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ALLIANCE FOR CHANGE FIGHTING CHEADLE BY-ELECTION

John Allman, who fought Harrogate and as "Alliance For Change - human rights first" candidate is standing in the Cheadle by-election as "Alliance For Change - suffering little children" candidate.

Mr Allman writes, "My Plan A was to field an 'Alliance For Change - Make Poverty History' candidate who actually lived in the constituency. But the breakneck speed of the timetable set, once the writ had been moved, meant that I only just managed to get nomination papers in on time as it was."

He added, "I decided on the extra slogan, 'suffering little children' this time, because I could think of no fewer than *seven* different guesses people might make as to what I was trying to get across, in this choice of three words, and realised that *none* of the guesses would be wrong!".

A draft of the candidate's election address leaflet is awaiting Royal Mail vetting, but can be read in the mean time at: www.sysos.co.uk/CheadleAddress.doc.

DIARY OF EVENTS

As he had been doing several times a week, for several weeks, on **Friday 24 June**, Mr Allman phoned the Elections Office in Stockport once again, to enquire whether there was any news of an election date yet, and was told "no", and advised to look in the local paper.

On **Monday 27 June**, Mr Allman's whole day was taken up in the High Court in London, where there was a hearing in his human rights-based legal challenge to the Gender Recognition Act.

On **Tuesday 28th June**, Mr Allman telephoned Stockport again at lunchtime, from his daughter's home in Fleet, Hampshire, only to be told that nominations would close at 4 p.m. the following day, **Wednesday 29 June**. (He hopes he managed to avoid getting a speeding ticket, during his immediate journey to Stockport.)

Mr Allman writes:

"Under the circumstances, I'm not going to have a guilt trip about 'carpet bagging' it over to the other side of the Pennines. There simply wasn't enough *time* to do all the paperwork, with anybody but me as candidate. It's almost as if the authorities didn't *want* any 'extra' candidates standing in this by-election. In fact, a member of staff actually let slip that that *was* indeed the intention, but back-pedalled rapidly when challenged as to *legality* of this. After intervention on the part of the Electoral Commission, a different member of staff at Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council agreed to hand over a candidate's pack after normal office hours on Tuesday evening. For her, I have nothing but thanks, and praise."

For more information, please contact the candidate himself in the first instance, at John.Allman@AllianceForChange.co.uk, or using phone number +44 7930 519793.