



Time for *Real*  
Change

# Manifesto

*"Local Policies for Local People"*

How our National Policy works in Local  
Government

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- UKIP

*Making a real difference,  
where you live*



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## *Really Putting People First*

**UKIP** was formed to give local residents a voice in their own affairs within their own community. Unable to make any headway with the politicians who claim to represent us or with the soulless bureaucrats who preside over at the London Borough of Richmond, we decided to engage them under their own rules by contesting local elections and fielding candidates who were interested in the local community.

### **A New Political Landscape**

**UKIP's** priority as part of the governing administration at the London Borough of Richmond will be to open up local government, decentralise the decision-making process and empower local communities. This will ensure that the priority of local services will be for local people thereby meeting the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

### **So what is Community?**

Well, simply put it is a body of people living in the same locality: us. As such it covers the vast diversity of cultures, belief groups, genders and ages and allows for shared interests and a sense of place. UKIP believes that Local Authorities have a duty to be both representative and democratic. Residents should reasonably expect elected representatives to serve the needs and wishes of their local community.

### **Why Important?**

We live in a country of different groups and working together provides a sense of belonging. UKIP will champion the provision of local services for all allowing for everyone, including minorities, to have a voice.

To provide service the Lib Dem and Conservative parties will increase taxes just to pay off the millions they have already squandered. **UKIP** will concentrate on your needs and make sure that every pound is spent well.

## Making a Real Difference

In Richmond Borough most of **UKIP's** prospective Councillors will be new: this represents a real voice for change. **UKIP** wishes to set a new political landscape where it is you, the resident, who has the say. **UKIP** have developed policies that will help everyone in Richmond Borough have a better quality of life.

### There are some particularly worrying problems in Richmond:

- The Lib Dems and Conservatives are committed to over-development. They have allowed construction on protected open spaces, even allowing encroachment onto parks. How many more houses will be built before our quality of life in the Borough is destroyed? This must stop.
- The Lib Dems and Conservatives have questionable financial priorities; millions are being wasted each year, money that would be best placed to remain in **YOUR** pocket.
- The Lib Dems and Conservatives are not accountable to local people for local services. They believe that if they win the election they can do anything they like for the next 4 years.
- The Lib Dems and Conservatives, both nationally and locally, are not tackling the problems posed by the increasing pressures being placed on our local services by migration.
- The Lib Dems and Conservatives still support a Cabinet system of local government that imposes policies which are against the majority of residents' wishes.
- The Lib Dems and Conservatives are still not entering into meaningful consultations with the people affected by their proposals.

These are **real** problems. The Lib Dems and Conservatives say they keep residents informed, but this is clearly not true. There was supposed to be an end to misinformation being spread through the medium of Council publications; the propaganda from both parties nevertheless continues.



# Our Manifesto



## Consultation

We will never forget that you, the people who have to pay, should have the say.

### Listening To You...

The Lib Dems & Conservatives who have dominated the Council for the past 30 years have not changed. Both parties keep saying that they will listen but in reality they never do; they have become arrogant and remote. Consultations are held; only to be ignored. The Council Tax remains far too high for residents and millions have been wasted on irrational priorities. This must change.

### UKIP will respect your views by

- Introducing *Real* consultation BEFORE, not AFTER decisions are made, creates a healthy democracy.
- Ensuring every citizen in the Borough is contacted directly for their views.
- Asking you, as residents, what you see as priorities for action in your area.
- Introducing a meaningful "Leader's Question Time", so Council bosses can be questioned directly.
- Creating a web-based communication system that presents your views to Council officers and encouraging them to act on them.
- Bringing key planning and transport meetings into your area so you can attend and take part.
- Using local opinion polls and referendums to include you in key decisions.
- Requiring Councillors to lead on producing a Neighbourhood Plan for each ward.
- Overhauling the current consultation processes and reviewing the "Statement of Community Involvement".

## Council Tax

### Keeping Tax Low...

Every year since 1998 Lib Dem and Conservative Councils have either put up or maintained the Council Tax at an astronomically high level compared to other London Boroughs. This must stop.

### UKIP will help local households and businesses by

- Working with the Government **UKIP will REDUCE YOUR COUNCIL TAX.**
- Changing the Council Constitution to require a local referendum if any future Council tries to impose an inflation-busting Council Tax increase.
- Restoring the focus of the Council to provide and improve local services that people need where they live.
- Pledging a full review of the business rate system to help the Borough's economy.



## Fair Parking

### Fair Transport Policies...

Without saying anything in their Manifestos both the Lib Dems and Conservatives unleashed “war by warden” and remote cameras on Borough high streets. These attempts to increase general income from the issuing of parking fines have been found to be unlawful. They also hit small homes without off-street parking with a CPZ tax.

### UKIP will help local high streets and families by

- Extending the existing 30min free parking scheme, available through the Richmond Card, to one hour. We would also extend the Richmond Card to include pre-pay parking and many other services.
- Increasing choices that benefit residents within CPZs. We would introduce a new scheme of Allocated Parking (AP) where a majority of people or shops want them.
- Saving money by a moratorium on wasteful traffic schemes unless there is a clear safety need.
- Providing a Borough wide improvement in the cycling infrastructure.

## Performance

### Cutting Bureaucracy...

Experts belatedly employed by the Lib Dems and Conservatives say that “at least £1 in every £10 spent on Council admin could be saved”. Millions could therefore be saved by using good old fashioned common sense in favour of the residents. Currently going to the ballott box is a waste of time because it is the same old councillors and the same old council officers that continue to make the same old decisions. This is wrong.

### UKIP will tackle bureaucracy by

- Backing any national moves for a pay freeze in the public sector except for the low paid.
- Blocking, for four years, the creation of new posts in the Council bureaucracy unless others are cut.
- Enabling you to participate in setting budgeting and spending priorities in your neighbourhood.
- Ensuring Councillors are responsible for the Council’s performance with clear and transparent targets.
- Ensuring Councillors have the powers to solve your local complaints.
- Introducing a “Ward Councillor” system where officers report to the Councillors and the Councillors report to you.

## Environment



### Positive Environmental Action...

The Lib Dems and Conservatives in Richmond have failed on the environment. Both parties have had years of running the Council but private gardens and public spaces are no better protected. Recycling rates have stalled in spite of changing the system twice wasting millions. The Environment budget has been misused in every year of their administrations.

### UKIP will change this by

- Working with the Government to make available energy saving improvements including insulation and promoting household solar power generation where appropriate. Putting money into the environment, not taking money from it.
- Encouraging businesses to join the Green Economy by reducing waste.
- Continuing to campaign against Heathrow expansion while protecting runway alternation.
- Pursuing economic clean energy sources for public places such as swimming pools.
- Promoting schemes that reward proper recycling; *reducing, reusing, repairing*. This is different from the current Council reprocessing scheme which wants the waste so it can sell it to private companies.
- Reduce packaging from supermarkets, by persuasion or enforcement where required.
- Retaining weekly waste collections whilst giving further assistance on reducing landfill items.
- Engaging in genuine, meaningful local consultation on the use of public space.
- *Really* getting the small things right, like fixing pavements and potholes, especially in cycle lanes.
- *Really* putting an end to garden grabbing developers. Gardens are the lungs of London and we must conserve them whilst practising zero tolerance on litter and graffiti.
- Supporting the idea of hydro electric power generation at Teddington Lock.
- Reducing pollution and other factors reducing health and well-being.

## Better Schools

### Putting Education Back Into Children's Service...

Our primary schools have for many years been the best in the country. However there is immense pressure on primary and secondary school places from increasing numbers of migrants arriving from Europe. We will work to try and ensure, as a priority that local school places go to local families.

### UKIP will help local families and children by

- Improving school travel plans to reduce congestion.
- Focusing on generating opportunities for learning life skills. Instilling discipline, pursuing higher academic standards and targeted studies leading to apprenticeships.
- Providing better parental participation in school affairs.
- Putting local parents' wishes first.
- Working with local colleges to further encourage adult education.



## Elderly

### A Better Life for Older People...

Our Borough has a large and growing population of older people. They are virtually ignored by the past Lib Dem and Conservative Councils. We need to bring our community together and draw on the skills and experience of older people.

### UKIP will help our vulnerable elderly by

- Properly setting up a functioning Older People's Assembly to advise on policy.
- Promote Volunteering to use Older People's experience and skills.
- Protect the Freedom Pass.
- Introducing over-65 parking spaces in car parks.
- Extending choice in self-directed care provision.
- Ending Lib Dem and Conservative cost-cutting on 'Meals on Wheels' for the vulnerable.
- Bringing in a policy of 'Pensioner Preference' to guarantee swifter provision of services.

### Never voted UKIP before?

**UKIP** believes that we have to fix our broken society using meaningful collaboration within the community. **UKIP** are robust characters, individualists, many of whom run successful businesses and volunteer for local groups. You know we have a commitment to national democracy being the *only* party offering you a choice on Europe. This manifesto shows that this also extends to local democracy; but we do need you to vote **UKIP**, so we can provide *real* change.

### Our pledge to You

The era of top-down, high-tax, big-spend politics by all the other political parties has failed; both in Whitehall and in the Town Hall. **UKIP** wishes to redress these years of failure by introducing local policies that work for you. As we all know, the Lib Dems and Conservatives have not and will not "Put You First" and will simply revert to their old ways after the election. The difference is that **UKIP**, after the election, will implement its policies to the benefit of local people.

It is irrational to expect a small Borough like Richmond upon Thames to continue to offer local services to ever increasing numbers of people, this can only result in a reduction in the available local school places, housing and jobs for our young people. If you want local services for local people vote **UKIP**.



# Richmond Borough?

Want to keep it beautiful?

Locally we need *real* change to save our quality of life.

There is a new political landscape.  
We are community; we are **UKIP**.



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**UKIP** - Real policies, Real change

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