



2010 Barnet Liberal Democrat Manifesto



Conservative run Barnet Council has failed. They have stopped listening. They are out of touch. After seven years of Conservative rule Council tax is now higher in Barnet than Brent and Camden. Up to £31 Million could be lost in Icelandic Banks. Tory "Easycouncil" plans (Future Shape) to run the Council like a cheap airline will threaten core services such as weekly refuse collection. It will mean paying extra charges just to get decent Council services.

Liberal Democrats will run the Council fairly, effectively and openly. A Liberal Democrat Council will scrap "Easycouncil" schemes. A Liberal Democrat Council will curb above inflation pay rises for top Council Officers. Liberal Democrats will ensure residents have a real say in how the Council is run. Our councillors will keep in touch with constituents all year round.

Our 4 Steps to a Fairer Barnet

- **A fair balance between the quality services you want and the Council Tax you pay**
- **Fair access to good quality family-friendly schools, amenities and local services plus fair support for our local economy: save our local shops by making it easier to shop locally**
- **Fair protection of our unique local area: no development on the Greenbelt. Preserve Barnet's special character**
- **A fair deal from Barnet Council: open decision-making, accountability and honesty**