

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME Feb 2021

Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvC-Chpj0tHtjTV-79aOcuG5VjobLHOI3s>

- 0930 Welcome to Conference** Victor Scrivens, *Chair, Conference Committee*
- 0935 Opening speech** Ed Davey MP, *Leader of the Liberal Democrats*
- 1015 Strategy and campaigns presentation** Mimi Turner, *Director Strategy, Research & Messaging*
Cllr Dave McCobb, *Director Field Campaigns*

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1100 BREAK

1115	Discussion session A	Discussion session B
	ENVIRONMENT What are our Lib Dem priorities and how do we fund them? With Katie Critchlow (CEO NatureMetrics Ltd), Councillor Pippa Heylings (South Cambridgeshire Council), and Councillor Steve Mason (Green Liberal Democrats)	PEOPLE and COMMUNITIES How do we answer their needs and provide financial support? With Councillor Keith House (Leader, Eastleigh Council), Councillor Sarah Nelmes (Leader, Three Rivers Council) and Peter Taylor (Elected Mayor, Watford Council)

1200 BREAK

1215 Guest speaker: James Sandbach, Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner candidate

1230	Discussion session C	Discussion session D
	TRANSPORT How can transport support a vibrant Economy? How do we deal with rural and integrated city transport? Private or public provision? With Councillor Bridget Smith (Leader, South Cambridgeshire Council) and Councillor Peter Thornton (Deputy Leader, Cumbria County Council), Councillor Paula Widdowson (York City Council)	TRAINING and SKILLS What skills are required in particular areas? Where is the money coming from? With Councillor Lucy Nethsingha (Cambridgeshire County Council), Adam Paynter (Deputy Leader, Cornwall Council) and Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Leader, Portsmouth Council)

1315 LUNCH BREAK

1345 TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS			
Collecting data in a pandemic With Becky Carr (Campaign Manager, East of England)	Fundraising With Ian Horner (Regional Field Officer) and Cllr Steffan Aquarone (Norfolk CC)	Local party officer update With Kerry Buist (Compliance) and Greg Foster (Membership)	Motivating members and supporters With Cllr Zöe Franklin (ALDC Development Officer) and Christine McHugh

1430 Report back from morning discussion sessions

1515 Closing speech Daisy Cooper MP, *Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats and member of Parliament for St Albans*

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1545 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

Confirmed speakers & participants

Sir Ed Davey MP	Leader of the Liberal Democrats
Daisy Cooper MP	Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats
Councillor Steffan Aquarone	Norfolk Liberal Democrats
Becky Carr	Campaign Manager, Liberal Democrats
Katie Critchlow	Chief Executive Officer, NatureMetrics Ltd
Don Foster (Lord Foster of Bath)	President, East of England Liberal Democrats
Councillor Zöe Franklin	Development Officer, ALDC
Councillor Pippa Heylings	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Ian Horner	Regional Field Officer, East of England Lib Dems
Councillor Keith House	Leader, Eastleigh Borough Council Local Government Association Resources Board
Councillor Steve Mason	Vice-Chair, Green Liberal Democrats
Councillor Dave McCobb	Director Field Campaigns, Liberal Democrats
Christine McHugh	Bedford Liberal Democrats
Councillor Sarah Nelmes	Leader, Three Rivers District
Councillor Lucy Nethsingha	Group Leader, Cambridgeshire County Council Chair, East of England Liberal Democrats
Peter Taylor	Liberal Democrat Mayor of Watford
Mimi Turner	Director Strategy, Research and Messaging
Councillor Peter Thornton	Deputy Leader, Cumbria County Council
Councillor Adam Paynter	Deputy Leader, Cornwall Council
Councillor Bridget Smith	Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council
Councillor Paula Widdowson	Executive member for the Environment, York City Council
Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson	Leader, Portsmouth City Council