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The Green Party has achieved much over recent years, but we must work faster to lead UK politics towards climate safety by 2030.

GPEX is responsible for the overall and day-to-day direction of our Party: implementing the decisions of Conference, to win elections, campaign, and co-ordinate outreach; as well as ensuring good internal management and support. The Green Party Leaders are members of GPEX. The Chair line manages the Chief Executive Officer, who in turn leads the Staff team.



Over recent years, GPEX has become repetitively snarled with internal discord. We do not have time for this. Nor does the Green Party have the resources of Labour or the Conservatives to waste. My purpose as Chair is to guide our Executive to working co-operatively and effectively together – releasing our Party's full collective potential to offer positive political solutions amid the triple global ecological emergencies of Climate, Social Justice, and Democracy.

I have much experience of working co-operatively and effectively with Green Party organisations. As Co-ordinator (Chair) of the South West Green Party since December 2015, the SWGP Committee has guided our Regional Party to...

- Support local campaign teams and our SW Field Organiser in electing so many Green Councillors that our regional total currently stands at 69 (of 358 across England & Wales);
- Return Molly Scott Cato as our SW MEP with a record 18.0% of the regional vote;
- Fight two General Elections, including supporting Carla Denyer to 24.9% of the vote in Bristol West on 12 December (the best result for a Green Candidate outside Brighton, after our 26.8% Bristol West result in 2015).
- Deliver the best Green Mayoral vote to date: 11.2% for West of England Metro Mayor in May 2017.
- Build strong collegiate relationships with many current & previous GPEX Officers, central Party Staff, and fellow Regions.

As a student activist, I was elected to my College Students' Union to initiate recycling; then led a cross-University caucus electing Greens to NUS Conference (in the wake of the 1990 first UN IPCC report). Sensing that the all-consuming power of international business was growing to outstrip Governments, I grew personally to become a Senior Partner in a Strategy Consultancy, advocating Climate Action to global organisations. Then I founded one for positive impact: becoming Chief Executive of a start-up Energy Saving Co-operative across the Midlands region. Returning to my Somerset roots at the same time, I am now honoured to be Mayor of Bruton, my home town. I am currently Town & Parish Council representative on the Association of Green Councillors (AGC) Board.

In all organisations, I have built collegiate cultures by leadership, while gaining copious line-management experience, with people of diverse personalities. My first GPEX Meeting as Chair will include a training workshop on the role and responsibilities of a Co-operative Director. As GPEX

Chair, I will ensure that our Chief Executive and her Staff team receive the stability and support that they need, to maximise the Green Party's political impact over the coming years.