



Liberal News Spring 2024



AN ADDRESS FROM THE

LIBERAL PARTY LEADER – CLLR STEVE RADFORD

I would like to thank all Liberal Party members who voted in the recent leadership election and grateful for the level of support to carry on this duty to lead the party into the May Local Elections and General election. Campaigning under the banner **“Stronger Communities- Opportunities for All”** we will be at the

forefront calling for greater devolution and sustainable financing for local government, a dynamic economy where small businesses and community enterprises are encouraged and streamline our tax and benefits system that strangles people progressing themselves.

Liberal Party Leadership Election Result 2023/24

Following an open NEC meeting of the Liberal Party on Saturday the 3rd February in Leeds we are pleased to announce the results of the party leadership contest.

The results of the postal ballot were:

Cllr Steve Radford 85%

Kayed Al-Haddad 15%

We can therefore confirm the election of Cllr Steve Radford as party leader for the next 2 years. Many thanks to Kayed for standing in this contest.

A thank you to Cllr Charles Shaw and Christopher Ecclestone for arranging the ballot and Allan Steele and David Mahar for acting as independent scrutineers on the day.



L to R - Cllr Steve Radford, Cllr Joe Dunne, Cllr Charles Shaw, Kayed Al Haddad, Allan Steele

NEC Election Results

Following the closure of the nomination window, the full Liberal party NEC is now composed of:

Allan Steele, Cllr Billy Lake, Cllr Joe Dunne, Mick Coyne, Jimmy Richardson, Chris Ash, Stephen Graham (Secretary), Cllr Charles Shaw (Chair), Kayed Al Haddad (Treasure), Christopher Ecclestone (membership Secretary), Fiona White, Cllr Duran Dwyer, Tom Dunne, Alan Tormey, Neil Taylor, Sean Weaver, Dr Brian Blundell, Vic Silverman and Luke Shannon.

Liberal Party Leader Attends Ukrainian Community at the Big Help Project, Liverpool

It Was a very emotional morning as I joined as special event and prayers for the Ukrainian Community at the Big Help Project. It was heart rendering to hear first hand from medical volunteers describing how Russian snipers were targeting them just as the Russians did in Syria. As Liberal Party Leader I have been resolute we need to support Ukraine as they are in the front line for all western democracies”.

Cllr Steve Radford, Leader of the Liberal Party



Merseyside Liberal Party Association

Party Leader attends Liverpool Holocaust Commemoration

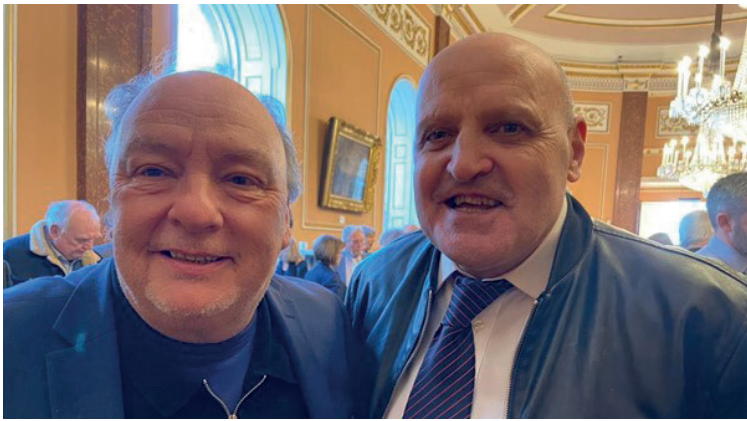
On Friday 26th January Liberal Party leader Cllr Steve Radford attended the memorial service for the Holocaust at Liverpool Town Hall.

The presentations from school pupils from both Alsop and Belvedere were highly professional and moving.

It was good to see so many friends from different communities, our colleague Peter Mitchell, representatives of the cities Jewish, Polish, Hindu and Islamic communities and Garth Dallas Commonwealth Association.

Cllr Steve Radford met representatives from the Liverpool

Somali Community - which is the long-established community in the UK. He shared that the Liberal Party was totally supportive of recognition of the former British protectorate of Somaliland recognised as an independent state which has had a separate functioning state and democracy for now over 30 years. It is vital for the development and stability across the whole region countries work with the republic of Somaliland. Last week he held meetings with our Sri Lankan and Kerala Communities seeking to use extended facilities in Newsham Park for cricket and a community festival.



Liberal Party NEC Statement

The Response of Ed Davey to the Horizon Post Office Scandal

In recent weeks the Liberal Party has received several e-mails critical of Ed Davey, the leader of the LibDems for his response to the Horizon Post Office Scandal.

As Minister for Postal Affairs in the Coalition government and now leader of the LibDems Ed Davey met Mr Bates in October 2010, but has yet to explain his reluctance to meet campaign groups or ask probing question of the post offices management and civil servants.

We would like to reaffirm that the Liberal Party claims continuity with the pre-1988 Liberal Party. and is in no way linked with Ed Davey or the LibDems, a party with

which we now have little in common.

Our party was perpetuated by a dedicate group who believed the merger between the SDP and Liberal Party was an unworkable compromise, which contributed to the Coalition Government and the imposition of a stringent policy of austerity in 2010.

We believe those affected by the failures of the Horizon IT system must be exonerated and compensated in the name of justice and probing question asked of all those involved in the scandal from its onset in 1999.

May Local Elections and General Election in 2024

The party is keen to hear from anybody wishing to stand represent their local community as a Liberal Party candidate in the local election due

in May and the anticipated General Election. **Please contact the party nominations officer** for more details Stephen.grahamg5@gmail.com

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