



Robert Morrisey

Region

North West

Co-operative Party Experience

I currently served as the Secretary of the Bolton and Bury Branch Co-operative Party, a role during which I helped increase our representation on Bolton Council. We have successfully grown from having a single councillor on Bolton Council to nine.

I'm also currently the Chair of the Greater Manchester Area Party, where I work to promote cooperative values and policies across the region.

Also I am a Labour and Co-operative Councillor for Brightmet on Bolton Council. In my role, I have championed the use of cooperative solutions, particularly in areas like housing and staff agencies.

Co-operative Movement Experience

My involvement in the wider co-operative movement includes a role on the Co-operatives UK Youth Advisory Group. Here, I advise on how to modernise and future-proof the movement, working to attract young people who share our values and ensure our continued relevance.

I serve on the Board of Directors for Hoot Credit Union. During my tenure, I have helped foster closer ties between the credit union and the local council. This relationship has been pivotal to Hoot's continued success and growth.

Governance Experience

My experience in governance extends beyond my local council. I serve on the board of directors for Hoot Credit Union, and also for YPO, the country's largest constituted public sector purchasing organisation. This provides broad insight into financial and procurement governance.

As a councillor, I chair the Planning Committee, a vital role where I lead the detailed consideration and debate on controversial new development. Additionally, my work on the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Scrutiny and Overview Committee gives me valuable experience scrutinising regional policy and budgets. These roles collectively provide comprehensive experience in public and co-operative sector governance.

Election Statement

As a Party we need to do more. We need to increase our campaigning presence and ensure we are influencing government policy. It's essential that we strengthen our evidence bank and messaging. Our policies create long-term change whilst also showing people immediate improvement. Whether it's local pubs, credit unions or regeneration projects - cooperatives embed democracy and empowerment. We must work with like-minded organisations to create implementable policies that the government desperately need.



We cannot be afraid, if we are not being heard by the government, to share our ideas more broadly. This means utilising television, social media and publications within the progressive movement. People are fed up of feeling powerless and disenfranchised, which is leading to the rise of Reform. Co-operation is the way forward; prioritising people over profit.

We should identify sectors whose quality and effectiveness are impoverished by privatised models. Children's Homes, Staffing Agencies and Student Accommodation, are examples of private markets that fail people. The quality of these services are increasingly poor, yet costs are extortionate. By demonstrating how cooperatives can change these sectors in the interest of the British people, we can give the government a tool to enact change.

I want to help our Party be a vision for change which this government and country needs. I am an experienced policy writer, implementer and campaigner through my roles as a Policy Officer for the Northern Housing Consortium and local councillor. I would be honoured to help the Party create meaningful change for the many.