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Attention: News desk, Local Government, City, Social, Industrial and Political Correspondents

TORY WESTMINSTER TOPS LONDON LEAGUE WITH £23.2 MILLION UNCOLLECTED COUNCIL & BUSINESS TAXES
£244.5 million uncollected Council & Business taxes in Greater London is part of £1.059 billion uncollected in England in 2008/9

A new GMB study shows that in Tory controlled Westminster City Council, in 2008/9, the total amount of uncollected Council Tax and non domestic rates was £23.2 million. The uncollected Council Tax amounted to £3.5 million and the uncollected Non Domestic Rates amounted to £19.7 million. This is the highest amount of uncollected taxes in London and the second highest in England. Second was Tory run- with Liberal puppets- Southwark with £14.5m uncollected and third Tory run Croydon at £10.2m.

For London as a whole, the uncollected Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates totalled £244.5 million. For England as a whole the amount was £1.059 billion. The figures for all 33 London borough councils are in the table below.

Uncollected Taxes in Greater London Boroughs

		uncollected council taxes 2008-09 (£)*	uncollected non-domestic rates 2008-09 (£)**	total uncollected amount (£)
	England	636,363,330	423,283,282	1,059,646,612
	London	143,261,000	101,224,000	244,485,000
rank				
1	Westminster	3,507,000	19,673,000	23,180,000
2	Southwark	7,808,000	6,701,000	14,509,000
3	Croydon	7,186,000	3,004,000	10,190,000
4	Camden	4,716,000	5,259,000	9,975,000
5	Barnet	6,230,000	3,037,000	9,267,000
6	City of London	75,000	8,882,000	8,957,000
7	Haringey	6,591,000	2,326,000	8,917,000
8	Hounslow	4,704,000	4,114,000	8,818,000
9	Lambeth	6,181,000	2,251,000	8,432,000
10	Islington	4,332,000	3,447,000	7,779,000
11	Tower Hamlets	3,509,000	4,118,000	7,627,000
12	Ealing	4,242,000	3,367,000	7,609,000
13	Hackney	4,953,000	2,436,000	7,389,000
14	Brent	5,440,000	1,885,000	7,325,000
15	Lewisham	6,645,000	174,000	6,819,000
16	Hillingdon	4,600,000	2,202,000	6,802,000
17	Redbridge	5,095,000	1,411,000	6,506,000
18	Waltham Forest	4,688,000	1,813,000	6,501,000

19	Greenwich	5,360,000	1,040,000	6,400,000
20	Wandsworth	2,422,000	3,978,000	6,400,000
21	Enfield	5,341,000	872,000	6,213,000
22	Hammersmith and Fulham	3,416,000	2,637,000	6,053,000
23	Havering	3,648,000	2,402,000	6,050,000
24	Newham	5,163,000	638,000	5,801,000
25	Barking and Dagenham	3,591,000	1,948,000	5,539,000
26	Kensington and Chelsea	2,993,000	2,454,000	5,447,000
27	Bexley	4,190,000	1,168,000	5,358,000
28	Bromley	4,557,000	740,000	5,297,000
29	Merton	3,348,000	1,756,000	5,104,000
30	Harrow	3,265,000	1,434,000	4,699,000
31	Kingston upon Thames	1,839,000	1,461,000	3,300,000
32	Sutton	1,656,000	1,462,000	3,118,000
33	Richmond upon Thames	1,970,000	1,134,000	3,104,000

Paul Hayes, GMB Regional Secretary said, **“These figures nail the lie about the Conservative Party and David Cameron’s boast that they would run the country like they do the Town Halls. If this is so just take Westminster, Croydon and Southwark as prime examples. It will mean pay cuts for workers, job losses, uncollected taxes, worse services and bankruptcies. Running the country! a second hand wheel stall looks beyond the Tories capabilities.”**

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Notes to Editors:

1 Source: Department for Communities and Local Government. Council Tax and non-domestic rates non-collection amounts 2008-09.

2 * Calculated by subtracting 'Total receipts of council tax' from 'Estimated net collectable debit'.

3 ** Calculated by subtracting 'Total receipts of non-domestic rates' from 'Estimated net collectable debit'.