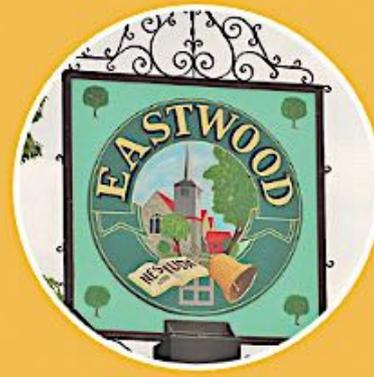


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ROB McMULLAN SAYS 'THANK YOU'!

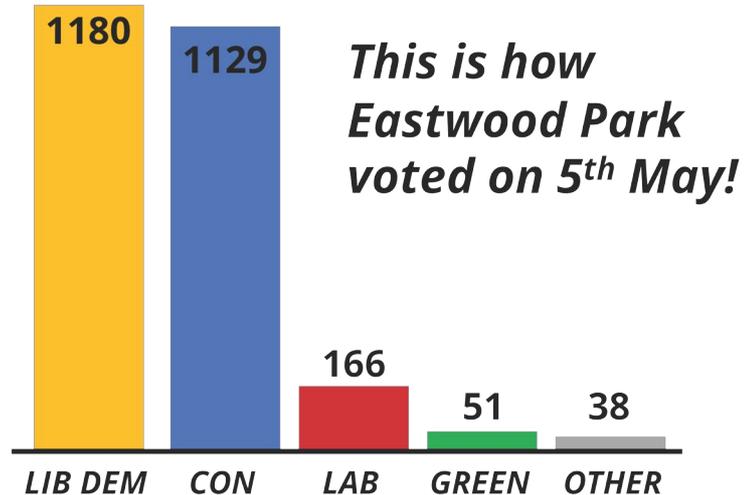
"Thank you to the voters of Eastwood Park Ward who chose me to be your new Councillor at the Southend City Council election on Thursday 5th May. I'm delighted to be joining Eastwood's existing Liberal Democrat Councillor Paul Collins to work on your behalf and speak up for you.



There's much work to do and the Council has a number of important issues to tackle over the coming months but we're available to help ALL the people of Eastwood **regardless** of whether you voted for me or not. Paul and I will continue with the Councillor Surgeries at Kent Elms Library and The Oakwood, details on this leaflet."

Following the election, Liberal Democrat, Labour and Independent Councillors came together to form the Southend City Partnership, who will continue to work together running the Council. Despite Conservative smears it is NOT a 'hard left' Council, as they wrongly claim, but everyone working together to achieve the best outcome for our City and its people. There are 28 out of 51 Councillors in the Southend City Partnership. Councillor Paul Collins will continue in his role as Cabinet Member, taking on responsibility for Asset Management and Inward Investment, one of the 8 Cabinet members, made up of 2 Lib Dem, 2 Independent and 4 Labour Councillors.

Southend City Council's Lib Dem Councillors - including Cllr Rob McMullan (front, centre), newly elected for Eastwood Park and Cllr Paul Collins (back, left)



Grass verges

A number of residents contacted us after a completely untrue leaflet was delivered by the Conservatives during the election, claiming that grass verges would be cut once a year. Councillor Rob McMullan said: "This was a totally made up story attempting to worry people. Grass verges will continue to be cut regularly. There are a small number of areas, notably some central reservations on dual carriageways, where wild flowers will be allowed to grow to encourage pollinators like bees and butterflies and help biodiversity, but over 90% of verges will continue to be cut throughout the year.

"Either the Conservatives misunderstand the benefits of this scheme or simply don't care for our environment." Liberal Democrat Councillors will continue to ensure the environment is at the heart of the Council's focus going forward.

Rayleigh Road resurfaced!

Councillor Paul Collins reports: "I'm pleased to confirm Rayleigh Road has now been resurfaced from Eastwood Primary School to Rochford Corner, following on from the recent pavement resurfacing. This is delivering on the Council's promised infrastructure investment of £10 million per year on road and footpath repairs and resurfacing across Southend.

"Macmurdo Road is next on the list, with the pavement to be relaid in July. Rob McMullan and myself will be pushing for further investment in Eastwood – please contact us if you feel your road or pavement could benefit."



Highways improvements

Many of you will have seen signs posted on roads across Eastwood as the Council prepares to install junction protections on 68 roads across our ward. This is something we have been pushing to achieve for some time so we're delighted that the Council is now moving forward to make so many junctions and bends safer for all.

Dangerous bends on Ringwood Drive and Green Lane have already seen yellow lines put down and the other junctions will follow over the summer.

There are still a small number of roads with outstanding issues that haven't been agreed yet and Paul and Rob will continue to press the Council to address these over the coming months.



HGV Issues in Nobles Green Road, Dandies Drive and Green Lane

Paul reports that he has held a meeting with Highways Officers to first improve the signage of 7.5t weight restrictions (*pictured here, completed*) and to have the 7.5t weight restriction zone extended down to the bottom of Nobles Green Road and Dandies Drive as well as along to the crossroads of Bosworth Road and Wren Avenue.

Residents in the area have been concerned about damage being caused to their property as well as the danger these overweight vehicles cause. Follow Paul & Rob on Facebook for an update on actions on this topic.



Eastwood Park Liberal Democrat Team: Always here to help!



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Eastwood Park Lib Dem Surgeries / Meet Your Councillor sessions twice each month!

Next dates (Saturdays, all 10.00am to midday):

- ★ June 25th at The Oakwood
- ★ July 9th at Kent Elms Library
- ★ July 23rd at The Oakwood

Want to help?

Can you help deliver our Focus leaflets in your neighbourhood? Would you like to join the Liberal Democrats? Contact Paul or Rob!

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