

Royston Labour Party

PRESS STATEMENT

Robert Inwood on leaving the Liberal Democrats said:

“In politics there are always some difficult choices that deserve to be considered over a period of time.

“This is exactly what I have done in deciding to join the Labour Party.

“In the past I have become more disillusioned with the Liberal Democrats and its support of the Conservative-led coalition government.

“Some of the party’s most treasured policies have been abandoned in pursuit of places in government and a lust for power.

“It is now a party I do not recognise - and certainly not one that I could continue to support.

“I joined the Labour Party because it is now beginning to shape policies which, I believe, will see growth and an improved economy, and will still protect the most vulnerable people in our society.

“The decision I have taken had nothing to do with recent local election results when the Liberal Democrats were severely damaged.

“It has been a decision which has been agonised over for a long time - and a decision, I believe, which is right.

“I’ve joined the Labour Party because it is working on a vision for the future.

“I want to make it absolutely clear, however, that I will continue as a district councillor and still represent the concerns of people in the Palace ward.

Les Baker, secretary of the North East Hertfordshire Constituency Labour Party, and former town and district councillor for Royston, said:

“We are delighted that Robert has decided to come over to Labour and quite understand his decision.

“It was a decision, I know, that needed a great deal of thought and was not taken in haste.

“Indeed, his decision has nothing to do with recent local elections results. It’s not about jumping a sinking ship, but a decision taken when he cannot support the policies now being pursued in the Conservative-led coalition government.

“He is quite right to remain a councillor and will continue play an active part in representing the people of the Palace ward – but now as a Labour councillor.

“There is no question of him stepping down and causing a by-election until he comes to the end of his term in two years’ time.

“I think people are aware of his commitment to Royston and see someone who is working for our community regardless of any political persuasion.”

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