

# A brief Political Profile of Qassim Afzal, MA

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British Born Muslim

**Councillor** Cheetham 98 & 03, 4 wk campaign 32% swing  
**Parliamentary Candidate:** (01) Small/Spark brook, 5% swing, (04) European Elections No.4, (05) Gorton in 6 wk 11.9% swing 5000 votes short of a becoming a LD MP.

**Directly Elected:** Interim Peers Panel, Federal Executive, Federal Conference Committee, International Relations Committee Local Government Association, English Council, NW Regional Executive (Policy).

**Chair:** Ward, & Constituency, LibDems Manchester City Party. LibDems Friends Pakistan, LibDems Friends of Kashmir, NW rep PCA, & Media/Communication (99)



**Invited Delegate to** World Economic Forum, supported by Prince Turki of Saudi Arabia (C-100), Speaker in USA Palestinian Israel dialog inauguration and Brussels diversity conference as well as World Conference in South African Durban. **Delegations:** lead successful fact finding mission to Kashmir, Line of Control with several senior parliamentarians. Team of 16 delegates to NATO HQ briefed on world Peace & WMD, Iraq, Afghanistan, Chaired 2nd Delegation to Pakistan, Kashmir, with LD Party President, & parliamentarians meetings with Presidents, Prime Ministers, speaker of the house, and foreign affairs ministers etc. 3rd Delegation to Earthquake zone, supporting relief aid, doctors, fundraising and meeting with officials on the ground.

**Policy Experience & Member:** regional policy committee, mover & policy author: India Pakistan Peace UN resolution, policy composite anti-Iraq war. Chaired policy paper consultation working group on faith schools for LibDems with parliamentarians, mover with shadow secretary of state for education. **Research Papers:** Development of SME's, The Diverse Business Community, International Trade, business networking, Islam in the West, Political Equality, Middle-Eastern Studies, Faith Sects. **Consultation** paper Pakistan/India Dialogue, International Research UN Resolution 47/48. **Speaker** AGM Amnesty International, numerous live audiences' range 10 to 10,000, frequent speaker at conferences, regarding, central government funding, civil liberties, equality, racial terminology, religious discrimination, assisted dying, Iraq and education.

**Boards & Equality:** Consultation Probation Board, NHS Race and Health Board, JJ Housing Association Management Board. Spokesperson/Portfolio: (LGA) human rights, equality, faith, youth, education, media culture & sport, middle-east, subcontinent, regeneration & health committee. **Community Cohesion Panel,** Equalities s executive. **NWDA's** regional development associations for Ethnic Minority Business Forum: **strategic policy adviser** to develop SMEs growth of £3 billion though new central government policy.

**Education/Profession:** IT & Maths, 1995 part MA/BA middle-eastern studies, MA in International Business, Certificate in Languages, part time, researching PhD. CEO ABI Media Marketing Consultancy, projects: economic development, business regeneration, global marketing and 10 years of Media experience: BBC, television, radio, journalism and presenting current affairs programmes for satellite TV .



*I am a full time committed lib dem, if you have any question please contact me on 0161 205 2885, 07956 87 30 469, or email: qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com*



**Mission statement:** every culture, faith diversity are equal and free, their social, educational, and economic needs are all important, and must be reflected through a fair and free Democracy through political skills within diversity and not through tokenism. We can only build bridges between communities when they are not disenfranchised in its construction.

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