

# GREEN VIEW

## BROMBOROUGH PORT SUNLIGHT & NEW FERRY



## CLLR JO BIRD WORKS EVEN BETTER FOR YOU AS A GREEN COUNCILLOR



Wirral now has six Green councillors including (left to right) Cllr Emily Gleaves, Cllr Pat Cleary, Cllr Jo Bird and Cllr Harry Gorman.

*“I’m becoming a Green councillor because the Green Party is better for Bromborough and better for me.”*

**Cllr Jo Bird**

Cllr Jo Bird says, “Last May, 2,248 people of Bromborough, Port Sunlight and New Ferry voted to re-elect me. I stood to promote justice and equality, protect lives and livelihoods, enhance jobs, services and our environment, and oppose cruel cuts. I am still working all year round for you as your Green councillor.”

“Last November, the Labour Party expelled me. This was for breaking rules that did not even exist at the time I spoke at a meeting in 2018. Many others have also been expelled on retrospective, unfair charges. They have even now removed their previously selected candidate – Ruth Molyneux – for trying to save Bromborough Library. Such treatment is not ok and not good for our well-being. Wirral Greens are fair. I now hope to stand for re-election as your Green councillor next year in May 2023.”

Cllr Pat Cleary, leader of the six-strong Green group on Wirral Council says, “*Passionate, effective, hard-working people like Jo are very welcome in the Green Party. I’m delighted that people in Bromborough, Port Sunlight and New Ferry will continue to be represented by Jo as your Green councillor*”

### LOCAL ELECTIONS, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>: VOTE ED LAMB

Cllr Jo Bird is urging residents to vote for Ed Lamb at the local elections in a few weeks time. Ed is a well known road safety campaigner, passionate about making our streets safer, our air cleaner and our community healthier.

Jo says, “*I’ve seen first-hand what a strong, effective campaigner Ed is. For a hard-working local councillor and a fairer, kinder politics, vote for Ed on May 5<sup>th</sup>.*”



Ed Lamb with Cllr Jo Bird. Ed is your Green candidate at the local elections on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## CLLR JO BIRD: YOUR COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNER

## LABOUR AND CONSERVATIVES VOTE FOR CUTS

### BUDGET HITS LIBRARIES, LEISURE AND CORE COUNCIL SERVICES HARD

February 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 will go down as a grim day for Wirral residents. **Labour and Tory councillors voted through a budget from hell with £18 million in cuts to council services.** Some key headlines are:

- Europa fun pool and Woodchurch Leisure Centre closed
- Nine libraries across Wirral will also close
- Further reductions in street cleaning
- £200,000 cut in youth services
- £35 charge for new/replacement grey bins plus higher ERIC charges and allotment fees
- Council tax will rise by 3%.

Cllr Jo Bird says, *“Both Labour and Conservatives are to blame. There are cuts to Council funding from the Conservative government and there are many bad decisions on Labour’s part. Only the Green councillors voted for my proposals to save Wirral libraries and Europa fun pool.”*



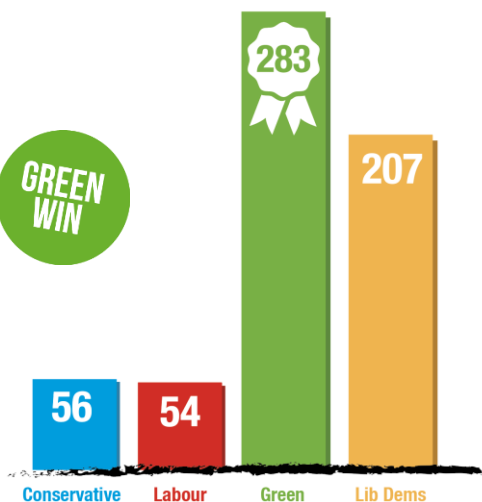
Globe headline sums it up after Labour and Conservatives passed cuts budget

## WHO RUNS WIRRAL COUNCIL?

Wirral is divided into 22 wards. Each ward has three councillors. Together, the 66 councillors make decisions about how council tax is spent and local services are provided. At the local elections **last May, the Green Party made big gains winning seats from Labour in Birkenhead & Tranmere, Prenton and Bebington.** With the arrival of Cllr Jo Bird, the Greens now have six councillors.



The political make-up of the council now includes: Labour (27), Conservative (23), Green (6), Lib Dem (6). **This means no party has a majority and all decisions need the backing of at least two parties.**



Annual average reports to Wirral Council via the councillor.net platform.  
Data: [www.whatdotheyknow.com](http://www.whatdotheyknow.com)

## IT'S OFFICIAL: JO BIRD WORKS HARDER FOR YOU

Official figures from Wirral Council proves that Cllr Jo Bird is one of Wirral's hardest working councillors. **Data for 2021 shows that Jo reported 312 issues on behalf of residents across Bromborough, Port Sunlight and New Ferry.** This compares with an average of just 54 for Labour councillors and 56 for Conservatives.

Jo now joins a group of similarly hard working councillors. **Greens easily outperformed the other parties reporting, on average, five times as many issues as Labour councillors.** Jo says, *“Reporting issues and dealing with residents’ concerns is the most important thing a councillor does. The figures clearly show that Greens have a really strong work ethic. It’s one more thing I share in common with my new colleagues.”*

**CAN YOU HELP?:** Are you passionate about a fairer, kinder, greener Bromborough, Port Sunlight and New Ferry? Please contact Jo if you would like to help deliver our newsletter or get involved in our campaigns.

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