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Lib-Dems can't deliver on Council Tax, says Andrew Turner

Liberal Democrats are the party that wants to tax more and cannot deliver reform of the Council Tax, according to a top Island Tory.

Andrew Turner, who is seeking re-election as the Island's Member of Parliament, described Lib-Dem promises to replace the Council Tax as "fantasy politics, designed to conceal the fact that the Lib-Dems are the party that wants to tax more."

Mr Turner said,

"The Lib-Dems stand no chance of forming a Government after this election. Only Conservatives can get Tony Blair out of number Ten. As such their promise to abolish the Council Tax and replace it with Local Income Tax is fantasy politics. It's a fantasy to believe they can deliver it.

"The voters' choice on Council Tax at this election is between Tony Blair's Labour Party, which has promised a one-off £200 cut in council tax for each pensioners household, to be paid at Christmas, and Conservatives who are offering a 50 per cent rebate up to a maximum of £500, to every pensioner household, every year, and not means-tested.

“The Lib-Dems are the party that unashamedly wants to put up taxes. Labour tries to conceal their high-tax tendencies; Conservatives want lower taxes; but Lib-Dems are always looking for a new kind of tax. Their performance on the Island proves it – they have put up council tax in the last four years even faster than Gordon Brown has raised taxes, and their job-threatening tourist tax proposal shows how wedded they are to dipping their hands into voters’ pockets and purses.”

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