

THE CHOICE IN 2005

Dear Elector,

Here are some of the most important issues in this Election:

- CRIME** is out of control in Blair's Britain, with more than a million violent crimes a year, a gun crime every hour of the day, and only one in seven burglaries cleared up by the Police. Only the Conservatives will free the Police from oppressive paperwork and political correctness, restore honesty in sentencing, and, in Hampshire alone, put *an extra 1,100 Police on the streets*. By contrast, the Liberal Democrats would abolish compulsory life sentences for murder, and their Home Affairs spokesman regards prison as "a complete and utter waste of time".
- IMMIGRATION** is out of control in Blair's Britain, having more than doubled since 1997, resulting in an estimated 250,000 failed asylum-seekers still remaining in the country. This is undermining our capacity to help *genuine* refugees and creating huge resentment in society. Only the Conservatives will set an annual maximum limit on those who can settle in Britain. By contrast, the Liberal Democrats would hand over control of our asylum and immigration system to the European Union.



- HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT** is out of control in Blair's Britain, where the number of new bureaucrats continues to rise three times as fast as the number of new doctors and nurses. Only the Conservatives will put doctors, nurses and matrons back in charge, and end the scandal of hospital infections killing 5,000 patients a year.
- EDUCATION STRATEGY** is out of control in Blair's Britain, with a million children playing truant every year and a teacher assaulted every seven minutes. Only the Conservatives will give head teachers the final say on pupil exclusions. *We shall also reverse Labour's disastrous imposition of tuition fees for college students.*
- EUROPE** is trying to gain control of Blair's Britain. Only the Conservatives can form a Government determined to oppose scrapping the Pound, signing up to the EU Constitution, and creating an EU foreign and defence policy. By contrast, Labour and the Liberal Democrats support all those dangerous schemes, whilst the aim of UKIP (as confirmed by Robert Kilroy-Silk) is really "to kill the Conservative Party".
- FINALLY**, if you are tempted by the Liberal Democrats' pledge to "abolish" the Council Tax, please bear in mind the 40 *new* taxes contained in their policy documents – including a Local Income Tax, which would cost the average working couple in the New Forest *an extra £721 every year*. Only the Conservatives will give pensioners over 65 a discount on their Council Tax of up to £500 every year.

Yours sincerely,
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