Subject:FW: Email pleaseDate:Friday 15 November 2024 at 08:10:17 Greenwich Mean TimeFrom:Simon Sansbury

Subject: Re Havant Executive Elections

Dear <member name>,

Hopefully you're already aware of the elections currently open to select the Chair, Vice-Chair & Elections Officer for the 2025 Havant Liberal Democrats Executive Committee.

These elections are underway and close 6pm Friday November 15th.

If you have not yet received your voting code, please contact me by email. Admin@southcentrallibdems.org.uk

## **Candidates:**

**Chair \*** Antonia Harrison Christian Notley

## Vice-Chair\*\*

Antonia Harrison Maria Miller Christian Notley

## Elections Officer\*

Paul Gray Robyn Peel

## Manifestos are available to view here

\*Elections with fewer than three candidates will also include the option to re-open nominations (RON).

\*\*As members cannot be elected to more than one position on the executive, the winning candidate for Chair will automatically be withdrawn from the contest for Vice-Chair at the declaration.

As Lib Dems, I'm sure you're used to campaigns with canvassing on doorsteps, over the phone, on social media and leaflets (and more leaflets).

You'll have noticed all those elements are absent from this campaign.

In order to ensure none of the candidates are given an unfair advantage and the election be consistent with our values I took the decision to not allow any campaigning whatsoever from the candidates (or their supporters).

If you wish to contact the candidates yourselves you are welcome to do so, but there can be no canvassing or encouraging of others on behalf of candidates.

Another decision taken was not to include the election of County Division candidates. I decided to only proceed with the executive elections at this time as their timetable is mandated by your constitution and has to conclude 21 days after your AGM.

The election of County Division candidates, while pressing given next year's elections requires assistance from those within the region to ensure those selections are compliant with party processes. If there is any potential they are not this opens the local party to them being challenged & ruled invalid, which would delay things even further and no doubt affect the local party in other ways.

If you have any questions about the election please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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