

# LEEDS FOR EUROPE

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### Synopsis

Labour won the seat in all elections. In 2005 and 2010 the Lib Dems and Conservatives came second and third. Notably in 2010 the combined Conservative & Lib Dem vote rose to 51%. In 2015 the Labour vote increased but the Conservative vote fell. Then UKIP got 15% of the vote. The Lib Dems vote fell to 6%. There is a risk that migration from UKIP to the Conservatives could put Labour at risk. Tactical voting is therefore very important.

### 2017 Election Candidates

| Party                 | Candidate              | Policy |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Labour & Co-operative | Barry Sheerman         |        |
| Liberal Democrat      | Zulfiqar Ali           |        |
| Conservative          | Scott Benton           |        |
| Green                 | Andrew Cooper          |        |
| Yorshire Party        | Bikatshi Katenga       |        |
| Independent           | Marteen Thokkudubiyapu |        |

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### Previous general election votes

| 2015   |                  |        |        | 2010   |                     |        |        | 2005   |                  |        |        |
|--|------------------|--------|--------|--|---------------------|--------|--------|--|------------------|--------|--------|
| Barry Sheerman †   | Labour & Co-op   | 18,186 | 44.93% | Sheerman BJ  | Labour              | 15,725 | 38.80% | Sheerman B.J.*   | Labour           | 16,341 | 46.77% |
| Itrat Ali  | Conservative     | 10,841 | 26.78% | Tweed K  | Conservative        | 11,253 | 27.77% | Bone E.J. Ms.  | Liberal Democrat | 7,990  | 22.87% |
| Rob Butler   | UKIP             | 5,948  | 14.69% | Blanchard JC   | Liberal Democrat    | 10,023 | 24.73% | Meacock D.G.   | Conservative     | 7,597  | 21.74% |
| Andrew Cooper  | Green            | 2,798  | 6.91%  | Cooper AV  | Green               | 1,641  | 4.05%  | Stewart-Turner J. Ms.  | Green            | 1,651  | 4.73%  |
| Zulfiqar Ali   | Liberal Democrat | 2,365  | 5.84%  | Firth R  | BNP                 | 1,563  | 3.86%  | Hanson K.S.M.  | BNP              | 1,036  | 2.97%  |
| Mike Forster   | TUSC             | 340    | 0.84%  | Cooney PF  | Socialist Coalition | 319    | 0.79%  | Quarmby T. Ms.   | Ind              | 325    | 0.93%  |
| Electorate: 65,269; Turnout: 62.02%;<br>Majority: 7,345 (18.15%) |                  |        |        | Electorate: 66,318; Turnout: 61.11%; Majority: 4,472 (11.04%)<br>notional 7.14% swing Lab to Con<br>10.59% boundary change |                     |        |        | Electorate: 61,723; Turnout: 56.61%;<br>Majority: 8,351 (23.90%) |                  |        |        |