

AND...Tory Council Leader gives himself 34% pay rise
Read more shocking spending choices inside

CUT by 66%

Voluntary Sector

Croydon Council

STOP



Petition against 66% cut to voluntary sector and 34% rise in Tory Council Leader pay

As residents of Croydon, we petition Croydon Council to reconsider the savage cuts to community and voluntary organisations, with particular concern for those who are providing support services to vulnerable people.

Print Name	Address / Post Code	Telephone Number	Email Address

Return this petition to: Choices Made, Croydon Labour Party, Ruskin House, 23 Coombe Road, CR0 1BD



Charity Facts

Voluntary Sector Grants 2009 £1.833million
Voluntary Sector Grants 2010/11 £625,500

'Stronger Communities Fund'

Percentage Cut: 66%

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COUNCIL CUTS CRISIS

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Protesters serenade councillors at meeting

THE singing protestors of Waddon took to an unusual stage on Monday - the steps of the town hall in Easthorpe Street.

Members of Waddon Cultural, part of the Together in Waddon group, are rare users of singing at community events.

But on Monday they serenaded councillors, with their own dirty to council leader Mike Fisher.

Based on the three-time to TV classic Dad's Army, they called it "Who do you think you are kidding Mr Fisher?"

Together in Waddon is one of 41 groups which stand to lose funding from the council.

Protesters were out again in force on Monday before the full council meeting, following a similar protest the week before at a meeting of the council's cabinet.

They packed the public gallery of the town hall while others heard the debate on cuts to voluntary groups through a relay laid on in the Brasserie Hall next door.



SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT: Young and old gathered to protest against the cuts before Monday's council meeting

Fury at council's 'arrogant' policy

'Tory Town' jibe over service cuts and bigwigs' pay hike



MUSICAL PROTEST: Grace Fadden and Eileen Dean lead the anti-cuts ditty

The protesters' anthem

By Ian Austen
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CROYDON Council's leaders have been accused of living in

voluntary groups.

The arguments revolved around a game of figures.

Labour bases its 60 per cent cut figure on the reduction in the

the council under a proposed extended commissioning scheme.

But Cllr Butler said: "There is no doubt these proposals will

decimate the public sector,

creating an economic climate

which "has brought the council

to its knees".

He said: "What we want to do

move towards commissioning

Local Councillors make spending choices based on their political priorities.

The list on the right is the spending choices of the hard right Conservative Council led by Councillor Mike Fisher.

In these tough times, it is right to cut out waste and protect front line services. The list on the right demonstrates that the Conservatives are making ideological cuts to the voluntary sector to pay for their grand projects, wasteful spending on PR and putting up the **pay of the Council Leader by 34%**. The cuts and pay rise were agreed by Tory Councillors on 19 July 2010.

What sort of Charities are being hit?

- Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre
- Older people's 'Pop In' centres and lunch clubs
- Neighbourhood care associations
- Women's organisations
- Bangladesh Welfare Association
- Church clubs and youth groups



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Croydon Council Keeps Spending

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+34%

Pay hike approved for Tory Council Leader

£500,000



Spent on the monthly Council propaganda newspaper

£450million



Being spent on the luxury Council HQ

£200,000+

Wages for senior staff are out of control at Tory run Croydon Council. They pay their Chief Executive over £200,000

£1million+

June 2010 the Council spent £1million on the 'Croydon Economic Development Company' July 2010 they announced they were scrapping it

Priorities

Tory Councillors choose to spend this money at the same time as cutting the voluntary sector and closing old people's homes.

Fair?