

Neil Turner

Region

North West

Co-operative Party Experience

I have been a member for over 20 years, and been V. Chair of Wigan and Leigh branch for 4. I am a member of the Gtr. Manchester Exec and currently its V. Chair.

Co-operative Movement Experience

Member of the Co-op Society and have had Co-op. Bank account for over 40 years. I am pleased it is now back in mutual ownership with Coventry BS.

Governance Experience

A Wigan Cllr for 25 years, Chair of its Highways and Works and Best Value Committees, leading the fight against CCT. A member of the LGC, chairing a committee. A financial officer in a national building company, largely site based. Wigan MP for 11 years, and Parliamentary spokesperson for SIGOMA, the LA body for Metropolitan areas. Since retiring from Parliament I have been a non-Executive Director of Wigan Hospital Trust, and Chair of Wigan Council's ALMO for its 23,000 council houses. I am currently Chair of Governors at a school in my former Council ward, and non executive Director of Age UK Wigan.

Election Statement

I have wide experience in local and central government, and in the voluntary sector which I will to make the Co-op Party a force in the Labour movement. The mutual sector is not just right in principle, but the best way to drive forward an economy which is both efficient and works for the consumers and workforce. The Government will set the platform to build a strong Co-operative sector, and I will work with the Party to make sure we seize the opportunity to cement co-operation in our society and economy.