## **DORSET COUNTY CONSERVATIVES**

One of the best performing County Councils in the Country

### **Delivering our Promises in Difficult Financial Times**

A proud Record of Achievement for the Communities of Dorset over the past 12 years

#### £440 Million Capital Investment in Our Future

Attracting over £190 million of grant funding into Dorset means continued Capital Investments in our Schools, the Weymouth Relief Road, Durlston Castle, Roads, Superfast Broadband, the Olympic Legacy - improving life for our communities.

#### **New Era for Waste and Recycling Services**

Dorset County, working with local Councils, has saved well over £2 million pa due to the improved Dorset Waste Partnership kerbside collection service - with more savings to come.

Recycling rates exceeding 60% in the next 2 years - saving money on landfill tax and improving our environment.

#### **Continued Support for the Elderly**

Investment in social care over the past 4 years has been sustained - enabling more residents to stay in their own homes.

#### **Investment in Young People**

OFSTED Inspections confirm that 90% of our Schools are rated GOOD or OUTSTANDING against the National Average of 57% - proof again of Dorset's excellent record of educational achievement. Our Children's Services achieved a 'PERFORMING EXCELLENTLY ' rating from "Independent Inspection for Safeguarding" - only 4 County Councils have achieved this.

#### **Our Roads**

Major investment is planned for the roads maintenance programme - including dealing with potholes caused by severe weather.

#### **Businesslike Financial Management**

No increase in Council Tax for the past 3 years. Your County Council has claimed Government Freeze Grants saving Taxpayers £8.6 million per year by 2013/14. Delivering Value for Money Services by living within our means - enabling the retention of front-line services.

# Heat Berugh for the Lendon 2012 Salinip Everts Weymouth Relief Road





#### **WE DELIVERED OUR PROMISES:-**

- Kept Council Tax down
- Supported the growing needs of the Elderly
- Continued a drive for greater efficiency
- Worked with local Councils to create the Dorset Waste Partnership saving you money
- Achieved significant investment in our schools and maintained high quality educational standards
- Delivered high quality services at lower cost

#### **WE PLEDGE TO:-**

- Deliver affordable quality services
- Continue to keep Council Tax down
- Campaign for Fairer Funding for Local Communities
- Continue investing in Schools and drive up educational standards
- Work towards near zero landfill with DWP
- Continue to invest in the Older Generation
- Support a viable Library Service

Since 2009 Dorset's budget has reduced by £54 million due to Government grant reductions. Prudent financial management has meant limited impact on services.

Dorset County Conservatives more businesslike approach

"A Real Success Story"

## **THURSDAY 2 MAY VOTE CONSERVATIVE**

**Local Issues - Local Conservatives - Local Action - Local Results** 

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