

Your Conservative councillors on Dover District Council pride themselves on delivering for the district – while keeping council tax low. Here, council leader **Cllr Keith Morris** sets out what your Conservative council has been doing for you...



● **Value for Money**

Your Conservative team has managed the council's finances with great care, giving you excellent value for money. We've not made any cuts to services or any staff redundant. In fact, we have invested extra money into tourism to make the best of our beautiful district. We've also boosted our enforcement teams to stop people littering, fly-tipping and not clearing up after their dogs. We're putting almost 200 ex-council houses or new builds back into our housing stock – to ensure we tackle homelessness and make sure everyone in the district who needs a home can have one. And we have done this with **THE LOWEST COUNCIL TAX IN EAST KENT.**

● **The Environment**

Protecting the natural beauty of our district is a key priority – that's why we have maintained our waste collection cycle and are carrying out regular roadside clean-ups. We're also spending almost £1 million improving every street light by next winter – delivering brighter streets, lower carbon emissions and energy bill savings. Meanwhile, we are upgrading of all our CCTV cameras to digital, which will also provide free Wi-Fi across our town centres. And at Kearsney Abbey, we're spending more than £3 million to return this magnificent park and garden to its former glory – and make it one of the best days out in the county.

● **Regeneration**

The Conservatives have improved our district in so many ways. We've demolished Burlington House – and now the St James shops, cinema and restaurants have risen its place. We are supporting local shops through the £500,000 High Street Grants and the starter units in the former Dover Co-Op building. Deal is having the most comprehensive refurbishment of its pier in its 60-year history – with a better walkway, better seating and better food! Meanwhile, the historic Guildhall Forecourt in Sandwich is set to be upgraded and the Boathouse is being brought into use through a local charity. And of course, we've delivered a brand new £26m state-of-the-art leisure centre, on time and on budget, for everyone to enjoy.

● **Community**

People are at the heart of everything we do. Our 1,000th young person recently signed up to The Inspire Fund, which helps youngsters try out the activity of their dreams. We're also bringing more retirement homes into the district – and delivering more homes for those hoping to move onto the housing ladder. We've also signed a deal with the Community Transport Association, helping people get out for a visit to the doctors, a shopping trip, or just a day out!

● **Delivering for You**

Your Conservative team at Dover District Council pledges to keep council tax low – and to deliver for the community in our beautiful corner of Kent.

Labour: 'Nasty, Extreme Bullies' Poor Mike



Cllr Mike Eddy, the leader of Labour's group on the District Council says he has been driven out by "nastiness" and "a constant stream of bullying" in the local Labour Party.

Cllr Eddy wasn't just Labour's most senior councillor locally – he was a Labour member for decades and a veteran councillor of 20 years.

Poor Mike has been treated very badly. Labour locally seem to have become a nasty party.

We are determined that our hardworking team of caring local Conservatives will continue to work tirelessly to deliver for our corner of Kent.

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BETTER SCHOOLS – STRONGER BORDERS – SAFER STREETS



Our Conservative Action Team with MP Charlie Elphicke and the District Council Leader Keith Morris are working hard for our community:

MORE JOBS AND INVESTMENT

Over £500 million of investment in our area. 7,700 more jobs have been created since 2010. A strong economy and wages rising.

A FAIRER SHARE OF HEALTHCARE

New £24 million Buckland Hospital. Deal Hospital safeguarded. More services provided locally. Our hospitals were downgraded and wrecked under Labour. Charlie is campaigning for more investment in the NHS – particularly in mental health services.

BETTER SCHOOLS

More good and outstanding schools locally, exam results on the rise. Investment is up too with school budgets rising ahead of inflation and over £25 million invested in Deal's Goodwin Academy.

DEAL ON THE RISE

The fast train to Deal and the £1m transformation of Deal Pier. Labour called Deal a village unworthy of the fast train. Now it sweeps in every hour of every day – and has made a huge difference.

DOVER RENEWAL

Transforming the seafront and town centre, with the £50m St James development and more to follow. We stopped Labour from selling off our docks to the French or whoever. Instead there is the £250 million Western Docks Revival and £750,000 in community funding secured from the port for our area.



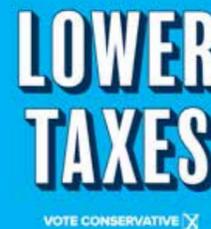
Charlie listening to Deal's Talk It Out Mental Health support

LABOUR always costs you MORE

Conservative Dover District Council has been delivering for you - while keeping its slice of council tax the lowest in East Kent and well below inflation.

Across the land, Conservatives have been keeping the Council Tax down. On average Conservative councils cost taxpayers £116 less than Labour controlled councils on Band D.

Labour always costs you more – we can't afford the cost of Labour.



“A record of action – and a promise of more”



Charlie at his Jobs Fair with Bakkavor's Tilmanstone Salads

More Jobs and Money

Since 2010, 7,700 more people are in work in Dover & Deal. Unemployment had rocketed 50% as a result of Labour's Great Recession – while the Conservative long term economic plan has turned things around.

Not only are there more jobs. Charlie has successfully campaigned in Parliament to freeze fuel duty for 9 years and to see the poorest taken out of taxes. Since 2010, thousands of the least well off local people have been taken out of taxes altogether.

The Conservatives long term economic plan means success for all. Jeremy Corbyn's hard left Labour Party would ruin our economy, leading to higher taxes and fewer jobs.



Only Charlie and the Conservatives believe in stronger borders

Stronger Borders

Firm action is being taken to stop migrants breaking into Britain in small boats. Charlie has successfully pressed Home Secretary Sajid Javid to order more Border Force ships to patrol the English Channel.

A new deal has been struck with the French to stop migrants leaving France. Now Charlie is calling for the Channel to be made a joint UK/France security zone – so our boats can patrol French waters, with round the clock air surveillance to help protect lives and keep our borders safer and more secure.

Better Schools

School standards are on the rise. An incredible 27 local schools have improved their rating between inspections. Three quarters of local students getting at least 5 GCSEs. The number people in our community with no qualifications has halved since 2010. Primary schools and early years providers are ranked in the UK top 10 for social mobility. Parents, teachers and children can be proud of this success.

Charlie fought for a new funding formula so that local secondary schools received an inflation-busting £1.2 million boost in September – with even more to come from 2020.



Dover Christ Church Academy has come a long way in recent years

Time for a Renaissance of the Regions

It's time to get on with leaving the EU and move on to building our Global Future. Charlie called on the Prime Minister in Parliament for a plan to invest more in places like Dover & Deal. For too long Britain has worked for the big cities – now it's time we saw a Renaissance of the Regions and our coastal towns.

Charlie is committed to respect the referendum result (two thirds in our community voted to Leave) and says we now need to move on to focus on the many other things that matter to us all – especially jobs, money, schools, hospitals, social care, home ownership and keeping people safe.



The things that matter to us all – including tackling speeding in villages like Nonington



Patients are well cared for at Deal Hospital

A Fairer Share of Healthcare

Under Labour, Dover's Buckland Hospital was wrecked. Services were axed and wards closed one by one. Meanwhile Deal Hospital was left teetering on the edge. Things looked bleak. Yet Charlie successfully campaigned to force health chiefs to build a brand new £24m hospital in Dover. Meanwhile, with a powerful community campaign we ensured Deal Hospital was safeguarded.

More services are being provided locally, saving people long journeys to far away hospitals. East Kent A&Es are set for £200 million of upgrades. And a new £30 million East Kent Medical School is on the way too – so more GPs and nurses can be trained locally.

More money is going into the NHS than ever before. The £20 Billion extra funding recently announced is only possible because our economy is so strong. A hard left Jeremy Corbyn Government would wreck the economy and put investment in our health services at risk.



Charlie organised a meeting with police chiefs and shop owners to launch a crackdown on high street crime

Safer Streets – stronger communities

Charlie has been campaigning for Kent Police to have more officers and money to make our streets safer. The rise of organised county lines drugs gangs has seen a worrying rise in drug-related deaths in Kent.

Charlie's campaign has seen Ministers agree to boost Kent Police's funding by £23m which will enable 180 extra officers to be recruited. He has also helped secure £800,000 for the St Giles Trust charity to help get local youngsters out of gangs. And Charlie has delivered Robert's Law – in memory of Deal teenager Robert Fraser – so dealers of dangerous new drug fentanyl get tougher jail sentences.