



# *Independent Health Concern*



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## **Independent Health Concern Appoint New Leader.**

***Independent Health Concern have announced that they have, with immediate effect, appointed Councillor Howard Martin as their new Leader.***

***Howard Martin, the newly elected Councillor for the Broadwaters Ward, was previously Leader of Wyre Forest District Council in 2003/04.***

***He replaces Councillor Ken Stokes who has been Leader for the last two years.***

***The new Deputy Leader will be popular Councillor Jill Fairbrother-Millis who represents Lickhill Ward.***

***“We were thrilled by our good showing at last weeks elections” said Cllr Martin, “and I am relishing the opportunity to build on that and take this Party forward again with the help of my colleagues.”***

***Independent Health Concern are now the largest opposition party on Wyre Forest District Council – “We intend to provide a tough but responsible opposition” said Cllr Martin, “we will always put the best interests of the people of Wyre Forest first and if that means standing up to the Tory administration on some issues then so be it.”***

***Former Leader Ken Stokes commented that he was happy to stand down saying “I wish Howard all success in the role – I will be retiring next year and felt it was time for a younger leader to take over so that a proper handover is possible.”***

***Cllr Martin said he appreciated the hard work and dedication shown by Cllr Stokes over the last two years – “Ken has done a great job for us in what was a very difficult time – he will continue to be a valued and respected member of our group until he retires” he said.***

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