
everyone making  
short journeys by bus

invest over £180 million in  
connecting Cornwall with  
superfast broadband, better  
roads, and more safe spaces  
for walking and cycling



build a new road  
linking St Austell to  
the A30



deliver a new  
bypass for  
Camelford

# Our Achievement: Cornwall Covid Response



sourced personal  
protective  
equipment for our  
key workers



paid out over £340  
million of support  
grants to local  
businesses



delivered food  
parcels to the  
shielding and those  
in need

set up an enhanced  
contact tracing  
service which is now  
being replicated in  
other places



# Our Promise: Cornwall Covid Response



offer vital support to thousands of Cornish people facing redundancy and income reductions, helping them to retrain and find new jobs through our new People Hub



deliver major regeneration schemes - and invest in reviving high streets in towns and villages across Cornwall



make 5,000 crisis payments to people in Cornwall who are struggling to pay for food and bills




invest tens of millions in Cornwall's future to create well paid jobs and help the Cornish economy recover from the pandemic


# Our Achievement: Green Cornwall



increased  
renewable energy  
production in  
Cornwall


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installed 150 electric  
vehicle charging  
points

A blue icon of an electric vehicle charging point, showing a charging cable and a lightning bolt symbol, positioned centrally below the text.A green icon of a trash bin with a lid and a wheel, positioned centrally above the text.

waste in Cornwall  
no longer goes to  
landfill

planted 100,000  
trees through Forest  
for Cornwall

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# Our Promise: Green Cornwall



plant 100,000 trees  
every year as part of  
the Forest for  
Cornwall



retrofit 900 homes  
across Cornwall  
making them more  
energy efficient and  
cutting carbon  
emissions

more than double the  
number of electric  
vehicle charging  
points across  
Cornwall by 2023



carbon neutral by  
2030



# Our Achievement: Healthy Cornwall



provided funding to  
allow leisure centres  
to reopen after  
lockdown



provided free meals to over  
15,000 children in Cornwall  
who would otherwise have  
gone hungry through the  
school holidays



provided an extra  
£13 million a year  
for children's mental  
health, nursing and  
social care



11% more older  
people are going  
home after a stay in  
hospital, rather than  
going into care

# Our Promise: Healthy Cornwall



provide free meals to  
over 15,000 children  
in Cornwall this  
Easter who would  
otherwise go hungry  
through the school  
holidays



look after over 4,000 km of  
footpaths and coastal  
paths, as well as over 230  
hectares of parks, gardens  
and open spaces



offer lifelong  
learning  
opportunities for  
over 5,000 adults

provide reablement  
support to over  
2,300 people



helping them to live  
independently in their  
own homes for longer  
and avoid going into care

# Our Achievement: Homes for Cornwall



number one council  
in the country for  
providing affordable  
homes



delivered 1000  
homes to Cornish  
residents

brought 380 long  
term empty homes  
back into use



reduced rough  
sleeping by almost  
three-quarters

# Our Promise: Homes for Cornwall



keep a roof over the heads of the 359 people we have helped in off the streets and who would otherwise have been sleeping rough during the pandemic



work with a further 5,500 individuals and families in Cornwall to help them avoid becoming homeless



bring a further 200 empty homes back into use and secure 750 more affordable homes for people in Cornwall next year

**£239m**

invest more than £239 million in decent homes for local people

# Our Achievement: Young Cornwall



given a permanent home  
to over 200 children who  
would otherwise have  
gone into care

helped 75% of our  
children leaving care,  
gain education, training  
or employment



one of the highest  
levels in the country

created 1,700 more  
school places



secured OFSTED  
recognition for our  
"outstanding" children  
and family services



which are  
amongst the best  
in the country



# Our Promise: Young Cornwall



£49million to repair school buildings and create more school places for children



ensure children get the best start in life, investing a further £6 million a year into our OFSTED 'outstanding' services for children schools and families



create 550 new school places



support nearly 900 children who are in our care or have recently left our care

# Our Achievement: Prosperous Cornwall



introduced the living wage for all our key workers, care workers and contractors

deprivation levels down



Cornwall is now ranked 83rd out of 317 local authority areas for deprivation, an improvement on 68th under the Conservatives.

average earnings in Cornwall rose by 5.6% under Lib Dem and Independent leadership



more than 3 times the national average

balanced the Budget



Council spending no longer exceeds council income

# Our Promise: Prosperous Cornwall



continue standing  
up for Cornwall to  
secure fairer funding  
and further  
devolution to  
Cornwall



continue to pay the  
real living wage to  
carers, cleaners and  
others working to  
deliver council  
contracts



we will automate our  
back-office processes,  
freeing up staff time to  
support residents in their  
communities



put at least 20 more  
community assets and  
services back under  
local control in  
communities across  
Cornwall