

The Liberals in Lund

Key Priorities for Lund 2026–2030

Our vision for Lund

Lund is a unique municipality: a historic city with one of the world's leading universities, an internationally competitive business and research community, a vibrant cultural and student life, and thriving towns and villages.

The Liberals want Lund to remain open to the world while preserving the qualities that make it such a good place to live. We believe in people's ability to shape their own lives, in education as the foundation of freedom, in entrepreneurship and innovation, and in a strong society that supports people when they need it.

We want a Lund where children receive an excellent education, businesses can grow, older people can live with dignity and independence, international residents feel at home, and everyone has the freedom and opportunity to participate in society.

Our politics combine **freedom with responsibility, openness with security, and growth with sustainability.**

1. Schools First – Knowledge, Opportunity and High Expectations

For the Liberals, **education comes first**. Schools give children the knowledge and opportunities they need to shape their own futures. Every child should be able to succeed regardless of their family background.

We want to restore the focus on knowledge, give teachers better conditions to teach, and create classrooms characterised by calm, safety and high expectations.

Our priorities

- **Smaller classes**, with an ambition of around 20 pupils per class.
- Smaller preschool groups, following national recommendations of no more than 12 children for ages 1–3 and 15 for ages 4–5.
- Stronger focus on the fundamentals: **reading, writing and mathematics**, with the goal that every child has the foundations for literacy by the end of Year 3.
- More special-needs teachers, special educators and specialised teaching groups so that children who need extra help receive it.
- Better working conditions for teachers and preschool staff, allowing teachers to spend more time teaching.
- **More books, less screen time**. Preschools should be screen-free, schools mobile-phone-free, and pupils should have greater access to physical textbooks and staffed school libraries.

- More opportunities for academically advanced pupils, including specialised classes and opportunities for upper-secondary students to take university courses.
- Stronger study and career guidance.
- Excellent academic programmes as well as high-quality vocational and apprenticeship education connected to Lund's labour market.

Swedish and international education

Lund is an international city. Children who arrive from other countries should receive strong support in learning Swedish, including qualified teachers of Swedish as a second language and appropriate study support in other languages.

At the same time, Lund's international schools are important for families who come here to study, conduct research or work. We want to continue developing attractive international primary and upper-secondary education in Lund.

2. A Lund Built for People

Lund should grow, but growth must improve people's quality of life.

We want development that respects Lund's history and character while welcoming the future. New neighbourhoods should combine good architecture with greenery, services, workplaces and places where people can meet.

Housing should reflect different stages of life and different ways of living. We therefore want a mixture of apartments, houses and townhouses, rental and owner-occupied housing, and homes of different sizes.

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We want more ground-level family housing and garden-city developments, as well as larger apartments that can provide attractive alternatives for older people wishing to leave a house. This can also free up houses for younger families.

Lund's historic city centre must be protected and developed carefully. New buildings should respect Lund's architectural heritage and human scale. At the same time, the centre should become more vibrant, with lively squares, restaurants, entertainment, markets, summer pedestrian streets and places for children and families.

We also want a new Lund Central Station that is welcoming, functional and architecturally appropriate for its surroundings. New neighbourhoods such as Brunnshög and Västerbro should combine homes with shops, restaurants, workplaces, greenery and meeting places.

3. A Municipality Where the Villages Can Thrive

Lund municipality is much more than the city of Lund.

Dalby, Södra Sandby, Veberöd, Genarp, Stångby and our other communities have their own histories and identities. They should not simply become smaller copies of Lund.

Each community should develop according to its own character and needs, with a good mixture of housing, services and public spaces.

We want better public transport between the villages and Lund, more frequent connections, improved cycling routes, commuter parking and secure bicycle parking. We also want continued citizen budgets and stronger local dialogue so that residents – particularly young people – have greater influence over their communities.

4. Climate Leadership – Through Innovation and Better Choices

Lund has the knowledge, companies and research environment to be a leader in the climate transition.

Our ambition is for Lund to become **climate-positive by 2040**. This means reducing emissions while eventually capturing more greenhouse gases than the municipality emits.

The municipality cannot achieve this alone. The transition must be made together with residents, Lund University, researchers and businesses.

Our priorities

We want to:

- invest in new technologies such as carbon capture, biochar and low-temperature district heating;
- use nature-based solutions such as wetlands, urban meadows and open drainage systems;
- investigate carbon capture at the Örtöfta heating plant;
- make municipal construction more sustainable through reuse of materials, water recycling and solar energy;
- expand charging infrastructure for electric vehicles;
- make walking, cycling and public transport increasingly attractive;
- improve cycle routes and create more secure bicycle parking;
- investigate a new Pågatåg commuter rail station in northern Nöbbelöv;
- create more green corridors, parks and recreational areas;
- protect valuable agricultural land and Lund's cultural landscape.

We also want to apply the **3-30-300 principle**: people should be able to see at least three trees from their home, neighbourhoods should aim for 30% tree-canopy coverage, and everyone should have a quality green area within 300 metres.

5. Jobs, Entrepreneurship and Innovation

A strong welfare society requires a strong economy – and jobs are created when businesses can start, invest and grow.

Lund already has an extraordinary combination of university research, global companies, entrepreneurs and innovation environments. We want the municipality to become a much better partner to them.

For the Liberals, entrepreneurship is also about individual freedom: the possibility to turn an idea into something real, create a business and build one's own future.

A better business climate

We want to:

- simplify municipal rules and procedures;
- shorten processing times for building permits, planning matters and other permits;
- improve early dialogue between businesses and the municipality;
- strengthen the municipality's business development unit and provide clearer support for companies;
- maintain land and premises available for companies that want to establish or expand in Lund;
- divide large municipal procurements into smaller contracts where possible so local SMEs can compete;
- strengthen cooperation between schools, vocational education and local employers;
- improve safety for businesses affected by theft, fraud and other crime;
- promote Lund more actively as one of the region's leading centres for growth, research and innovation.

We also want stronger support for Lund's existing innovation environments and organisations, including Ideon Science Park, Medicon Village, Nyföretagarcentrum and International Citizen Hub Lund.

6. An International and Open Lund

Lund's international community is one of the municipality's great strengths.

Thousands of people come here from around the world to study, conduct research, work, start companies and build their lives. Their knowledge, experience and connections make Lund stronger.

We want Lund to become even better at attracting and retaining international talent.

That means looking beyond the job itself. A researcher, specialist or entrepreneur considering moving to Lund also needs somewhere to live, good schools for their children and opportunities for an accompanying spouse or partner.

We therefore want stronger support for the International Citizen Hub, better access to housing for international researchers, continued development of international schools and stronger cooperation between the municipality, business community and other organisations on international talent attraction.

Integration also means participation. Learning Swedish is essential for becoming fully part of Swedish society, while schools, workplaces, sports clubs, cultural organisations and civil society all provide important places where people from different backgrounds can meet.

7. Freedom, Responsibility and a Stronger Social Safety Net

Liberal social policy begins with confidence in people's ability to shape their own lives.

The purpose of social policy should not be to create dependency, but to help people regain independence. Support should therefore come early, be accessible and be adapted to the individual.

We want Lund to use Sweden's new Social Services Act to develop a modern, preventive social service focused on **early intervention rather than waiting until problems become severe**.

From benefits to work

People who can work should receive both support and clear expectations to move towards employment or education.

We want stronger cooperation between social services, employment services, educational providers and businesses, including:

- individually adapted pathways to employment;
- vocational training and work-placement programmes;
- more entry-level jobs and introduction positions;
- year-round job opportunities for young people;
- social requirements in municipal procurement that create internships and employment opportunities.

The goal is straightforward: **more people supporting themselves through work or education**.

No one should be without a home

We want to expand **Housing First**, increase the number of transitional apartments and strengthen preventive work against eviction and debt.

People experiencing homelessness who also face addiction or mental-health problems should receive better coordinated support from the municipality and Region Skåne.

8. Living Life – Throughout Life

Growing older should not mean losing control over your life.

Older people are individuals with different interests, needs and ambitions. The same is true for people with disabilities. Our policies therefore put **freedom of choice, dignity, independence and self-determination** at the centre of care.

Better elderly care

We want:

- greater choice between different forms of care and housing;
- new intermediate housing options for older people who need some support but not residential care;
- senior restaurants and other social meeting places;
- stronger action against involuntary loneliness;
- better support and respite opportunities for family carers;
- a local **Older People's Ombudsman**;
- expanded use of digital services where they increase independence and security;
- an exercise and wellness allowance for residents over 70;
- public transport planning that better reflects older people's needs;
- more varied private and municipal housing alternatives for older residents.

Good communication is fundamental to good care. Employees who lack sufficient Swedish should therefore receive Swedish-language training connected to their employment, with training mandatory where language skills are inadequate.

9. Freedom and Independence for People with Disabilities

Lund should aim to provide **Sweden's best support for people with disabilities**.

We strongly support the right to assistance under LSS and want services built around each individual's independence rather than around institutions.

Housing should be individually adapted and designed to maximise independence. People should have opportunities to move from group housing towards their own apartment where appropriate.

Daytime activities should be meaningful and help people develop their abilities. Accessibility must also extend beyond care: public transport, meeting places, public toilets, culture, sports and recreation should be accessible to everyone.

10. Culture, Sport and Community

A great municipality needs more than good public administration. People need places to meet, create, exercise, read, play music and participate in their community.

Culture contributes to education and gives people new perspectives. Sport and associations create friendships, community and belonging. The municipality's role should be to make it easier for the people and organisations who create these activities.

Our priorities

We want:

- a larger modern central venue for major cultural events, conferences and productions;
- more festivals and events;
- expansion of Lund's successful music voucher and introduction of a **culture voucher** for activities such as dance, theatre and visual arts;
- strong libraries and programmes encouraging children and young people to read;
- more culture in public spaces and throughout Lund's villages;
- less bureaucracy for voluntary associations;
- school sports halls to be available to associations outside school hours;
- better maintenance of sports facilities;
- a new swimming facility in Brunnshög;
- fair access to sports facilities and activities for girls and boys;
- safe and attractive meeting places for young people in every district and village;
- stronger efforts to include young people from immigrant communities in sports, culture and associations.

Lund's student organisations and nations are also an essential part of the city's identity and should have good conditions to continue contributing to Lund's unique student life.

11. A Safe and Secure Lund

Lund is a safe municipality, and we want to keep it that way.

Freedom also means being able to walk home, take the bus, run a business or spend time in your neighbourhood without fear.

Our approach combines **prevention, visible community presence and firm action when crime occurs**.

We want more family centres and longer opening hours at youth centres, as well as flexible, individualised interventions for young people at risk of entering crime. Schools, social services and police should cooperate closely so problems can be identified early.

We want community safety hosts, neighbourhood safety walks, field workers and stronger cooperation with volunteer night patrols. We also want the municipality to push for greater local police presence throughout the city and villages.

Everyday crime matters. Bicycle theft, vandalism, graffiti and littering make people feel less secure and should not simply be accepted.

We also want stronger action against domestic violence and honour-based oppression. Victims must come first: **the perpetrator should leave the home, not the victim.**

Fraud involving welfare benefits or public grants must also be actively investigated and prevented.

A Liberal Lund: Open, Free and Forward-Looking

Our vision is a Lund where **freedom and opportunity are not abstract ideas, but something people experience in everyday life.**

It means a child receiving the education they need to choose their own future.

It means an entrepreneur being able to turn an idea into a company.

It means someone who has moved here from another country being able to become part of Lund and contribute their knowledge and experience.

It means being able to grow old with dignity and make decisions about your own life.

It means living in a safe neighbourhood with parks, culture, associations and opportunities to meet others.

And it means taking responsibility for the climate and for the generations that will inherit our municipality.

We want Lund to remain a city of knowledge, ideas and openness – a municipality where people have the freedom to grow, contribute and live their lives on their own terms.

That is the Lund we want to build for 2026–2030.