

EAST SUSSEX CONSERVATIVES

MANIFESTO
2017-2021

A personal message from
Cllr Keith Glazier
Conservative Leader of East Sussex County Council

Dear Resident,

I am pleased to be publishing our manifesto for the next four years. The last 4 years have been challenging for the Council and no doubt for many people in our community but I believe that our hard work has not been in vain.

Looking back on the commitments we gave to the people of East Sussex, it is revealing to see just how much we listened to local residents in delivering exactly what we promised to do. I am particularly proud of this, as it is not something you see very often in modern politics.

Although there is no doubt that we have experienced pressure on our financial resources, I honestly believe that we have been able to do that at the same time as delivering the high quality services which you and your Family deserve.

Our priorities for East Sussex can be boiled down to four central themes: driving economic growth whereby all residents can benefit, supporting those most in need, creating opportunity and encouraging responsibility and making the best use of the resources we have engineered.

Our plan for the next four years will see us provide for Health and Social services in a new and exciting way – an approach where the clinician will be leading the decision making and your interests will be the only concern.

It will see us continuing to bring investment to our community, with schemes designed to create quality jobs in new flourishing businesses. Additionally with our partners in schools, colleges and universities, it will see us make provision for our young people so that we can give them the best start in life within our County.

In this, and so much more, we will endeavour to work with our 5 Local Authorities, MPs and central Government-whether it is ensuring suitable infrastructure is put in place, maintenance of our roads or enabling recycling of waste and protecting against land raise or land fill.

We still believe we are the best team to serve you for the next four years and hope we have earned the chance to go on delivering for you.

So when you make your vote on Thursday 4th May, we hope you choose us.

Keith Glazier



COUNTY NEWS

 Conservatives

KEEPING OUR PROMISES TO OUR COMMUNITY

At the last election, four years ago, the Conservatives made 8 commitments to you, your Family and the residents and businesses of East Sussex. Since then we have been working hard to deliver on all those promises:

- 1 INCREASE JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

The County's economy grew by 5.2% since 2014, in the top 10 in Country. Unemployment is down by 58% since 2013, Average income per household 10 times national growth speed. £74Million secured in growth fund deals. Now 23,350 companies and 2,790 start-up businesses, 9% increase since 2014.
- 2 AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION FOR ALL**

Thanks to the hard work of Teachers, we have seen the best results ever in our County's schools. Our policy of "excellence for all" has been praised by OfSTED and we have invested £87.2million in school buildings.
- 3 HELPING FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER**

Earlier intervention reduced the number of children in care by 12% in 4 years. With a team of key workers we have provided support for 2,000 troubled Families.
- 4 KEEP COUNCIL TAX INCREASES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE**

We have kept council tax low by increasing efficiency at the same time as delivering quality front –line services for residents.
- 5 INVEST IN OUR ROADS**

We have invested £85million in the maintenance and rebuilding of our roads, repairing in excess of 200,000 pot holes and treating over 300 miles of the County's roads.
- 6 KEEP YOU SAFE**

We have invested over £2million in road safety schemes and have committed £1million to programmes to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on local roads.
- 7 PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT**

We stopped land raise. The energy from the waste plant has converted over 500,000 tonnes of the county's household waste into £650,000 worth of electricity.
- 8 ENCOURAGE RECYCLING EFFORTS**

We have worked to promote recycling and with the help of local residents, we now recycle 42% of all waste in the County.



IN ADDITION TO THE PROMISES, WE HAVE ALSO DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING FOR THE RESIDENTS OF EAST SUSSEX:

- 1 SETTING UP A SKILLS PROGRAMME**
By working with leading East Sussex businesses to raise the aspirations of our young people and with universities and colleges to ensure the curriculum offer is designed for modern needs.
- 2 IMPROVING TRANSPORT LINKS IN THE AREA**
By championing the infrastructure plans for HS1 into Hastings/Bexhill, the Lewes-Uckfield line and the A21 and A27 road improvements.
- 3 BUILDING BEXHILL LINK ROAD**
To deliver 3,000 new jobs and 56,500m² of commercial space.
- 4 ESTABLISHING AN ASSET MAP OF OUR ROADS**
To help us project where reconstruction is necessary and drainage is required.
- 5 INVESTING MORE THAN £80 MILLION IN NEWHAVEN**
The harbour access road and harbour defence scheme will provide for 6,000 new jobs and 1,800 designated new homes.
- 6 INVESTING £30MILLION IN BETTER BROADBAND**
To make sure that superfast broadband reaches the rural areas of East Sussex. Now we have secured 96% coverage, we are now looking for more resources to increase coverage again and speeds.
- 7 DELIVERING BETTER SOCIAL CARE TO MORE PEOPLE**
Have supported more people with complex care needs than ever before. After work with GPs in the area, a strong community Health and Social Care support programme is in place for local people.
- 8 HAVING A HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SUPPORT SERVICE CLOSER TO HOME**
By working with the NHS to ensure that residents can gain access to the healthcare they expect and deserve.



Over the last four years some real progress has been made but we know there is much more to do. To ensure east sussex remains an excellent place to live, learn and work we will:

1

SUPPORT THOSE MOST IN NEED whatever stage of their life.

2

CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBILITY by supporting residents to get a job, a decent home and the opportunities for their families to thrive and prosper.

3

SUPPORT YOUR CAREER AMBITIONS through employability and skills programmes.

4

CONTINUE TO INVEST IN OUR COUNTY with new roads and railways, well equipped schools, libraries, broadband and 4G services.

5

INVEST IN RURAL AREAS and our Towns such as Bexhill, Crowborough, Eastbourne, Hailsham, Hastings, Lewes, Polegate, Newhaven, Seaford and Uckfield.

6

WORK HARD TO DELIVER BETTER PUBLIC SERVICES by working with local MPs and central government to ensure we get the funding we need and that every pound is spent wisely.

7

WORK WITH HEALTH PARTNERS to bring about a sensible and seamless provision for care in Acute and Community Hospitals, Home and Social care.

8

WORK WITH YOU and strategic partners to keep everyone safe and free from danger.

