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The choice: who do you want as your NEW councillor in Moreton and Leasowe?



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## SEND A MESSAGE TO THE TOWN HALL

The election of a local councillor here in Moreton and Leasowe is your chance to send a message to the Town Hall. Local resident Debbie Caplin is standing against Labour's candidate from Birkenhead.

At every election, Labour wins some seats by just a handful of votes.

The latest opinion polls show Labour and the Conservatives are neck and neck. Debbie Caplin needs your vote to win.

In a previous election, Labour won this area by just 18 votes, the narrowest win anywhere in Wirral!

The Labour Councillor who narrowly defeated Ian Lewis in 2014 has decided not to stand again.

**USE YOUR VOTE FOR DEBBIE CAPLIN TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE LABOUR COUNCIL:**

- Cut the £2.6m Labour is spending on management consultants
- Stop using our Council Tax for loans to other councils. More on page 3.
- Scrap the Wirral View and use the cash for school crossings instead

Council Elections helpline: 0151 691 8046



### WHY YOUR VOTE ON 3RD MAY MATTERS

**Wirral Labour Council**  
**£1,541.09\***

\*Band C, 2018/19

**Trafford Conservative Council**  
**£1,319.89\***

\*Band C, 2018/19

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE? LABOUR COUNCILS COST YOU MORE**

**YOUR MONEY IS BEING WASTED BY YOUR LABOUR COUNCILLORS:**

**Efforts continue to abolish the controversial Wirral View newspaper**

Liverpool Echo, 20 March 2018

£254,000 spent on 'Wirral View' so far, with a further £140,000 planned.

**Hoylake golf course plans draw criticism**

BBC News 9th December 2017

£359,000 spent on the controversial plan for a Hoylake Golf Resort.

**Over the past 12 months Wirral's "hard pressed" Council has spent £2.6 million on consultants**

Globe, 14th March 2018

£2.6 million spent on management consultants, as well as £1.4 million spent on top directors.

**Council tax in Wirral will increase by almost 6% from April and new coastal car parking and toilet charges will be brought in.**

Echo, 5th March 2018

Enough is enough! Use your vote to send a message to the Labour Councillors running Wirral.

**A vote for Debbie Caplin is a vote to stop this waste.**

**Debbie Caplin**



# LOCAL PEOPLE TELL US WHY THEY'RE BACKING DEBBIE CAPLIN

The choice at this council election is clear: local resident Debbie Caplin or an unknown Labour candidate from Birkenhead. Here, people explain why they are backing Debbie.



Colin and Hannah Horton, Holly Place, says: "At last a candidate with backbone, from Moreton for Moreton! We have always been Labour voters, but not this time! Debbie will be committed to supporting residents here, Debbie most definitely will be getting our vote."



Val Frost, Senior Staff Nurse at Arrowe Park Hospital, says: "The Green space around Moreton and Leasowe is really precious. We can't allow Labour Councillors to keep flogging it off to developers. I'm backing Debbie Caplin to send a message that enough is enough!"



Eve Sorrell, Governor at Leasowe Nursery School, says: "People want a councillor who is on their side, who will speak up for them and get things done. That's why I backed Ian Lewis last time, and why I'm backing Debbie Caplin this time."

## WIRRAL HAS A LABOUR-RUN COUNCIL:

*Labour has a majority in the Town Hall*



**"We used to hear from Ian Lewis all the time. Now, we only hear from Labour Councillors at election time!"**



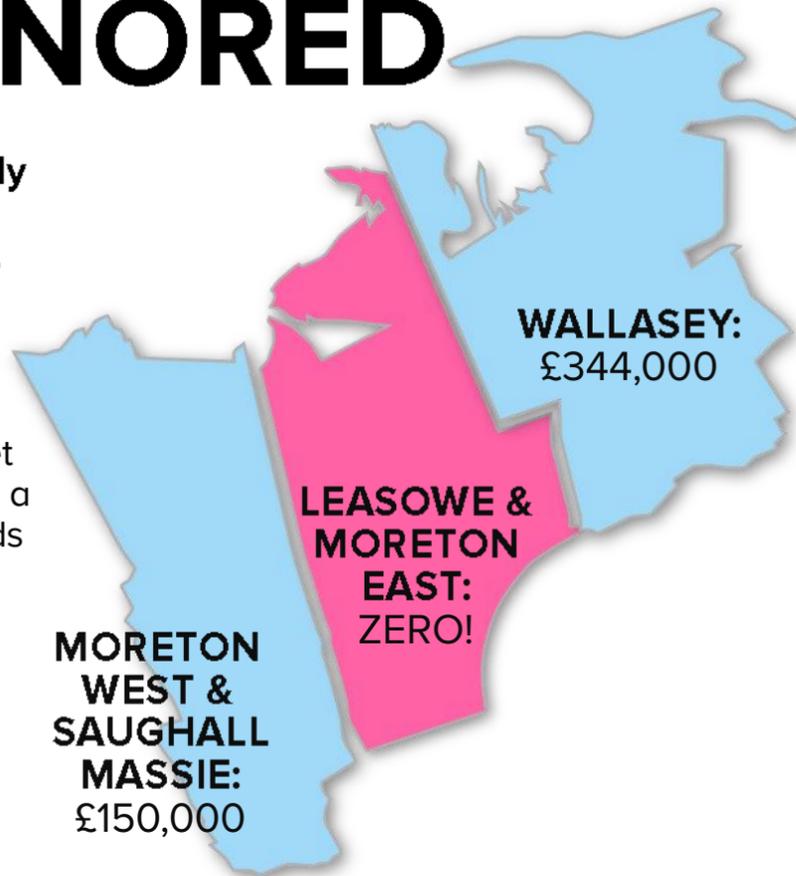
# SHOCK AS LOCAL ROADS IGNORED

Wirral's Labour Council has recently announced the road maintenance programme for the year ahead. It's bad news for roads in Leasowe & Moreton East Ward.

Labour isn't going to spend a single penny of the £2.5 million roads budget in this community. However, as usual, a big chunk is going to be spent on roads in Birkenhead.

In neighbouring wards, the local Conservative Councillors have been arguing for a share of the cash. As a result, £344,000 is to be spent in Wallasey Village and £150,000 in Moreton West & Saughall Massie.

**Debbie Caplin says: "This is the difference good councillors make - fighting for their communities and getting a fair share of the cash that's available. What have the three Labour Councillors for this area been doing? Are they taking this area for granted?"**



LABOUR'S ROAD REPAIR PROGRAMME FOR 2018/19 DOESN'T INCLUDE A SINGLE ROAD IN OUR AREA.

IF LABOUR'S CANDIDATE FROM BIRKENHEAD KNOCKS ON YOUR DOOR, ASK HER WHY!

## REVEALED! WIRRAL'S LABOUR COUNCIL HAS LENT £51.7 MILLION TO OTHER COUNCILS

In the last five years, Wirral Council has lent a staggering £51.7 million to other councils. They also lent £1.7 million to help the police in Lincolnshire!

- 1 Newcastle upon Tyne City Council:** £2 million at just 0.65% interest.
- 2 Birmingham City Council:** £3 million at just 0.40% and 0.45% interest.
- 3 Wolverhampton Council:** £1 million at just 0.48% interest.
- 4 Bath & North East Somerset:** £5 million at just 0.65% interest.
- 5 Lancashire County Council:** £5 million at just 0.50% interest.
- 6 South Cambridgeshire Council:** £1 million at just 0.47% interest.
- 7 North Somerset Council:** £3 million at just 0.50% interest.
- 8 Moray Council in Scotland:** £1 million at just 0.50% interest.
- 9 Glasgow City Council:** £5 million at just 0.50% interest.
- 10 Stirling Council in Scotland:** £3 million at just 0.53% interest.
- 11 London Borough of Haringey:** £3 million at just 0.53% interest.
- 12 Staffordshire County Council:** £3 million at just 0.55% interest.
- 13 Greater London Authority:** £2 million at just 0.63% interest.
- 14 The Highlands Council:** £3 million at just 0.41% interest.
- 15 Thurrock Council (Essex):** £5 million at just 0.41% interest.
- 16 Uttlesford Council:** £2 million at just 0.65% interest.

If you believe that Council Tax paid by Wirral residents shouldn't be used to support other councils, use your vote to send a message to the Labour Councillors running Wirral.

**A vote for Debbie Caplin is a vote to end these loans.**

## WHY YOUR VOTE MATTERS:

At every council election, Labour wins seats in Wirral because some people don't vote, thinking it only matters in a General Election.

Here's why YOUR vote for the election of a local councillor in Moreton and Leasowe **DOES** matter:

**Electing Debbie Caplin will keep the other two Labour Councillors on their toes so they don't take our community for granted.**

### ELECTION OF A LOCAL COUNCILLOR: YOUR CHOICE

#### UNDER WIRRAL'S LABOUR COUNCIL:

£2.6 million spent on consultants and £1.4 million spent on senior directors

Parking charges being introduced in country parks and coastal areas

School crossing patrols removed but £254,000 spent on the Wirral View newspaper

Food waste bins being issued to every home, costing £1.5 million

#### OUR PLAN FOR WIRRAL:

Cut spending on consultants and senior directors

Abolish parking charges in country parks and coastal areas

Scrap the Wirral View newspaper and use the money to reinstate school crossing patrols

Scrap the plan for food waste bins and do more, instead, to reduce the amount of packaging and plastic waste

OR

USE YOUR VOTE FOR LOCAL RESIDENT DEBBIE CAPLIN AT THIS COUNCIL ELECTION AND SEND A MESSAGE TO THE TOWN HALL

Debbie Caplin



# COUNCIL ELECTION LATEST:

■ Our community needs a councillor who will put our community first and Party politics second. Many residents have told us how they hardly ever hear from their three Labour Councillors these days.

Unlike Labour's candidate for Moreton & Leasowe, who lives in Birkenhead, Debbie Caplin lives in Moreton.

She grew up here, her family live here and she went to school here - Eastway, then Moreton Middle and then Oxley Avenue.

Debbie now works as an Environmental Contract Manager.

Debbie said: "I think a good councillor can make a big difference for local residents. We don't need another councillor who is just another bum on a seat in the Town Hall."

Her first project of the campaign was to help organise an event for older residents in our community, helping to tackle loneliness and letting them know how they could

get impartial, trusted advice on keeping healthy, safe and living in their own homes for longer.

Debbie added: "People often just need someone to talk to - whether it's about a local issue, problem or concern or something that they are worried about. If I am elected as the new Councillor for our area, I will be out and about all year round, not just at election time."

## WHAT LABOUR ISN'T TELLING YOU AT THIS ELECTON:

**LOCAL LABOUR PARTY SUSPENDED:** the Labour Party in this constituency was suspended after allegations of bullying, intimidation and homophobia.

**HEFTY LEGAL BILL FOR LABOUR CANDIDATE:** Following false claims in his leaflet, a former Labour Candidate in Moreton was forced to pay legal costs of £3,000 and issue an apology to the local Conservatives.

**BLOCKING ANTI-FRAUD MEASURES...**Wirral's Labour Party blocked measures to tackle voter fraud. While other councils have agreed to the changes, Wirral has not.

**TOTAL CONTROL:** Labour wants total control of Wirral Council, having wiped out most other parties in Liverpool, Knowsley, Sefton and St Helens.

They have all four MPs, Police Commissioner, Metro Mayor and control the Fire Authority and Merseytravel.

**Only a vote for the Debbie Caplin in this council election will ensure a healthy opposition.**

## LOCAL GREEN BELT UPDATE:

As we reported in our last edition, the Town Hall had failed to produce a 'Local Plan' that would tell developers which sites could be built upon, and which sites could not. This means much loved green spaces are at risk.

Now, the Government has told the Leader of the Council that his explanation isn't good enough and 2020 is too late. We agree. If elected, Debbie Caplin will push for a plan to protect our green spaces sooner.

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR LEAFLETS WE HAVE PUBLISHED IN RECENT YEARS IS A CARD THAT CAN BE DISPLAYED AT YOUR DOOR TO DETER UNWANTED CALLERS.

We've now updated the card and included the latest contact numbers for the police and also useful website addresses.

Many residents have told us they do not want to receive the 'Wirral View' newspaper published by the Labour Councillors and paid for using Council Tax - £254,000 so far and another £140,000 this year!

So, we've also published a card which advises people delivering the 'Wirral View' not to deliver it to homes displaying the card.

Debbie has delivered them to many homes in Moreton and Leasowe already. Visit [www.wirralconservatives.com/scrapwirralview](http://www.wirralconservatives.com/scrapwirralview)



# YOUR CHOICE FOR COUNCILLOR:

## REMEMBER:

The council election here in Moreton and Leasowe is between Debbie Caplin and Labour.

The smaller parties are too far behind and can't win here.

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**Candidate:** Debbie Caplin

**Local connections:** attended Eastway, Moreton Middle and Oxley schools. Now works as an Environmental Contracts Manager.

**Lives:** Moreton

**Position on parking charges:** against parking charges on our promenade and coastal areas.

**Backed by:** Ian Lewis



**Candidate:** Sharon Jones

**Local connections:** not known.

**Lives:** Birkenhead

**Position on parking charges:** not known but every councillor in her Party voted for them to be introduced at the coast here in Moreton and Leasowe.

**Backed by:** Leader of the Council, Phil Davies

