

BEN DOWLING

FOR MAYOR OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE SOLENT

The 2026 election for the new regional Mayor will be a different type of election – the kind the Party has yet to win.

To win here, we need a candidate who can bring **new energy, new ideas** and **new people** into the campaign.



ABOUT BEN

Ben is an experienced **campaigner, entrepreneur,** and **communicator.** A former Council Cabinet Member, he knows how to lead teams and make change happen.



LOCAL



Transport



Housing



Policing



Economic Growth

Tell Ben what **you** want from **your**
first Mayor of Hampshire and the Solent:

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Ben's Strong Record of Action

Local - Hampshire Resident (1993 - Present)

- Ben is committed to Hampshire and wants to make it a better place. He grew up in Portsmouth, went to college in Havant, attended the University of Southampton and now lives in Bishop's Waltham.

Social Housing Champion - P&D Friendly Societies Homes (2012 - Present), Eldon Housing (2021 - Present)

- As the Chair for 9 years, Ben has led P&D Friendly Societies Homes through transformation, now bringing derelict homes back into social use.
- As a Non-Exec Board Member, he drives innovation and tenant voice at Eldon Housing.

Social Entrepreneur - Unloc (2013 - Present)

- Ben is the Deputy Chief Exec and Co-founder of Unloc, an award winning education non-profit empowering young people to make change in the world, through dynamic and engaging educational programmes.
- Ben and his team have helped young people across the region and beyond, taking what began as a Hampshire start-up to being a national body.

City Councillor - Portsmouth (2014 - 2022)

- Ben won in 2014 at a time when UKIP took a lot of Lib Dem seats, preparing him to win against Reform.
- As a Cabinet Member he led the council's approach to Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development.
- As Chair of the City's Employment Committee, he led on implementing the real Living Wage, ensuring people are paid fairly for the work they do.

Global Thinker - Franco-British Council (2021 - Present), Global:Edge (2023 - Present)

- Ben is a Local Leader with the Franco-British Council, working to develop stronger cultural and economic ties between the UK and France.
- Ben is the Chief Operating Officer and Co-founder of Global:Edge, taking innovative UK education approaches to schools around the world.

Green Activist - St James' Memorial Park Trust (2021 - Present)

- As a trustee, Ben advocates for protecting and enhancing green spaces for the public to enjoy.

A WINNING CANDIDATE

Campaigner | Communicator | Entrepreneur



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