

Councillor Maggie Lishman for SLF Council 2022



“Please vote for me for the SLF Council. I’ve been an SLF member for many years and now I want to work with the SLF and ALDC on their Liberalism in Local Government programme.

“After nearly 40 years as a councillor in Burnley Borough and previously on Sefton Metropolitan Council, I know there’s a very strong need to make sure that our Liberalism shines through local policy and practice. That’s why we’re there”!

The Local Government Background:

Maggie has been Deputy Leader of Burnley Council and an Executive Member, including a LibDem majority, a ragtag combination without Labour, and now again in coalition with Labour. She holds the Health, Wellbeing and Green Spaces portfolio and has held the Resources job . She introduced the public right to speak in the Council and recently, with husband Gordon, wrote the Council’s post-Covid economic and social recovery strategies, accepted and implemented by all Parties.

Maggie wrote a chapter about being a successful Liberal councillor in the SLF Citizens Britain book about involving local people in decisions and helping them to find their own voices and power. She says: “Staying elected in the Red Wall with a 66% Brexit vote, is about relationships as well as campaigning. We should remember the American saying: All politics is local”.

And the rest....

In Maggie’s remaining time(!), she’s worked as a senior manager in the NHS; done two degrees while working full-time, including an MBA; and serves as a magistrate. She and Gordon have three children and five grand-children and delight in 13-person family holidays! She’s Vice-Chair of the CVS and of Lancashire Women, a season ticket-holder at Burnley FC and a Trustee at the Clarets Trust!