

RESTORING TRUST IN POLITICS



Message from Chris Kelly

Having spoken to many of you over the last few weeks and months, I am aware that many of you are disillusioned with politics and politicians, especially those in Westminster.

If I am elected your Member of Parliament I would never expect the taxpayer to foot the bill for my furniture, my TV or my vacuum cleaner. And I would mow my own lawn like everyone else. Let me assure you that, should I be elected as your MP for Dudley South, I will publish fully any expenses I claim on a monthly basis, and would be answerable to all of you for any expenses I did claim.

I have a long track record of campaigning for taxpayer value and transparency in public spending. I am a great believer in transparency as the single most effective driver of taxpayer value and the single biggest disincentive to abuse or misuse of taxpayers' money. I believe that we should shine a light in all areas of public expenditure and address the concerns of taxpayers. A culture change is required – there can be no more cosy arrangements beyond the scrutiny of the public.

I come from a family business background and will always treat taxpayers' money – your money – with due respect, as I would company money. We can no longer accept 'politics as usual'. I hope you will agree with me that it's time for change so that, together, we can bring about the change our country needs.

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SURVEY Please answer the 13 questions on both sides of this form and return it in the envelope provided.

MPS' EXPENSES

- How important is the need to reform MPs' expenses and restore trust in politics compared with issues like the economy, crime and the NHS?
 More important About the same Less important Not important
- Which party leader has responded best to the MPs' expenses scandal?
 Gordon Brown David Cameron Nick Clegg None of them
- MPs currently receive a 'Communications Allowance' of £10,000 a year to communicate with their constituents via leaflets, websites, etc. David Cameron thinks that this activity shouldn't be funded by the taxpayer. Do you agree?
 Yes No Don't know
- MPs are currently given an allowance to employ their own staff. Some people have suggested that MPs' staff should be employed by the House of Commons authorities to provide an independent check that they are doing the work they are contracted to do. Do you agree?
 Yes No Don't know
- After the next Election, there will be 650 MPs each representing about 70,000 electors. David Cameron has argued that we don't need that many MPs, and that we should cut the size of the House of Commons. Do you agree?
 Yes No Don't know

A NEW POLITICS

- David Cameron has argued that the abuse of MPs expenses is part of a wider problem of people in positions of power looking after their own interests, rather than the people they are meant to serve. What do you think of the following proposals he has made to shift power to individuals or their elected representatives?

- a) Requiring the House of Commons to debate an issue or proposal if enough signatures are collected asking it to do so:
 A good idea A bad idea Don't know
- b) Involving members of the public, not just party members, in the selection of each party's candidates for General Elections:
 A good idea A bad idea Don't know
- c) Supporting the return of social and employment laws from European Union (EU) to our national control, requiring a referendum to approve any further transfers of power to the EU and having far more detailed scrutiny in Parliament of EU legislation and spending:
 A good idea A bad idea Don't know
- d) Replacing the Human Rights Act with a British Bill of Rights that spells out the extent and limit of rights more clearly and ensures that any new rights are agreed by elected politicians, not unaccountable judges:
 A good idea A bad idea Don't know
- e) Requiring Parliament to approve any plans to commit British troops to combat:
 A good idea A bad idea Don't know

7. Do you think there should be a 'recall' power to allow local people to force a by-election if enough of them are unhappy with their current MP, rather than having to wait until the next General Election when they are choosing a government as well as their local MP?
- Yes No Don't know

HONESTY

8. Who do you think is most likely to tell the truth about the state of the economy and the public finances?
- Gordon Brown David Cameron Nick Clegg None of them

CHRIS'S COMMITMENTS

9. Do the commitments Chris has made give you confidence that he would behave properly if he is elected as the next MP for Dudley South?
- A lot more confidence A little more confidence No change
 A little less confidence A lot less confidence Don't know

10. Is there anything else he or David Cameron could do to restore your faith in politics?

MAKING SURE WE'RE REPRESENTING EVERYONE'S VIEWS

11. We're interested in whether people's answers to the above questions depend on which party they support. Would you mind saying how you currently think you will vote at the next General Election?
- Conservative Labour Liberal Democrat
 Green UKIP BNP Other (please specify):
 Undecided – Conservative or Labour Undecided – but not Labour
 Undecided – but not Conservative Won't vote

AND FINALLY...

12. If you'd like us to communicate the results of this survey to you by email, please fill in your address below:

13. Would you be interested in helping Dudley South Conservatives?
- Yes No Maybe - I'd like more information

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