

## Swindon Tories make the vulnerable pay for their waste and incompetence

Tory run Swindon Borough Council has imposed a budget which includes devastating cuts to frontline services that will hurt the vulnerable and elderly. They are also asking you to pay more in Council Tax yet still spending £33,000 on their hospitality budget.

### The Tory Budget is a threat to our communities because it ....

- ✂ Increased the cost of rent at elderly residential homes from £417 to £700 a week
- ✂ Increased the cost of removing bulk waste from people's front gardens. Meaning more fly-tipping and dumping of rubbish in our neighbourhoods
- ✂ Slashed funding for Meals on Wheels
- ✂ Increased the cost of burying and cremating the dead
- ✂ Cut the money for filling potholes by a whopping £500,000 over the past three years
- ✂ Cut the street cleaning budget by £156,000
- ✂ Cut support for job placements for the disabled
- ✂ Cut the Council's dedicated fly tipping crew

***David Cameron has already proposed over £1 billion of cuts from the national budget for Councils***

### Labour found the money to save services...

Labour leader, Derique Montaut said,

"The Tories in Swindon have decided it is not a priority to provide quality services like street cleaning and care for the elderly. Instead they waste your money on projects like the canal."

Labour Councillors wanted to save money by cutting the amount spent on hospitality, London consultancy companies and the cost of the Council's PR. The Tories would rather spend money on sandwiches and soft drinks than pay for fixing the pothole in your street!



***Labour leader Derique Montaut wrote to the Tories to tell them how to save services and cut waste***

***Turn over to read more about what the Tories are wasting your money on***

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## Tory Waste vs Labour Investment

*You decide who gives value for money*

- ✂ £450,000 on the Wi-Fi project that still isn't working
- ✂ £350,000 buying stones for a town centre shop front
- ✂ £70,000 on studies for a canal that goes nowhere
- ✂ £450,000 on the Radio 1 Big Weekend - *they told you it wouldn't cost a penny*
- ✂ £130,000 to a London lobbyist when they should be working with the town's hard working MPs
- ✂ £500,000 on refurbishing council offices where they are slashing the wages of the lowest paid staff

- 50% increase in funding for the Council since 1997 under Labour
- Millions of pounds to build new schools across Swindon
- Spending over £1,000 more per child at school meaning results have improved by nearly 20% in the last decade
- Funding to build new Council houses to tackle the Tory waiting lists
- A dedicated police team for every neighbourhood to work with the community
- An NHS we can be proud of thanks to continued investment at the Great Western Hospital and at GP's surgeries

***David Cameron has already said he would run the country like a Tory Council - don't give him the chance***



**"I am completely appalled that the Tory Council has decided to train its guns on the most vulnerable people in Swindon but wouldn't cut back on spin and PR."**

**"Labour has delivered for Swindon and helped us fight back against the recession. It's about time that the Tories listened to the people and used tax-payer's money properly."**

**Anne Snelgrove, Labour MP for South Swindon**

**"This year's Tory budget is just another example of how out of touch the Council is with local people."**

**"Labour Councillors showed the Tories how they could save essential services by scrapping things that don't help everyday people."**

**"Swindon deserves better than this and I will work hard to deliver for local people."**

**Victor Agarwal,  
Labour candidate for North Swindon**

