

Eastwood Park FOCUS

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PAUL COLLINS RE-ELECTED – SAYS MASSIVE “THANK YOU”

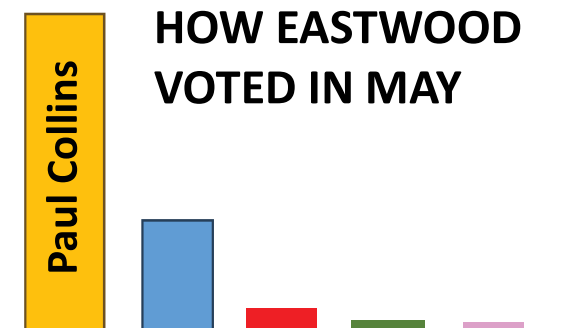


Following his re-election, Paul says “Thank You for your overwhelming support in May.”

“I will continue to work on behalf of all residents and businesses in Eastwood, however they voted.”

“I will work for everyone that needs my help.”

Cllr Rob McMullan welcomes back Cllr Paul Collins to the Council



Paul Collins	Liberal Democrat	1786
Conservative		626
Labour		133
Green		54
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Southend on Sea City Council News

Since the May Elections, and although the Conservatives only won 5 out of the 17 seats up for election in Southend, they managed to form a minority administration after deals “behind closed doors.” Paul says: “When it came to elect a new Leader of the Council, the Independents and Residents First Councillors allowed the election of a Conservative Leader, by not voting.” What did the Conservatives do first? **They added 2 Conservative Councillors** to their “Cabinet” who are entitled to higher allowances, even though that places an additional financial burden on us - voters / Council Taxpayers - **of over £24,900.00 each year!** - Disgraceful! It's alright for some!





Dave, Paul and Rob

Welcome to Dave Poulton

Eastwood resident Dave Poulton joined Cllrs Paul Collins and Rob McMullan at a recent Councillor Surgery.

“We’re pleased to have Dave join us as part of our front line team,” says Paul. “He has already been working with us over issues with garden waste bins in his area – Springwater Road and Gravel Road.”

Dave will be our Focus Editor – his contact details are at the bottom of this page.

POTHoles AND PAVEMENTS Cllrs Collins and McMullan continue to report potholes and bad pavements. Recently the junction of Progress Road and Rayleigh Road was patched.

Cllr Rob McMullan reports: “After much pressure I’m pleased the Council has agreed to replace the broken alleyway fence alongside **Hylands Grove** between Rayleigh Road and Alan Grove. A temporary repair has been made and a new fence will be put up in the next few weeks.”

WHITEHOUSE ROAD, KENT ELMS AND OTHER TRAFFIC HOT SPOTS

Cllr Paul Collins reports that he was pleased to invite Cllr. Kevin Buck, Cabinet Member for Highways to walk with the Councillors for Eastwood Park and St Laurence along Whitehouse Road and Snakes Lane to see the issues we have with bad driving, heavy vehicles ignoring weight limit signs and poor crossing points along these roads.

“We also looked at possible changes at Kent Elms junction and have pushed for a dedicated right turn ‘green arrow’ for traffic turning right from Rayleigh Road onto the London-bound A127,” reports Paul. “There were many suggestions made. I will report back on any actions taken to make these roads safer in a future FOCUS.”

Cllr Rob McMullan & FOCUS Editor Dave Poulton inspect the Kent Elms traffic movements



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2nd Saturday: Kent Elms Library, 10-12 noon

4th Saturday: The Oakwood, 10-12 noon

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