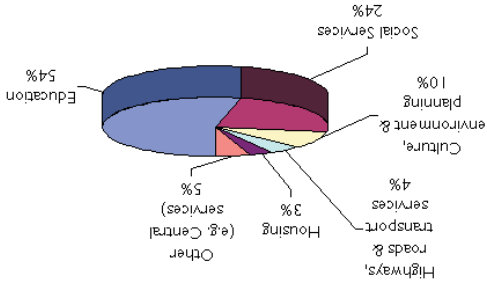




Hounslow's Net Expenditure Forecast on Services 2005/6



Where your £310 million goes

What we are offering are not just changes in policy, but a change in the way in which the council operates. We are not afraid of saying what must be said, nor doing what must be done. Your reward will be high quality public services reflecting your needs and wishes, delivered efficiently and at a reasonable cost, by an honest and open council.

You, the people of Hounslow, have a clear choice at this election - a choice between four more years of Labour muddle, or the opportunity for a fair and green approach to change Hounslow for all our citizens.

Voters elect 60 councillors to represent the 21,000+ residents of Hounslow on the Council. But in Hounslow, 35 years of Labour control have ensured that local government does not fulfil its responsibilities: real decision-making is remote from local people and conducted in an arrogant manner.

Local government touches the lives of every resident. From nursery education to rubbish collection, councils have a responsibility to ensure that local services are provided in a responsive, efficient and effective manner, in accordance with the needs and wishes of local people. The Local Council elections on Thursday 4 May will decide how local services costing £310 million are run and how they are paid for.

Dear Resident of Hounslow,

The opportunity to work for Hounslow

Councillor
Ray Fincher



Fighting for you and your community

We shall

- 1. Build an open and honest Council**
- 2. Increase the effectiveness of education spending**
- 3. Put policing back in the community**
- 4. Fight for our local health service**
- 5. Rebuild our roads and pavements**
- 6. Defend our green spaces**
- 7. Invest in our young people**

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Elect a Liberal Democrat council on Thursday 4 May and through a change in culture and new budget plans we will work to take:

Action on Honesty and Openness



Local & open meetings

- ◆ Rotate full council meetings between different local areas to increase public attendance at full Council meetings.
- ◆ Introduce community participation in budgets to increase accountability.
- ◆ Establish a Community Future Council that will have an advisory and scrutiny role on economic, social and environmental sustainability matters. *It will ensure long term sustainability is central to all the council's work.*

Action on Education

- ◆ Involve teachers, staff, governors, parents and students in decisions about the local education service.
- ◆ Increase the opportunities for nursery and pre-school education by working imaginatively with the voluntary sector.
- ◆ Start a programme 'Stand up to make science fun' - in response to diminishing interest in science and engineering - that uses comedy performance in schools to sneak in facts and figures as part of the show.



Boost science & engineering

Green Action

- ◆ Liberal Democrats see looking after the environment we live in as essential to improving our quality of life, in the same way as protecting our health and reducing crime. This is why we put Green Action in every section of our full policy manifesto.
- ◆ We will ensure that environmental considerations and sustainability are central to all the council's work.

Action on Reducing Crime



Fast action on graffiti & potholes

- ◆ Continue to argue for more police on the beat, with support from community wardens and support officers. In conjunction with this, local policing contracts, can give communities a greater say in how the police operate.
- ◆ Seek to set up a graffiti and vandalism hot-line and an instant response squad to rapidly repair vandalism and remove graffiti.
- ◆ Use intermediate treatment such as restorative justice where victims can confront offenders and other community-based activities for young offenders.

Action on Community health

- ◆ Debt is now a major burden on Hounslow and West Middlesex Hospital Primary Care Trusts (PCTs). Liberal Democrats in Hounslow have called for PCT management to be given a fair deal on inherited debt and realistic targets that do not increase the debt problem further.
- ◆ Limit light pollution for better health and spectacular skies. Light pollution at night is thought to increase sight problems, cases of insomnia and can damage the immune system.
- ◆ Provide targeted support to ensure greater provision of local, organic and seasonal food by small restaurants, catering companies and food shops.

"The Liberal Democrats exist to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society, in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community and in which no-one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity."

Preamble to the Liberal Democrat Constitution



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