

FREEDOM FAIRNESS TRUST

TEN REASONS
TO VOTE
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT



10 reasons to vote Liberal Democrat

- **Put patients first** - free NHS staff from political targets and meddling
- **Free personal care** - no-one forced to sell their home to pay for help
- **Axe the Council Tax** - make taxes fair and localise the Business Rate
- **Green Action** - protect the planet, cut pollution & boost green energy
- **No tuition or top-up fees** - an affordable university for every student
- **£1 billion early years investment** - Child Trust Fund used when it counts
- **£105 a week earnings-linked pensions** - a million OAPs off means-tests
- **Free off-peak local transport** - for all pensioners and disabled people
- **10,000 more police on the streets** - cutting crime and the fear of crime
- **The war in Iraq was illegal and has cost the UK £7billion so far** - it's time for a Government we can trust

Fare Reductions for Elderly and Disabled



Liberal Democrats campaigning for fare reductions for elderly and disabled using public transport. Local residents could benefit from fare cuts in the future. There is growing pressure to have a single system across the region for cheaper fares. This means that many local residents would find themselves saving on public transport. At the present time it is much cheaper for senior citizens using public transport in Tyne and Wear. A single system would be much fairer.

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Liberal Democrats - The Real Alternative

POLICE NOT PLASTIC

Labour plans to introduce ID cards across Britain will cost more than £3 billion.

The Liberal Democrats would rather see this money spent on police and intelligence services. WE believe this would be a more effective way to tackle crime and terrorism.

Sadly, ID cards did not stop the awful attacks in New York and Madrid and there is little evidence to suggest they will stop a committed suicide bomber here.

The government also claims that cards will tackle abuse of our health and social services. But the expensive equipment needed to scan the cards in every post office, hospital and benefit centre would add even more to the cost.

NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOLS REORGANISATION

Lib Dems in Tynedale are committed to maintaining and improving the existing 3 tier system which has served Tynedale so well. The Labour party is pressing for change although it is not clear where the money is coming from and they are ignoring the views of local parents and teachers. The Tories say they support 3 tiers but Tory advisor, ex head of OFSTED Chris Woodhead, is supporting the move to 2 tiers. The Tories are flip flopping on education in Tynedale. There is a clear choice here.

Do you use public services?

Yes, of course, most of us do. We can't afford to go private even if we wanted to. The Tories are planning cuts of £35bn.

£35bn is more than every teacher, nurse and doctor costs. And some Tories want even more cuts.

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Examples of Savings with Local Income Tax

	Income	Council Tax Bill	Local Income Tax bill	Saving
Pensioner couple	£14,600	£1167 (average Band D)	£35	£1132
Teacher, grade M3	£22,176	£875 (single person household, Band D)	£654	£221
Average UK pay	£25,170	£1167 (average Band D)	£766	£401
Nurse, grade D (£17,945) and Police Officer (£22,187)	£40,052	£1167 (average Band D)	£1146	£21
Medium Household Income (two earners)	£22,600	£1037 (average Band C)	£492	£545
Cabinet Minister	£130,347	£1426 (average Band E)	£3572	Loss: £2146
Minimum Wage, 40 hour week	£10,008	£461 (Band C, receiving council tax benefit)	£197	£264

How will it affect me? Go to the tax calculator at www.axethetax.org.uk/taxcalculator

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