



County Cllr Sue Burfoot

Leadership 'Changes' at the County

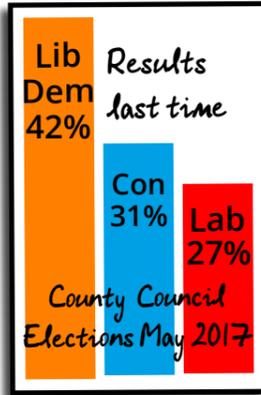
Tory councillors at County Hall have voted to introduce a new role of 'Managing Executive Director' for a temporary period of 12 months.

Cllr Sue Burfoot says "This appointment will be a Chief Executive by another name, a role previously removed to save money. This is in addition to the costs of an independent evaluation by management consultants and independent legal advice. I asked at a recent Council meeting what these extra costs will amount to, but no figure was offered". The Conservatives 2017 manifesto promised to stop the 'expensive use of consultants'.

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Action on the Bakewell Road site

At last, excellent proposals have been announced to make use of the dreadful underground and uninviting market hall, which has been a feature of the old bus station area for well over 30 years. This first stage of a more comprehensive scheme will **leave the present bus services intact**, extending only as far as the overhang of the rooftop car park. It's unfortunate that the **fruit and veg business**, which has proved to be a lifeline to many residents during the pandemic, will have to vacate the site, so Lib Dem

councillors are urging officers to do all they can to help find alternative premises nearby. The proposed **2-screen cinema** and retail or food / beverage outlet will hopefully become a catalyst for further redevelopment of this area of Bakewell Road in the years to come. Financial constraints mean the remaining space cannot be developed at present for the long awaited community component, including possible performance, exhibition and meeting space, which will require external funding. Hopefully, the efforts of the long suffering members of **Matlock Community Vision (MCV)**, who have master-minded much of the background research and ideas, along with committed Council officers, will be shown to have paid off.



Cllr Martin Burfoot

"I will try to ensure that the standard of design of the changes in the building and associated landscaping are worthy of such a key town centre site and incorporate streetscape improvements, such as appropriate pavement surfacing".



Cllr Steve Wain

"These are exciting times for our town! This provides an excellent opportunity for Matlock to thrive, as more people use the facility. I hope this will have a positive effect on all the town and encourage redevelopment of existing and vacant shops and pubs".



Cllr Paul Cruise

"I welcome this development. It should help our town centre economy bounce back from Covid-19 and provide a positive social space for Matlock residents. Congratulations to MCV for their persistence and to the District Council for backing the investment".



Cllr Sue Burfoot

"As long as the County Council invests in a revised bus waiting area, as agreed, **local bus services will be maintained as at present**. I have also asked Highways officers to prioritise the re-laying of the poor quality stretch of footway leading to the site".

All six Matlock Liberal Democrat councillors spoke and voted in favour of the scheme