

Conservatives were elected to their first ever majority on South Gloucestershire Council in 2015 and have made short work of improving our local area, continually delivering on our overall pledge to further make South Gloucestershire a great place to live and work.

Our positive plan for the next four years, including record investment into services, and invaluable extra support for our local economy, our high streets, our most vulnerable residents and our lowest paid workers, have been laid out in our budget, which was unanimously supported and approved by Conservative members in February.

For the forthcoming election, Conservatives in South Gloucestershire are standing on three key pledges:

- **To deliver the Conservative-led £78million investment to support local schools and raise standards** – Our schools are cornerstones in the foundations of our communities and the first step in giving our children and young people the best possible start in life. We will not only ensure that our schools get the financial support to maintain and improve their facilities, but will further our efforts in lobbying Government for fairer funding.
- **To ensure our streets are clean, green and safe streets, backed by £35million in road resurfacing funding** – Every resident deserves to be proud of the area they live in when they look out their front door. Under Conservatives, South Gloucestershire Council has developed an enviable record for highways and local road maintenance, as well as in promoting recycling and tackling fly-tipping. We plan to further those efforts and push for even better outcomes.
- **To back our High Streets, our local economy and keep car parking free** – Supporting local traders and our social hubs are at the forefront of our work in transforming our communities, with work already progressing to rejuvenate Kingswood and Yate. Our commitment to keeping parking free in Council owned car parks is not supported by Liberal Democrats and Labour, who would rather see residents pay more for no added benefit.

Our pledges to residents are underpinned by our commitment to offering value for money, with opposition councillors even recognising recently in a cross-party report that South Gloucestershire Council “currently has excellent financial management” under the Conservatives.

Under Conservatives, South Gloucestershire Council has opened more libraries - for longer than ever - invested more than £9million on public open spaces and protected the Green Belt from inappropriate development. We are exceeding all expectations for building new homes and new communities and have found new and innovative ways to fund services, including the purchase of the Bristol and Bath Science Park in 2018.

Work by Conservatives has taken recycling levels to an all-time high, without raising the cost to residents, which was imposed by Lib Dems and Labour. We have taken a zero-tolerance approach to fly tipping, for which we have a 100% record for successful prosecutions and have also completed the purchase of a brand-new recycling facility.

While these are all positives that have come from the past four years, we as Conservatives will not rest on our laurels, and our work will continue to provide better services to all our residents. Our positive plan can only be a success by voting Conservative on May 2.