

TORY TAX RISES HIT LOCAL PEOPLE

Yet another INFLATION BUSTING tax rise

Surrey Heath Councillor John Faulkner has slammed the Tory run Council for another inflation busting tax rise.

Recently Surrey Heath Borough Council Tories voted through an inflation busting 5.5% increase in Council Tax. This follows an increase of more than 15% last year and 17% the year before that. With over £32 million in the bank account, this tax rise is not justified.

John Faulkner said, "Local people have had enough. Many in our community just cannot afford these rising bills. Lib Dem Councillors have long called for Surrey Heath to reduce waste and to spend our money better - a stance ignored by the Tories."

Unbelievably this latest increase will not be delivering increased front line services to

the general public, in fact, cuts to the popular Action Holiday scheme have been agreed.

A difference of approach

In contrast the Lib Dems put forward a completely costed alternative budget. The Lib Dem increase in Council Tax would have been just 2%.

At the same time the Lib Dem budget would provide additional funding for improving skateboarding facilities, action to tackle crime and to improve our local environment.

Cllr Duncan Clark said, "This Conservative Council only has one policy - tax, tax, tax! It keeps making feeble excuses for more tax rises and continues to stuff cash into its coffers, while failing to deliver the services residents clearly want."



● Cllr John Faulkner, David Whitcroft and Duncan Clark with 32 million reasons to keep council tax bills down!

Skateboarding campaign stepped up

Lib Dem Councillors are keeping up the pressure on Tory Surrey Heath Council to improve skateboard facilities across the Borough.

The Council currently has a massive £32 million in the bank, but has done little to improve facilities for young people. In Lightwater, a petition calling for a skate park has been collected by young people.

Local Lib Dem Councillor

Patricia Pinder said, "This petition clearly demonstrated that young people in Lightwater want the Council to provide them with somewhere to practice their sport."

Cllr Alan Whittart added, "The Council can afford to do much more for young people in our area. Skate parks are very popular where they exist and it is time the Council delivered more of them across our area."



● Lib Dem Cllr Alan Whittart is calling for more skate facilities

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