



REBUILD PUBLIC SERVICES STOP COUNCIL CUTS

Lobby Calderdale Council Meeting

Wednesday 27 November

5pm onwards

Halifax Town Hall
Crossley Street, HX1 1UJ

For over a decade £millions have been cut from council services. All sections, but especially the poorest, have suffered from the loss of basic facilities and support. Many jobs have been slashed.

Most of the blame rests with the Tories, not forgetting their joint executioners the Lib-Dems from 2010-15, whose vicious austerity drive laid waste to schools, social care, libraries and welfare assistance. Public buildings were flogged off cheaply. Not that it reduced the net debt, of course. But it did help pour billions into the coffers of the already fabulously wealthy.

Now, however, there are new kids on the block in the shape of the Labour Government. Another group that promised Change when seeking to be the new Government but whose actions so far reveal their meaning of change is to make things worse.

Since the middle of the last decade, we have had a Labour Council hiding behind the claim that there is nothing they can do to stop the cuts. "It's the Tories fault" and far better to make the cuts responsibly. Balance the budget. The council leadership even refused to meet and discuss with Calderdale TU Council how it might avoid ongoing cuts by using some of its reserves.

Well, it is clearly not the Tories fault now as we have a Labour Government and Council. We want the latter to refuse to make any more cuts and to get the new government to begin restoring the services we have lost by increasing funding to Local Government.

It can be done - after World War 2, when Britain was on its knees, a Labour Government, at a time when the national debt was 2½ times greater than GDP, boosted support for public services and in doing so created better schools, the NHS, social services etc. Today the public debt stands at a little under 100% of GDP.

Calderdale TU Council film on Calderdale Council Cuts made prior to 2024 General Election <https://youtu.be/ux8VlxFDiMk>

So, Calderdale Councillors, it is time to stop attacking local people's services. Enough is Enough!

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