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- The winning Borough Council Candidates Tony Noyce and David Goodall with local MP Chris Huhne at the Rosebowl

Cllr David Goodall reports: After the election leaflets had been delivered, as many households as possible canvassed, votes cast and counted both the Liberal Democrat candidates in West End had been elected to serve the people of West End on Eastleigh Borough Council.

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It is now that the hard work starts, as we seek to improve the village we live in and help all the people that live in it.

Commenting on his election victory winning candidate Tony Noyce said :-

"I would like to thank all those that supported me and helped in my campaign. I hope now to do a good job in helping to improve the lives of the people in the village"

The elections in May also saw the election of a new West End Parish Council, including the election of a couple of new faces to the Parish in the form of Pearl Hicks and Bruce Tennent to add to the existing Liberal Democrats of Peter Humphreys, John Read, Joyce Sortwell, Tony Noyce and Graham Sortwell.

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New policy campaign from the Liberal Democrats **Save our NHS**



Cllr David Goodall reports:
Ten years after Labour came to power, Britain is facing the worst round of NHS cuts seen since the last Conservative Government.

Services are under threat across Britain, including many hospitals, A&E and maternity services.

Cuts are also being made to training budgets for key medical staff, undermining the future of the NHS.

Leading the campaign

Liberal Democrats are leading the fight to protect our NHS. Up and down the country, local Liberal Democrat campaigners are working alongside local people to save local health services.



• **Chris Huhne, David Goodall and Tony Noyce at the threatened Moorgreen Hospital**

Here in West End we have seen how short-term financial problems are making the NHS trust think about cutting back services or even stopping them completely at Moorgreen Hospital, despite the obvious need to provide more services locally, not less.

The Liberal Democrats want an immediate halt to the current round of NHS cuts and we are campaigning for an improved health service with more money spent on frontline services and less on bureaucracy.

1 Free the NHS from Government meddling - give us back our NHS by :-

3 steps to a healthier Britain

- **Ending unnecessary bureaucracy** - make sure that money goes towards healthcare where it is needed most, allowing NHS staff get on with their jobs. This will led to shorter waiting times, cleaner hospitals and more personalised care.
- **Local decision making** - too often decisions are taken to close clinics, wards or entire hospitals, without thought to what local people want. Local people pay for the NHS and should shape how it is run - not Whitehall and not unelected officials.
- **Sensible national framework** - leave national government to set this and make commitments to tackling different conditions.

2 Establish healthcare rights - Liberal Democrats would define a 'Health Contract' that would guarantee every person a minimum level of care, including :-

- **Providing quicker diagnosis** - so your NHS treatment can start more quickly.
- **Scrapping the unfair charges** - for eye and dental checks plus review level of prescription charges.
- **Free personal care** - Scrap charges for basic care such as feeding, dressing and washing, as Liberal Democrats forced Labour to do north of the border in Scotland.
- **Accessing information** - so that patients can make genuine lifelong choices about the type of care they want.



3 Prevention is as important as cure - Concentrate on keeping people healthy, not just treating the sick. This means targeted annual health checks, wider access to screening tests and personal care plans.

• **More nurses not less**

What the Papers say

Doctors warn NHS has to start rationing treatment
Daily Mail
May 2007

Cuts in NHS are killing patients and staff, says doctor
The Herald
April 2007

Doctors are denied training so NHS can balance books
Daily Telegraph
April 2007



Borough Election Roundup

Cllr Bruce Tennent reports: Well, the elections are over in Eastleigh for another year and after the votes were counted the result was amazing and humbling, for the electorate of Eastleigh had increased their backing for Liberal Democrat policies, as we gained 3 seats.

There were 14 seats contested for the Borough Council; the Liberal Democrat team managed to win 13 of them. Unfortunately for former West End councillor Martin Kyrle he was the only Liberal Democrat defeated on the night, losing by just 6 votes to the Labour candidate in Eastleigh South, a ward which the Labour party have lost just once in the past 80 odd years.

Commenting on the elections Lib Dem group leader Keith House, said:

"We're naturally delighted but we're also humbled in that it's a terrific responsibility to be given the continuing trust of Eastleigh's electors. I think from a Liberal Democrat perspective we listen to the community, we trust the community and I think, therefore, we have been rewarded by the community"

The general conclusion amongst many people on the night is that if after 13 years in power the Liberal Democrats are still gaining seats from both of the other parties then they must be doing something right. And the plight of the main opposition was best summed up in the report in the Daily Echo from Duncan Eaton when he said :-

"The biggest shock came as for the first time ever the true blue stronghold of Hamble sailed into Liberal Democrat hands."

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West End Parish Council

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Peter Humphreys**



New Parish Council

Cllr Tony Noyce reports: Following the recent elections, West End Parish Council now has a new mandate to serve the people of West End. For the first time in nearly 15 years there were contested elections for the Parish Council in one ward. In that ward, West End South, the people of West End elected all five of the Liberal Democrat candidates and topping the poll was our own Peter Humphreys, who has now become vice-chairman of the new Parish Council.

The newly elected seven south ward parish councillors are added to the six north ward parish councillors, who were elected unopposed, to make up 13 of the 14 seats on West End Parish Council. The remaining seat is from Kane's Hill ward for which no candidates came forward and so the Parish Council will have to re-advertise for this place.



• **A new mandate for the Council at the West End Parish Centre**

What can we do for YOU?

Now 4 ways to contact your West End Liberal Democrats

On Issues, Ideas, Information to Help us - Help you

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The Scores

Cllr Joyce Sortwell reports: For those interested, the actual votes cast in West End Borough Council elections were :-

West End South		turnout 35.6%
David Goodall		926
Conservative		467
UKIP		123
Labour		101
Majority		459

West End North		turnout 41.8%
Tony Noyce		904
Conservative		560
Labour		99
UKIP		77
Majority		344

For full election Borough and Parish results see :-

<http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/ebc-3459>

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