

# Derek Kennedy

## Liberal Democrat Candidate

### County Council Election

### Hexham West

Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2005 from 7:00am to 10:00pm



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Derek Kennedy (37) is a dynamic and energetic campaigner. He is a current Town and District Councillor for Hexham Leazes. He lives in Hexham with wife Gill and their 3-year-old daughter. A qualified Internal Auditor for national government he has the skills to analyse and understand the important decisions to be made by a Council.

## Derek Kennedy says a vote for me is a vote for

- **3 tier schools**

I will support 3 tiers where parents want them and it makes educational and economic sense.

Labour will impose 2 tiers. The Conservative candidate supports 2 tiers.

- **Cutting waste**

Your council tax money should be spent on delivering essential public services efficiently and effectively. I will endeavour to cut wasteful spending on, for example, expensive consultants and first class travel. I will follow the lead set by Lib Dems in Newcastle, who kept the council tax increase to 2% this year.

- **A Green council**

I will support the introduction of a green policy for the council, for example, introducing green fuels for council vehicles.

- **Openness and transparency**

I will help end the "9 to 5" culture at County Hall. The council should serve you first, with meetings held at convenient times for the public to attend.

- **Communication**

I will explain to you what your council tax money is spent on and why. I currently send out regular leaflets with news affecting Hexham, paid for by me, delivered to you, for free.



**Derek Kennedy**

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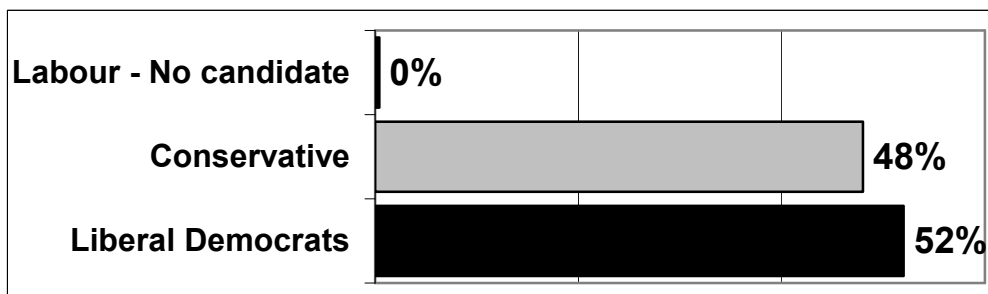
## My achievements

- Campaigned for the building of a new swimming pool and bowls hall for Hexham.
- Petitioned and campaigned for the re-introduction of the bus service to Leazes.
- Organised and led the Lib Dem boycott of the Councillors Christmas Party. In my opinion an absolute waste of £1500 of your council tax money. Shame on the Labour and Conservative attendees.
- Led the attack on the Conservative policy of keeping the £30 million of your council tax money locked away in a London bank vault. This is your money which should be spent thoughtfully on public services.
- Led the attack on the Conservatives for cutting the air pollution monitoring of Egger to save council tax money. Public health issues are important to me.
- Welcomes the £100 million investment by Egger securing and creating jobs. However, I will scrutinise the environmental controls, and I call for improved screening to minimise the visual impact of the factory.
- I have reported regularly to you via the Focus leaflet, which is paid for by me, delivered to you, for free.

## It is a 2 horse race

- Labour can't win here. A vote for Labour could result in a Tory win.
- Only the Lib Dems can beat the Conservatives.

## Result of the 2003 Council election (Hexham Leazes)



**A vote for Labour could get the Conservatives elected.**

**Vote Liberal Democrat on May 5th.**