

Stability. Jobs. A better future.

**2026 Liberal Democrat manifesto
for Huntingdonshire District Council**



Foreword.

CLlr Sarah Conboy, HDC Lib Dems Leader

“We’ve spent the past four years fixing what wasn’t working and delivering better outcomes for residents. We demanded better and we’ll always continue to do so.

Now, our task is clear: protect that progress, grow our local economy, and ensure Huntingdonshire transitions to a new unitary authority from a position of strength.

This manifesto is about delivery, not disruption.

Our commitment is this: steady leadership, evidenced decisions, and better outcomes for residents, workers, and businesses.

To deliver that stability and a brighter future for our area, vote Liberal Democrat on the 7th May.”



Putting residents first in the transition to a new unitary council.

The priority of local residents as we move towards a new unitary council is consistent, high-quality, and effective services.

We will:

- Protect frontline services throughout reorganisation, maintaining quality and performance
- Use resources and reserves deliberately and responsibly to manage the transition well
- Support staff to be positive and resilient throughout the transition, to ensure service quality and morale do not slip
- Ensure Huntingdonshire has a strong, credible voice in shaping its future



Economic growth that creates jobs - not just homes.

Growth must work for people, not just numbers.

We will:

- Put jobs, skills, and productivity at the heart of growth - not housing targets alone
- Attract and retain higher-value employers
- Support small, rural, and manufacturing businesses that anchor local employment
- Align economic growth, skills, transport, and digital infrastructure, so opportunity reaches every community



Thriving town centres.

Strong town centres need consistent leadership and long-term thinking.

We will:

- Continue co-produced regeneration across St Neots, St Ives, Ramsey, and Huntingdon, ensuring they are able to support surrounding communities, and reflect forward-looking employment, economic growth, leisure trends, and lifestyle trends
- Back town centres with real investment, not short-term fixes
- Explore how we can bring vacant shops back into commercial use
- Maintain a strategic and evidence-led approach to parking, aligned with regeneration and access
- Build on the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement to improve safety, fairness, and consistency, and introduce a new parking strategy to support economic growth



Growth planned locally - not imposed.

We will ensure that planning is led by communities and benefits communities.

We will:

- Progress the new Local Plan to shape where homes and jobs go
- Reduce the risk of unwanted “tilted balance” development
- Ensure infrastructure keeps pace with growth so communities remain sustainable



Prevention at the heart of health, well-being, and prosperity.

Helping everyone to live better and healthier would be a key priority of a Liberal Democrat-led council.

We will:

- Expand Community Health and Wealth Building, in line with the strategy adopted by HDC, and continue to provide support with the ongoing Cost of Living crisis
- Invest in leisure, activity, and early support, building on the work we've already done
- Tackle the causes of poor health - not just the symptoms
- Reduce community isolation through community-led, inclusive work that benefits everyone



Climate action that delivers.

A Liberal Democrat-led council would do more, together with local residents and businesses, in the face of climate challenges.

We will:

- Cut emissions through measurable, local action, in line with the Climate Strategy HDC has adopted
- Invest in clean energy, nature recovery, and resilience
- Support residents and businesses to transition fairly, without shifting costs onto those least able to pay
- Help residents access the support they need to reduce energy costs, reduce waste, save money, heat their homes, and protect themselves from flooding



Making local government work.

A Liberal Democrat-led council would be a well-run one, putting residents first as we move towards a new unitary structure.

When voters elect Liberal Democrat councillors, they are electing local champions who work hard for their wards year round and run councils well.

That includes delivering reliable services, managing public money responsibly, supporting communities, and providing strong leadership.

We will continue to publish open and transparent performance data, livestream meetings, and seek increased participation from residents so they can be confident that they are heard and we are accountable.

We are clear about what councils can control and our priority is delivery - that means **protecting services, supporting residents, and ensuring Huntingdonshire enters the next phase of local government well-led.**



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Democrat on
the 7th May 2026.**

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