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Hopkins welcomes possibility of early General Election

The prospect of an autumn General Election has been welcomed as an opportunity for the people of Keighley to pass judgment on the record of the Labour Government and local MP Ann Cryer.

Kris Hopkins, the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Keighley, said he believed local residents were fed up with a Government that, over the last ten years, had failed to deliver on its promises and a Member of Parliament who had become an increasingly ineffective representative for Keighley in the House of Commons.

Cllr Hopkins said:

“Labour marched to power in 1997 on a promise that things can only get better.

“However, when we look at the spiralling levels of violent crime on our streets, an NHS in financial turmoil, a transport system in crisis, an economy on the brink of downturn, personal debts at an all-time high and a foreign policy lacking clear direction and it’s easy to see why there is so much disappointment with this Government’s record – despite what a few recent opinion polls might say.

“Meanwhile in Keighley, our Member of Parliament – despite being the most expensive MP in Bradford district - has failed to deliver any meaningful benefits such as jobs and inward investment for her constituents, and become an increasingly irrelevant figure in Westminster.

“As a local resident and councillor, I believe I am closely in touch with local needs. My ambition, if I am successful at the General Election, is to ensure that these needs are met including the protection of Airedale Hospital – one of the jewels in Keighley’s crown – and improvements in our schools. Equally, I am determined that people from all sections of our community are brought together, not driven apart.

“In my view, a General Election can’t come soon enough. My campaign is already in full steam and I believe the support is there for me to win.”

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