

Councillor Dylan Jeffrey

I live and work in Folkestone. My day jobs (I have two part-time jobs) are working for the Catholic Church as Parish Secretary for the Parish of Our Lady and St Joseph and working as a political consultant and administrator, which includes working for the local Conservative Party and at the local constituency office of our Member of Parliament, Damian Collins. Both jobs involve working with and serving the local community.

I was first elected to Folkestone Town Council in 2019 but have actually been involved in elections for over 35 years, winning my first election in 1986 to a student union executive and then going on to hold regional and national posts in the NUS before embarking on a full-time career in politics, going on to work as a full-time agent and organiser in several constituencies. During a varied career thereon, I have been privileged to be a teacher working in many of our local schools; to have worked managing democratic services, complaints, the administration support pool, access to information and street naming and numbering at Folkestone and Hythe District Council (when it was Shepway District Council); to have managed elections, policy and democratic engagement for several local authorities in London and the west country; to have worked for the NHS on Complaints and Freedom of Information across London and the southeast of England; and to have worked as a senior advisor in Government, the Council of Europe and at the United Nations managing democracy projects in many far off places in Africa, North America, India and the middle east.

I hold a BA in Public Administration and Managerial Studies, a Post Graduate Certificate of Education, and a MSc in Strategic Public Management. In addition, I am a qualified project and programme manager (Prince2 and MSP Advanced Practitioner) with the APMG.