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# ELECTION 2017



A victorious Charlie Elphicke is congratulated by the opposing candidates at Friday's count; right, Labour's parliamentary hopeful Stacey Blair and the Lib Dem's Simon Dodd Picture: Alan Langley

# Elphicke delighted to increase his majority by 143

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Conservative Charlie Elphicke has begun his third term as MP for the Deal and Dover constituency following Thursday's general election.

In what was the first result to be announced in Kent, the St Margaret's resident topped the poll with 27,211 votes, increasing his majority to 6,437 from 6,294 two years ago.

Runner-up Stacey Blair (Lab) received 20,774 votes, followed by Ukip's Piers Wauchope – who was a no show – with 1,722. Fourth in line was Simon Dodd (Lib) with 1,366 votes, then Beccy Sawbridge (Green) with 923.

Mr Elphicke said: "I'm so proud to have been re-elected as the member of parliament for Dover and Deal with an increased majority.

"It's a humbling experience and I'm looking forward to getting back to the job.

"We've been on an incredible journey in the seven years since 2010. Back then, our port was up for sale, we didn't get our fair share of healthcare, they said that we couldn't have the fast train because it couldn't go to villages.

"Today we've got hospitals built, the fast train goes to Deal, we saved the port and we've got hundreds of millions of pounds in investment.

"We have a record of action and a promise of more."

The result was announced just before 2am on Friday at Dover



The count gets under way at Dover Town Hall Picture: Alan Langley

Town Hall. Mr Elphicke had dubbed the election the most unpredictable he'd ever seen.

Speaking afterwards, he said: "It was a completely unpredictable election. I came here thinking that I could be losing tonight or just clinging on and to have an increased majority on a night like tonight is a truly humbling experience.

"I want to say a big thank you to all the voters who put their trust in me. I'm going to work doubly hard."

Asked why he thought people had voted for him, he said: "I think they looked at our record, they looked at the work that we've done and they thought we were the party with a record of action within this community that they decided they'd trust us again and I'd like to thank you to the people of Dover and Deal for your trust."

Unable to secure a Labour gain, Ms Blair said she would still stand again.

She was supported on the night by former Labour candidate Clair Hawkins who commended her on

her campaign, saying it was clear people had warmed to her.

Ms Sawbridge (Green) said she felt like a winner throughout as people were engaging with her party's policies, particularly on transport.

Mr Dodd reminded his members that a vote for the Liberal Democrats is never a wasted vote. He said he would continue to work to ensure the ban on fox hunting is not repealed. Mr Wauchope (Ukip) did not attend the count.

Mr Elphicke said: "On the podium I congratulated Stacey on the campaign she fought.

"She worked incredibly hard with her team.

"All of the candidates worked very hard indeed and it makes sure that we have a free and fair democracy.

"It's so important that we have that vista of choice that is the democratic process."

He thanked his team of workers and volunteers for helping him to secure his seat.

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