



Shear Brow FOCUS



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Ex BNP activist puts

Labour in control *and* joins the Labour Party



Labour have taken control of Blackburn Council. Labour only had 31 of the 64 seats on the Council, therefore they need the support of other parties to stay in control. They gained control when two ex-“For Darwen” councillors resigned from their party and became “Independent”. They have decided to support Labour. One of them, Cllr. Trevor Maxfield is an ex BNP activist and has joined the Labour Party.

Illegal Iraq war would have paid for Council Tax cuts Labour & Tories supported war that cost over £8 billion

Labour is complaining about government cuts to local councils. Councils are facing a shortfall of £6.5 billion over the next 2 years. If Labour and Conservatives had not voted for this illegal war it would have been more than enough to stop the need for cuts over the next 2 years. Of the main 3 parties only the Liberal Democrats voted against the war.

Ex- Labour Minister kicked out of parliament and banned for 3 years Found guilty of telling lies about Lib Dem opponent and exploiting racial tensions

In the an email of April 25, from Labour’s election agent, referring to the strong support for the Lib Dems from “the Asian Community”, he wrote: “If we can convince [voters] that they are being used by the Muslims it may save him and the more we can damage Elwyn the easier it will be.” The recipient of the email, Steven Green, the MP’s campaign adviser, enthusiastically agreed, adding that Labour needed to “galvanise the white Sun-reading voters”.



Labour Cllr speaks against Islamic School

Some Labour Party senior councillors did not support Tauheedal School being part of the state system and now Labour Cllr. Parwaiz Akhtar has spoken out against the school and their part in community cohesion.



Muntazir Patel working for YOU

Cllr. Muntazir Patel has been working hard for our local community. Here are some of his successes:

Bicknell St made a one-way street and **Charlotte St.** to be made one-way.



Cllr. Patel at one of our new one-way streets

Resident only parking schemes for **Limbrick, Bold St** (between Altom St and Randal St), & **Lime St** coming soon. A scheme for Randal St. Is subject to further consultations.

Extra street cleaning and cleaning of back alleys in Shear Brow - an initiative of Cllr. Muntazir Patel.

Blackburn St alleygates introduced - a Liberal Democrat policy initiative.

Street lights for the back alley between **Blackburn St** and **Inkerman St** to improve safety for local children.

Campaigned for a review of planning policies to allow for **double extensions**.

Magnetic badges approved for taxis.

Liberal Democrats gave you weekly bin collections that were removed by Labour.

New Street light columns installed on **Shear Brow** as the existing ones were defective.

Earl St chicanes have been changed to make it easy & safer for people to drive through them.

Cllr Muntazir Patel has got Twin Valley Homes to get rid of shrubs in **Corwen Close & Bala Close**.



Cllr. Patel at the Alleygates at Blackburn St.

Lib Dems cut out the fat cats £2 million saved

In a ground breaking move initiated when Lib Dems helped run the Council the senior management of Blackburn with Darwen Council and the local health service are being combined together. This means by reducing the number of senior officers we can make an annual saving of £2 million pounds and help protect front line services. Muntazir Patel said "This plan shows that the Lib Dems are determined to cut bureaucracy and maintain services as much as we can."

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