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For the regional executive and for policy officer

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Candidate, Leigh ward by-election, 10 December

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A region that helps every local party win

I chair Southend Liberal Democrats and have been active in Leigh for five years. Our councillors are part of the administration running Southend City Council, and on 10 December I'm our candidate in the Leigh ward by-election, where we start in second place.

A short by-election campaign shows you quickly what a small local party can do on its own and where it needs help. The help we've had from the regional team has made a real difference. I'd like every local party in the East of England to be able to count on the same.

On the executive I will

- Speak up for smaller local parties, and for places like south Essex where we are close but not yet winning.
- Push for practical help that volunteers can use straight away: templates, training and people to ask.
- Turn up, read the papers and do the work between meetings.

As policy officer I will

- Start from what members hear on the doorstep, such as buses, pavements and local services.
- Bring policy to regional conference in plain English that candidates can use in a leaflet.
- Use what I know from my day job leading an AI service, so the region has something useful to say about AI and public services.

Please give me your first preference in both elections.