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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS,
THURSDAY, 4TH MAY, 2017
FYLDE EAST WARD

I stand for re-election as an Independent candidate, free from party politics, the only people I am answerable to is you. I am free to speak and vote on local issues in your best interests and I would be grateful for your support.

As a councillor for 31 years, 12 of them as your County Councillor, I've gained valuable experience and have held many positions of responsibility including:

- **Chairman of Environment Comm., Member of the Executive at Fylde Borough (FB) and Lancashire County Council (LCC), presently Leader of the Opposition at Fylde Borough;**
- **Member of two Cabinet Committees at LCC;**
- **School Governor for 18 years;**
- **North West Independent Representative on the Local Government Association;**
- **Member of both the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Police and Crime Panel.**

I have attempted to provide strong, positive representation for Fylde East in a fair and equitable manner gaining a reputation for speaking out, fighting for and getting results, examples of which are:

- **Provision of out of school activities for young people;**
- **Adequate police cover for all our areas;**
- **Improvements, lifts and off street parking at Kirkham and Wesham Station;**
- **Road and footpath repairs and highway schemes;**
- **Retention of a full Kirkham Library service;**
- **Spending on schools and protection for our small village schools;**

- Improvements to areas which flood, better street lighting, street cleaning and integrated waste management;**
- **Better care in the community for our vulnerable residents;**
 - **Retention of Kirkham Baths, safeguarding swimming provision for our rural children and providing gym facilities for adults.**

Government planning legislation is making it difficult to resist development on our green fields and has allowed developers to land bank rather than build homes. Suitable infrastructure must be put in place to protect existing residents.

The Fracking industry must be heavily and robustly regulated and, as it can be operated horizontally and vertically, from considerable distances, existing industrial sites should be used, it should not be operated close to homes or allowed to urbanise rural areas. Fylde must remain a safe and healthy place to live and work.

Work must continue to ensure facilities are in place to treat and recognise dementia in its early stages and safeguard social care. Independent councillors are to set up a committee to determine what provision there is in parts of rural Fylde, our objective is to identify best practice and ensure availability for our rural Fylde residents.

A shortfall of £1.3bn for social care this year is hitting County Councils unfairly as they are receiving 60% less than London. Counties only receive £279 per resident over 65, compared with £717 per resident in London.

Government has cut grants to the County Council by 62% since 2010, which equates to £685million. Independent, Green, Liberal Democrat and Labour councillors have united to find savings to safeguard essential services for Lancashire's residents; as a result

services have been realigned to operate from fewer buildings and all LCC services in Fylde East have been retained, had Conservative councillors cooperated they may have found ways to realign and retain services in their areas.

I will continue to oppose any proposals for a Lancashire Mayor in a Combined Authority for Lancashire, whilst I welcome savings from joint working I object to another layer of governance which I believe would be less democratic and transparent.

I have objected to the £30 subscription charge Fylde Borough is proposing for green waste collection, it is far too high. I will continue to press for the charge to accurately reflect the actual costs of the service; this must not be used by the Council as a cash generator.

If I am re-elected I will continue to work hard, in conjunction with your Borough, Town and Parish councillors, to make sure that Fylde East gets its fair share of resources from County Hall and that they are targeted on items, identified by you or your local councillors.

I hope to speak to as many people as possible in the run up to the election, as well as knocking on doors I will be available on the following dates and locations to anyone wishing to discuss any issues with me:

Book, Bean & Ice Cream, Kirkham, Thurs. 27th April, 11.00 - 1.00

Wesham Community Centre, Saturday, 29th April, 11.00 -1.00.