

Council - Careless

It's so close here!

Lib Dem 21

Con 29

No Lab!

Ind 5

There are no Labour councillors on Maidstone Council.

Only the Lib Dems can beat the Conservatives here.

Audit Commission says County Council 'missed warning signs'

In spite of warnings about the state of the Icelandic economy, the Conservatives at County Hall invested £50 million in Icelandic banks last year. It now looks as though a lot of this money – probably at least £10 million – has been lost.

been yet another example of the Conservatives at County Hall wasting our money and showing more concern about their own image than anything else; they should be concentrating on providing high quality services for the residents of Kent."

The Audit Commission's damning report originally described the KCC as having been 'negligent' but this word was changed to 'careless' after pressure from the County Council.

Lib Dem County Councillor, **Dan Daley** says "Kent got it wrong. 'Negligent' or 'careless' – the words don't matter. What matters is that the County Council has wasted a huge amount of taxpayers' money.

The change in the wording means that the likelihood of the Council's taking the Audit Commission to court has now receded. KCC candidate, **Malcolm Robertson** commented, "I am glad that it no longer looks as though the KCC is going to spend taxpayers' money fighting the Audit Commission in court. This would have

ELECTIONS: 4TH June 2009

Maidstone Central is represented by two County Councillors which means that you will have TWO votes for the County Council and one for the European Parliament on 4th June. Use them all and elect Councillors and MEPs who will listen!

Dan Daley and **Malcolm Robertson** have worked together closely for many years. You can trust them to keep you informed and you know that they will listen to what you have to say.



On June 4th you have three votes

Dan DALEY For Kent County Council		X
Malcom ROBERTSON For Kent County Council		X
Liberal Democrats For the European Parliament		X

A record of ACTION a promise of more

Conservatives - not listening

Conservative plans to make dramatic changes to parking in Maidstone raised a huge protest. Hundreds of letters were sent to the Council, thousands signed a Lib Dem petition and there were many indignant letters to the press. Even the Local Transport Board rejected the scheme. But the Conservatives are pressing ahead and all but one of the proposals will be put in place. This means that in future:

- You may have to pay a tax of £25 to park outside your own house;
 - You will need to pay to park in Council car parks on Sundays;
 - London Road Park & Ride will be reduced to little more than a bus service in the day
- Allington Councillor and County candidate, **Malcolm Robertson**, says 'This is a disgrace. Residents made their views very clear to the Council but they were ignored. Councillors should listen to local people and not go through the sham of a 'consultation' when they have no intention of taking any notice of the result.'