

# “mired in scandal and controversy since day one” – Green Party responds to Welsh First Minister’s resignation

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Responding to the news that the Welsh First Minister, Vaughan Gething, has resigned, Wales Green Party Leader, Anthony Slaughter said, “After over three months of chaos at the heart of Welsh Government the news that Vaughan Gething has finally resigned following the resignation of four ministers this morning is to be welcomed, but questions must be asked as to why this situation was tolerated for so long, damaging and undermining devolution and our democracy.

“At a time when Wales faces multiple crises, not least the ongoing situation at Port Talbot, there has been an absence of any real and meaningful direction from a government too busy squabbling amongst itself.

“The First Minister has been mired in scandal and controversy since day one of his appointment and his continuous arrogant dismissal of any questions reflects the complacency at the heart of a Welsh Labour Government that does not welcome scrutiny.

“This highlights the need for new voices in the Senedd, which is why we are determined to get elected Green representation at the Senedd in 2026, Green MS’s who will hold the government to account, demanding transparency and proper scrutiny.

“It’s time for the chaos in Cardiff Bay to stop. Wales deserves better.”

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Liberal Democrats have elected 72 Members of Parliament at the 2024 General Election. This is a record result for the party.

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More than three-and-a-half million people voted Liberal Democrat in this election.



“Millions of people have voted for change and put their trust in us, so our job now is to stand up for them.

“We have won people’s trust by listening to their concerns and focusing on the things that matter most to them. Most of all that is saving the NHS and making sure everyone can get the care they need.

“We have put health and care at the heart of our campaign, and we will put it at the top of the agenda in this Parliament too.”

**Ed Davey**

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Liberal Democrats won back Paddy Ashdown's former constituency of Yeovil, one of seven Somerset seats with Lib Dem MPs.

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Liberal Democrats gained four seats in Scotland. In the final result to declare, Liberal Democrats won back the area formerly represented by Charles Kennedy, winning Inverness, Skye and West Ross-Shire with a 19% swing.

Lib Dems are back on the map in Wales, winning Brecon, Radnor and Cwm-Tawe from the Conservatives.



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We will hold the Government to account for its promises to fix the Conservatives' mess, while continuing to hold the Conservative Party to account for the terrible damage they have done to our country.

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## [Green Party calls for reinstatement of Dubs refugee scheme](#)

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Following the [tragic death of four more people in the channel](#), Green Party Migration and Refugee Spokesperson, Benali Hamdache, said:

“The loss of life is a tragedy and acts as stark reminder why we need safe and legal routes for those seeking asylum.

“Today The Green Party is reiterating our call to reinstate the Dubs refugee scheme that allowed unaccompanied child refugees with family connections to the UK to settle here.

“This is absolutely the first step that Labour could take. In 2017 Yvette Cooper described the closure of the Dubs scheme as [“shameful”](#) and we agree it was. And so today we call on her to take immediate action to reinstate this scheme at the earliest possible opportunity.”

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## [Banning oil and gas licences: how brave and bold will Labour be?](#)

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In the wake of [unfounded reports](#) that Ed Miliband will announce a ban on new drilling in the North Sea [1], co-leader and MP for Bristol Central, Carla Denyer, has urged the energy secretary to do just that, and “send a clear signal to the fossil fuel industry that they have no future in the UK.” Denyer said:

“It didn’t take long for the right wing press to come out waving the banner for the fossil fuel industry together with the usual round of scare stories about a dent to the economy and tax revenues if we don’t continue to burn oil and gas. Those cheerleading for oil and gas corporations must not be allowed to derail us from the path towards a green transition. That is where our future prosperity and thousands of good new jobs lies. We need to seize the opportunities that greening the economy will bring.

“This is a test to see how brave and bold Labour will be and whether they will send a clear signal to the fossil fuel industry that they have no future in the UK. Ed Miliband certainly should ban all future licences for new North Sea oil and gas fields, and do so immediately.

“The Green Party would like to see him go further by revoking the licence for Rosebank which has the potential for producing around 500 million climate-wrecking barrels of oil. We would also like to see a carbon tax on polluters to help drive the transition to cleaner and cheaper renewable sources of energy.”

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## [Greens respond to OFWAT price rise](#)

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Responding to the publication of OFWAT’s a draft verdict on water companies’ five-year spending plans and bill increases to 2030, Green Party MP, Sian Berry said:

“We’re today calling on Prime Minister Keir Starmer to put all water companies into public hands.

“The provision of such a basic human right should not be based on profit.

“The idea that water companies will hike bills while so many people are struggling to get to the end of the month is horrific. Meanwhile, some companies, like Thames Water, are still paying shareholder dividends, which is deplorable.

“Public ownership is a matter of both social and environmental principle. But, as today’s verdict from OFWAT shows, it is also a pragmatic necessity.

“Why not take decisive action and show real leadership by saying that all water companies should be in public hands?”

“Once this is done, government can invest affordably in the creaking infrastructure without all the harm falling onto our bills, and into our rivers and oceans that are currently being treated as open sewers.”

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