

## **ENDORSEMENTS OF TOBY VINTCENT'S CANDIDACY FOR THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY BOARD**

### **Anne Milton MP, Guildford**

"Toby's creation of Geneva is outstanding. To have sold the idea to the Party hierarchy, to raise the money, to institute state-of-the-art technology and to recruit over 2,000 volunteers to man it shows extraordinary vision, drive and organisational flair. Geneva is a massive testament to Toby's political skills and determination. From my point of view, I doubt if I would have won Guildford without Toby's creation of Geneva. What more of a proven track record could we want from a Member of the Board?"

### **The Rt. Hon. Michael Ancram, Q.C., M.P.**

"I am happy to support Toby as I have long admired his contribution to the work of the Party. He has a natural feel for politics and great organisational skills and he would bring valuable campaigning experience to the Board at this crucial time."

### **John Bowis OBE MEP**

"Toby has an intuitive and imaginative knack of sparking effective political action – a crucial skill we need for the battle months ahead. He certainly has my support as a candidate for the Board."

### **Philip Hollobone MP, Kettering**

"Toby is a pioneer and provides much needed zip. His ideas are a) original and b) work and his on-going contribution to the Conservative Party's campaigning is immense."

### **Maria Miller MP, Basingstoke**

"It would be wonderful to have Toby as an elected member of the Party Board – his sheer energy, drive and enthusiasm would make him a superb addition to this group. I also know from first hand experience that he is able to use his vast experience from business for the benefit of the Party."

### **Crispin Blunt MP, Reigate & Banstead**

"The voluntary party has produced no finer innovative campaigner than Toby over the last ten years. He has been an inspiration when times were tough, on the Board he would insist on professionalism so that we don't squander our chance to win next time."

### **Daniel Kawczynski MP, Shrewsbury & Atcham**

"Geneva was a great help to me during the election campaign and helped me to win Shrewsbury. I cannot thank Toby enough and shall be supporting him in his bid to become elected to the Party Board."

**The Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Rifkind Q.C., M.P.**

“Toby’s understanding of the Conservative Party organisation is remarkable – particularly its challenges and sensitivities. His creation of Geneva proves his remarkable vision, people skills and organisational flair – not least in bringing all elements of the Party together and motivating them to work for the common good. Geneva has proved that Toby is one of the best organizers in the Party; his contribution would be maximized on the Board.”

**Philip Dunne MP, Ludlow**

“As one of the five new MPs who unseated an incumbent LibDem, I can honestly say that it could not have been achieved without the support of Geneva. Toby Vintcent’s enthusiasm and energy developing this vital resource for the Party should be harnessed again to help take us back into Government.”

**The Baroness Miller of Hendon**

"My experience of Toby Vintcent when I was Chairman of the Greater London Area, and subsequently, was that he was an outstanding innovator of campaigning and fundraising techniques, who founded the Geneva Call Centre and his professional approach ensured its enormous lasting success. He previously had organized the Legislative Support Unit, a major research resource for Parliamentarians. He would bring considerable enthusiasm and energy to the Board."

**Philip Bushill-Matthews MEP**

“Skills such as Toby’s in getting out the Conservative vote in the cities, where we have so much ground to make up throughout the country, are in very short supply. Toby’s energy, flair and commitment would be great assets to the Board.”

**Brooks Newmark MP**

“I have known Toby for over ten years. He is energetic, innovative and highly professional in all he does. I have no hesitation backing Toby for the Board of the Party.”

**Richard Benyon MP**

“The Geneva call centre is remarkable addition to the Party’s campaigning ability. As someone who used Geneva to help win a key marginal at the last election, I feel qualified to say that this kind of initiative is just what we need to win above average swings in key marginal seats. The Geneva concept provides added value to campaigning and I warmly congratulate Toby Vintcent and all involved for their professionalism and skill in developing this remarkable organisation.”

### **Stewart Jackson MP**

“I have known Toby Vintcent for many years and, in my experience, he is one of the most hard working, committed and genuine campaigners that the Conservative Party has working for it. Whether it was co-ordinating the “Put Your Ideas into Action” teams in the aftermath of the 1997 General Election, co-ordinating London-wide election campaigns, or fighting his own local council seat in Tower Hamlets, I know of few other people who put more effort, passion and enthusiasm into voluntary work for the Conservative Party. Toby will be an enormous asset as a member of the Conservative Party Board and I feel confident that he will play the fullest possible role in taking forward the renaissance of our Party under David Cameron.”

### **Dr Charles Tannock MEP**

“I have known Toby Vintcent for eight years when he skilfully chaired the London Region during my successful campaign for the European Parliament in 1999. He is charming, eloquent and of great integrity and has the required modern vision for our Conservative Party. I believe he will bring great value-added to the Conservative Party Board.”