

Liberal Democrats - on your side in Government

In May 2010

Labour lost the election but the Conservatives did not win a majority

Our difficult choice

- A shared administration with Labour was a non-starter because they wouldn't negotiate but preferred opposition
- Allow a minority Conservative government letting the hard right set policies - we couldn't let this happen

We formed a coalition

- To give us stable government quickly so as not to lose our AAA credit rating which could have trebled interest repayments.
- To allow progressive policies to be delivered - 65% of our election manifesto is in the Coalition Agreement
- To start tackling Labour's financial mess

Coalitions

- Are the normal form of government in most successful countries
- Mean both sides have to compromise - no party can get its own way all the time

Liberal Democrats

- We believe in giving power to people and communities - this is happening everywhere
- We oppose control from Whitehall and London setting masses of targets - red tape and bureaucracy are being cut back on a daily basis
- We oppose right wing Tory policies and are keeping Tory hard liners on the sidelines

Dealing with Labour's debt

We did not choose the moment. Whoever was in power would have had to cut back.

We know it hurts, but it has to be done or leave a bankrupt country for our children and grandchildren.



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LIB DEM SUCSESSES IN GOVERNMENT BENEFIT WARRINGTON

- ✓ **Tax reductions** will take 1.1million lower paid workers out of tax by 2013
- ✓ **Pensions up** £4.50 a week for 38,900 Warrington pensioners and the earnings link restored
- ✓ **Pupil Premium** to benefit 3359 children in Warrington from poorer backgrounds - worth £1.4m
- ✓ **Green Deal** to create thousands of new jobs and apprentice schemes, insulate homes and cut household bills
- ✓ **ID Cards scrapped** - an end to Labour's costly and controlling scheme
- ✓ **£10 billion tax on banks** to crack down on unacceptable profit
- ✓ **End to Post Office closures** of the last Labour and Tory governments
- ✓ **Voting referendum** on 5 May to let people choose the voting system
- ✓ **Help for carers** - £2.6bn cash injection to the NHS will pay for health visitors and more support for carers

None of this would have happened without Lib Dems as part of the Government

Labour left this debt

Labour left the country needing to borrow £400m a day just to get by and paying £120m in interest on our debt every day - enough to build a Primary school every hour! Overspending started years before the bank crisis and it can't go on. Labour planned to cut government spending by £72 billion. Now they oppose every saving - but they will not say what they would do.

Labour got us into this mess and left others to pick up the bill.