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Lib Dems adopt Robert Eggleston as Parliamentary Candidate for Mid Sussex.

On Friday 6th April Mid Sussex Liberal Democrats gave their overwhelming backing to Robert Eggleston to be their new candidate for MP. There was a large turn out at the hustings in Haywards Heath Town Council building where Robert received over 90% of the members' vote.

Robert is currently Chair of the Burgess Hill Lib Dem Branch. He has been an active member of the party since joining in 1973 when he was sixteen. Robert has council experience having previously served on Burgess Hill Town, Mid Sussex District and East Sussex County Councils.

Robert's work background is in asset finance helping businesses invest in essential equipment. In recent years he retrained and qualified as a solicitor and now works as an in-house corporate lawyer. He is married to Hilary and has two grown up daughters who were both educated at local state schools.

Robert is well known locally for his support for charity and community life. He has championed Fairtrade in Burgess Hill, has promoted a series of annual music festivals in this cause and was part of the team that helped achieve Fairtrade status for West Sussex. He performs music as well as promoting local concerts.

Robert is a tireless champion of liberal values, particularly in support of the poor and disadvantaged. He has also been an effective and feared critic in opposition to the Tories in local government.

In a rousing speech to members at his election he laid out a strategy for gaining the Mid Sussex seat for the Liberal Democrats. Robert said, "My Liberal Democrat vision for Mid Sussex is for a place which values education and vocational skills, and encourages enterprise in a modern connected economy. It is green and manages development in a way which protects communities. It provides properly funded health and social care. It is open, tolerant and outward looking, embracing international partnerships and obligations."

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

1. The full text of Robert Eggleston's speech will be published on the Mid Sussex lib Dems' website at <https://midsussexlibdems.org.uk/en/>.
2. The picture attached to the email shows Robert Eggleston after his election with some of the members Mid Sussex Liberal Democrats.