

# Election Special

## In Touch

**YOUR IN TOUCH TEAM  
REPORTING BACK**

**Are you thinking of voting Liberal Democrat?**

### Anger at misleading and fake Lib Dem claims

#### **FALSE CLAIMS**

Residents are angry at the Lib Dems for claiming credit for planting 2,300 trees, delivering a new bus station and making major improvements to the Gosport Museum & Art Gallery when they don't run the Council. The truth is they have had nothing to do with any of these.

One favourite tactic of the Lib Dems is to invent a story; make an accusation; claim to "campaign" to prevent something bad from happening; then herald a "Lib Dem success" when it doesn't exist. For example: claims that there are plans to build over 1,000 luxury flats on Gosport waterfront; or plans to build on the Falkland Gardens—neither of which are true. No wonder people are questioning the validity of the underhand use of disinformation put out by the Peter Chegwyn's Liberal Democrats. You only have to look at their record of abstaining and lack of positivity.

#### **UNTRUTHS**

Local residents are disgusted with Peter Chegwyn's Liberal Democrat leaflets containing personal attacks. These nasty smears are based on falsehoods and innuendo. Unfortunately people are taken in by these lies and it is right for us to set the record straight.

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**Gosport  
deserves  
better**

You have a choice on Thursday 6th May 2021.

You can vote for political parties that don't seek to deceive you by telling ridiculous lies and stories.

**You deserve better.**

## The true expenses scandal...

### THE ACCUSATION



The Lib Dem assertions of increases in allowances for Conservative councillors are untrue. Equally, the Lib Dem smears against the Leader of Gosport Council are full of innuendo, half truths and misrepresentation. Cllr Mark Hook receives £21,553 a year, working full time running a council with a budget of over £10M. This will stop when he steps down as Leader on 6th May.

### THE FACTS

The leader of the Liberal Democrat opposition on Gosport Borough Council receives a whopping £30,910 a year of Council Taxpayers money. That's a staggering 43.5% more than the Leader of Gosport Council! Yet Cllr Peter Chegwyn has no executive responsibilities. His allowances are topped up by a number of so-called "spokesperson" payments.



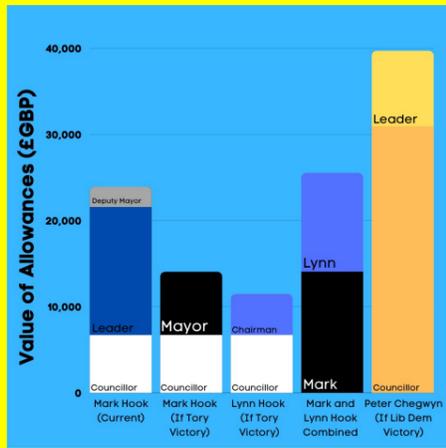
**Say no to the Liberal Democrats on 6th May**

# It's a question of standards

We have been contacted by residents concerned about a recent article (pictured) by Peter Chegwyn's Liberal Democrats. It is simply untrue that Cllr Hook approved an increase in his allowances.

At Full Council in February 2021 Cllr Hook was voted by Councillors in a majority vote to be Mayor for 2021/22. He also announced that he will be standing down as Leader of the Council.

The allowance for being the Mayor is £7,530 and the allowance for being Leader of the Council is £14,852.53, he will also cease to receive his current allowance for being Deputy Mayor which is £2,340 and therefore in reality **Cllr Hook is actually taking a pay cut of £9,662.**



It may be worth taking a moment to consider who is behind this smear. The accuser, Peter Chegwyn, remains the only councillor in Gosport Council's 100 year history to have been banned. He was investigated by the watchdog, Standards for England, for failing to declare a financial interest and breaching the Code of Conduct by voting on a matter in which he had a financial interest.

Cllr Chegwyn had wanted to stage a music festival in Gosport and was the sole director of the limited company that was organising the event. His vote was enough to prevent the Council from being able to review the terms of the agreement and to change the fees the company was liable to pay.

Cllr Chegwyn pleaded guilty in the High Court where his punishment was commuted from a two year ban to a suspension.



## Working for you all year round



### WORKING ALL YEAR ROUND

All political parties deliver more leaflets in the run up to elections. Our Councillors and candidates work all year round, despite accusations from the Liberal Democrats that we only come out at election time.

Over the pandemic we did pause campaigning, but not working, due to the health risks and Government Guidance although the Liberal Democrats continued to leaflet which may give a perception that we were not working for you. This is untrue - we did, in the most COVID safe way.

## Labour can't win here How People really vote

This is a Lib Dem favourite. They want Labour voters to switch their vote to them. They have used this tactic in places like Forton where Labour candidates have won in the past.

Lib Dem leaflets will constantly say that it's neck-and-neck between them and the Conservatives.

It is worth reminding ourselves how Gosport voters cast their votes the last time they had the chance!

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Don't be fooled on 6th May—Say no to the Liberal Democrats