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From the Eaton Ward Liberal Democrat Team

Eaton Lib Dems - working hard for you and our community all year round.

From housing to parks, road repairs to community safety, the local Lib Dem team is standing on a platform of fighting to protect the services that matter to you in the City Council elections this May.

In an age of slashed budgets in local government as funding from the Tory government in Westminster is cut, the Lib Dems in Norwich will continue to fight for the local services that matter most to residents.

We are proud that we have recently been successful in getting a Tourist Information Centre back in Norwich.

Who do you trust to make those choices for Eaton?

As part of your Eaton Liberal Democrat team, James will continue to work towards a fairer and better future for the residents of Eaton.

James has served Eaton as one of your councillors for the last 14 years, and for the last year has had the honour of representing the whole city as your Lord Mayor.

Locally, voters know they have a caring local team fighting for them on the City and County councils.

A vote for the Lib Dems means local champions continuing to deliver for our area.

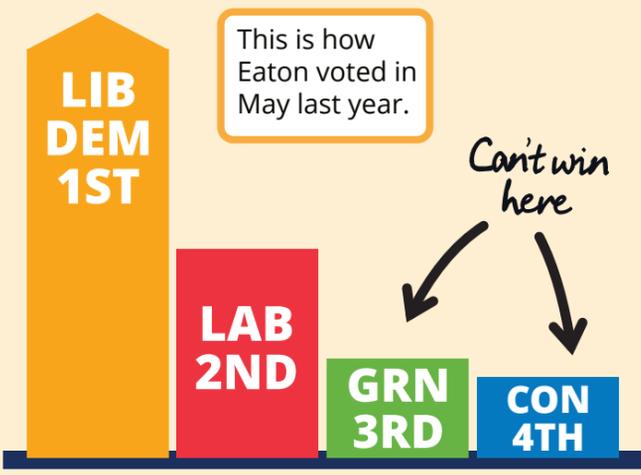
On May 2nd please use your vote to re-elect hard working councillor James Wright.



James has been one of your councillor team for the last 14 years, making sure that the voices of Eaton are heard at City Hall.

Keeping in regular contact with you...

IT'S JAMES WRIGHT OR THE LABOUR PARTY IN EATON WARD



NORWICH HAS A NEW CIVIC TEAM
Eaton City Councillor James Wright has been chosen as the new Lord Mayor of Norwich.
At the formal ceremony in City Hall James spoke of the trust involved in the 'prestigious role' and that it is the greatest honour someone born and bred in Norwich can have bestowed upon them. He said he was committed to doing his utmost to repay that trust in the year ahead.
The new Sheriff is Dr Jan Sheldon the CEO of St Martins Housing Trust. James described the events and the Sheriff would attend during their Civic Year as an opportunity to say thank you, on behalf of the city, to the many citizens who work tirelessly, day in and day out, for the benefit of others.
Eaton City Councillor Caroline Acrolyd was appointed as Deputy Lord Mayor
This is perhaps the first time a mother and son have held these civic roles in the same year.
The Civic Charity will be Norfolk Community Foundation and their 'Nourishing Norfolk Initiative' addressing the rapidly rising food prices affecting those on low incomes and offering people in Norwich a local place to shop on a budget and the chance to access the support they need.
For more information and to donate visit www.norwich.gov.uk/CivicCharity

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Council ploughs £40m into road that probably won't be built
The Norwich Western Link, declared as an environmental disaster by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, has been shelved by the government, facing an indefinite delay. This leaves our council roughly £40m out of pocket on the money it has already spent on the project without a grade even hitting the ground.
This comes as Norfolk County Council raised council tax by the maximum legally permitted amount this year, while cutting back services to the bone. All the while, the council has higher, with levels across last year costing the taxpayer £86,000 a day in interest alone. That has only increased since we after all this pain, they will still face another budget deficit next year of £42.6m, so more cuts, and more tax rises will be thrust upon us in the coming year.
Eaton county councillor Brian Watkins said: "In essence, we will be paying the price of poor economic decision making by the council, who decided to pump so much of our money into a project that wasn't even guaranteed to happen, the losses from which almost entirely total the amount of 'new money' that will have to be found to keep themselves afloat."

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Bluebell Road shared pedestrian / cycle path - a potential deathtrap?
There is growing concern amongst the residents of Daisy Hill, Coralie Court and Leander Court that the shared Bluebell Road path is a deathtrap with cyclists travelling very fast in both directions.
City Councillor for Eaton Caroline Acrolyd said, "With 120 flats in all and more residences being built the call for action on this path will only increase. As councillors we have approached the County Council and asked for a white line down the middle of the path to segregate the cyclists from the pedestrians, the pedestrians being on the inside of the path and cyclists on the outside nearest the road. This would give some assurance to residents that when they step on to the path they will not collide with a cycle. We are awaiting a response to our request."
The elderly are not asking for much but just some consideration of their age, in perhaps not being as nimble on their feet, not seeing the quick cyclists and not hearing them as often they don't have bells. As councillors we just want to do something to help prevent accidents and the residents' fear of being knocked down."

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Lib Dems secure Tourist Information Centre for Norwich
A TIC for Norwich could be up and running, ready for summer visitors following a successful Liberal Democrat budget amendment to February's City Council's budget meeting.
Eaton Lib Dem Cllr James Wright who spearheaded the proposal said, "There is a commitment to finance an options appraisal followed by up to £100,000 to deliver with partners a TIC somewhere in the city - it could operate from a market stall, City Hall or another suitable venue."
"Tourism is one of Norfolk's largest economic sectors and set to grow by 3.8% in the coming year. We cannot afford to miss out on this opportunity to promote to visitors the city's wealth of leisure, culture and heritage opportunities. This is an investment in the future of the city, creating many more jobs."
The previous TIC in the Forum closed in April 2021. It has been a long term aim of the Norwich Liberal Democrats to see the re-opening of a TIC for Norwich.

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...not just a leaflet at election time

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EATON WARD

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL



Sotherton Road Parking
 Since the introduction of parking charges in Eaton Park (opposed by Eaton Lib Dem Councillors) parking has increased in the area including on grass verges.

Papa Johns' licence
 The Lib Dem team represented residents' concerns and the late night licence to 4am was overturned.

Retained bus stops
 Many elderly people live nearby and need the bus for city centre and NNUH.

Norvic Drive
 Worked with the planners to ensure that contractors' vehicles from the McCarthy & Stone development were parked off the local roads.

Defibrillator
 Having campaigned to get it installed, Lib Dem councillors maintain the defibrillator at Waitrose.

Safer neighbourhoods
 We work regularly with the local police, with James having chaired some of the recent safer neighbourhood panels.



Meeting with council officers
 Throughout the year, councillors meet with council officers to discuss local issues.

Local planning issues
 James has taken a particular interest in planning applications, including a couple of recent high profile applications in Eaton Rise.

50mph sign move
 Pushed for the 30 mph speed limit on Newmarket Road to be extended further out of the city to make the pedestrian crossing and turning into Unthank Road safer

Konectbus
 Eaton Lib Dems liaised with Konectbus after passenger complaints about reliability. A new 6B service starts from April 15th to and from the Rail Station and Riverside Retail Park (not Stalham).

Contact the team:

The Eaton Lib Dem team wants to hear from you on any issue that you need help with.



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**A record of action for Eaton...
 ... and a promise of more.**