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WEAR VALLEY COUNCIL BUSTED!

GLOVES OFF & DISHING THE DIRT ON THOSE THAT BETRAY & SREW THE WORKING CLASS, THIS SPECIAL GIVES THE LOW DOWN ON THE SCUM THAT ARE SCREWING THE TENANTS OF WEAR VALLEY.



Red Faces & Brown Noses

Unequal in sniffing the rear end of central government on policy, wear valleys councillors have decided instead of ring fencing money from the sale of land to invest in housing, this is approximately 10 million they are going to take a lesser amount, 2ml, with the remainder gong back to the treasury.

This represents an unprecedented attack and deliberate ploy to starve investment in housing which borders not just on the illegal but insane. Further to this news it is understood that knowing legislation was changing where by the council could get back a 100% back on sales of land & housing it failed to report this in its newsletters when presenting the facts about stock transfer.

Significantly this money represents the ideal of government to raise the standards of housing to a decent level, which the council in its wisdom has completely slated not just through denying this to the tenants of wear valley but also through moving the goal posts to a plus standard not achievable unless the council can move the tenants choice towards either a housing association or ALMO in moves to gratify central office on stock transfer.

A central plank that is governing wear valleys policies on about everything the stock transfer of housing to either of two options (another completely illegal ploy) is being used to manipulate, hide information and corrupt.

The contempt now being shown to tenants as part of a larger plan can be seen shaping itself around the denial of rights and any recognition that such plans will bring about a poverty & dependence unequalled in history through a system that will only care about what you can afford.

Through its abandonment of the tenant to the market place, such evils as denying investment in our homes are only possible. Red faces and brown noses born of individual greed & power if left unrecognised by yourself, you deny any unity and pride which has protected and shaped a future in which we all had a stake as have councillors.

Council Scum

Attacking the working class council tenants in wear valley, councillors branded all tenants as "Scum" if they dare report a repair. On the back of bringing in Charges for repairs it has also been decided they will also ignore police crime numbers, which in effect instead of treating us as the victim of the crime of the disturbed and poor quality council services they've decided we are all criminals.

This decision backed up by the customer panel, made up by residents whom are supposed to represent the tenant also failed to report remarks made by the Director of housing Mr Lalng (a housing committee member) when he aggressively attacked tenants who "Let their windows be smashed" and was heard to say "tenants deserve everything they get".

Now councillors will be quick to assure you that repairs that happen though natural wear & tear will not be charged for. These assurances from councillors are deceitful since in the same breath they will become salesmen for the insurance industry. This is their backup and appeal to responsible tenure that will cost us all dearly, not just weekly but through increased premiums and insurers unwilling to payout. Which raises the question of how much commission councillors are on?

This policy change not just branding us all as scum will pit working class staff against tenant, as the procedure for a repair to be done is clouded in suspicion. This is further exaggerated by the fact that the maintenance services are now a privatised agency. All we need to throw in now is staff on a bonus scheme.

While this may sound unlikely there is now a £30 administration fee + VAT which is also going to be attached for all repairs, is it any wonder that the latter is more possible than the council taking up its responsibility, for what else is rent for but to cover such costs as repairs & maintenance.

The excuse for all this is that malicious tenants such as those that break their own windows or punch holes in doors are costing the council too much. What a load of crap, the ruling party (Labour) is on a privatisation trip and any one in the way will be branded, stereotyped and suckered into making life easy for them while serving their own interests.

What we are going to see come from this policy is estates fall further into decline as tenants put off fixing the broken pane today. If fixed the burden of debt will far outweigh the common good that resulted in all sharing the burden from a paid up maintenance service equal to none.

If ever there was a time to recognise the declared war on the common good of tenants to jointly purchase services together, making for affordable homes and debt free service, it is now. This is achievable through our own declared war of taking our homes back.

How else is this achievable than to declare to your councillor they have no vote and you will do everything in your power to disrupt what is left of the services they provide through late payment of rent & council tax (this does not imply non-payment). Only until they recognise you are their master and not the fat cats in business will this war break.

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In a climate of rising Land & House prices (36% for the North east) and the councils' obsession with privatisation, it is very suspicious that wear valley council in negotiation with Persimmon Homes & Durham Aged Mineworkers Housing Associations is contemplating selling St Andrews Road Estate of Cheaply.

While there is no definite proof here of corruption, taken in light of the breaking news from the audit report on wear valley council, that councillor's "cannot work or think strategically" it is very conceivable that they are having the wool pulled over their eyes and perversely in their haste to ingratiate themselves to a treasury on a job well done they have forgotten that this land belongs to the tenants.

However, the overall picture from evidence alluded to from behaviour already seen on policy issues lends itself more to a clique operating within the council, quite able and manipulating a situation to their own advantage over the issue of price.

The advantages of grooming the associations as possible contenders in the up and coming knock-down sale of the rest of wear valleys housing is very obvious. A lesser thought of advantage although extremely influential is that for the individual in response to pressure to keep careers going and positioning to take full advantage of take-overs.

Such behaviour wouldn't go remedied in the privatised sector of housing from which the present housing director comes. A sector that is already accused of predatory behaviour, country wide. Where deals struck, smack of the old boys net-work dealing in the biggest junket yet, the sale of council real estate at knock down prices.

Our sources confirmed this trend as a major factor again in governmental planning in that selling the silver off cheaply would bring in its own rewards against a policy now of an ever tightening grip in pursuit of privatisation at any cost.

We are now only waiting for confirmation of this trend as the council has applied to the government for permission for this sale to go ahead on the cheap.

If it does the fruits of this despicable act will make for a poorer community as our resources, given over to the corporate world of developers will be wasted on the aggrandisement of homes for the rich, while the ghetto-entrenchment of the council tenant is made more possible through a politics that is more akin to fascism than democracy as our stake in it is lost.

DICTATORS "R" US

Trumped at the release of information about wear valleys "Questionnaire" on the issue of stock transfer by "Guns & Roses" the Northern Echo in its article "Tenants asked to decide on landlord" (13/5/04) failed to mention as this information is collected at the front door the tenant's democratic rights of a vote on the issue of "Privatisation" will fly out the back door as dictators "R"us & Co will rule out a vote as one is not legislated for under the choice of an ALMO (Arms Length Management Organisation).

The first choice of two for a delinquent minority governing wear valley council comes straight from the Horses mouth as the Director of housing Mr Laing has already stated "knowing the strength of feeling against Privatisation it would be a waste of money to spend it on a vote when we know the answer" it seems what he has told tenants is coming to fruition with intentions of this questionnaire being used to stifle resistance against privatisation.

As this issue was explored in a article by "Guns & Roses" in April (Already on our Website) our "insider information" has already hinted at the abuse of due process, pushing the boundaries of legality and the manipulation within the time scales the council is under to get a favourable vote on the issue of stock transfer.

This source has not failed us again as it is now understood that the clique within the council that is pushing for a favourable vote from councillors to go ahead in its "final phase" of transfer although held back because of resistance is playing out its final card which it is pinning all its hopes.

As this comes at a time where the council has been told to re-consult tenants on the issues of privatisation by Mr D Siddal of the Community Housing Task Force (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister) it has come as no surprise the flaunting of legislators is consistent with this clique behaviour to pursue its ends at any cost.

The only flaw in this plan is hinged on the compliance of councillors to follow the whip, a macabre tool to encourage unity it hypocritically encourages dictators whom at all cost must be defeated. So confront even if affronted by the behaviour of our councillors, we must all shout for our right to decide our own future and the decision of whom our landlords is.

With the questionnaire show your objections to being treated like shit by dropping your pants and lifting your skirts, returning with compliments to the few whose only objections to screwing you will be the stink that this will cause in justice being done to all Our Cause!

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