

Councillors Expenses - 2016 - 17

Posted by Newsline - 08 Dec 2016 19:51

WE are continuing our annual review of councillors expenses and are pleased to report that some have taken on board our criticism (2015) of using a car when they could have rested on a train at much less expense to the public. A few have now stopped claiming for short local journeys and others are now sharing taxi's.

However on looking at this years FOI disclosure we can see that, in our opinion, at least three are claiming for something that they are not entitled, including a member of the Audit Committee.

One is claiming for journeys of 1.6 miles, and one appears to be breaking the rules entirely in respect of travel.

Tomorrow.....

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Re: Councillors Expenses - 2016 - 17

Posted by RM64 - 08 Sep 2017 14:54

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Re: Councillors Expenses - 2016 - 17

Posted by Geddes - 08 Sep 2017 15:19

RM64 wrote:

Well of course , nothing HAS been done. Tom is to be applauded for his tireless forensic pursuit of this but the entire council both administration and opposition have simply swept it under the carpet . Is there actually a point to the opposition? Are they simply scunnered at another term being unable to implement anything? This is the ONE committee where the opposition outvote the administration yet they have done the sum total of zero.

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Re: Councillors Expenses - 2016 - 17

Posted by Tom - 09 Sep 2017 17:21

Audit & Scrutiny Committee members this te

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Re: Councillors Expenses - 2016 - 17

Posted by Tom - 09 Sep 2017 17:31

In my opinion all elected members during the last term would have or should have known about these 'Extra' miles, dubious reasons for journeys, misuse of the electric cars.

So it is little wonder that Tory, Labour and SNP sat quiet.

I personally do not expect our current opposition to oppose the administration, however I would be very pleased if they did hold them to account.

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Re: Councillors Expenses - 2016 - 17

Posted by Ernhw Ltd - 02 Nov 2017 18:17

From a recent Audit report.

No financial loss to the council??????????????????

We were told that as a result of this investigation it was discovered that the taxi firm was overcharging on a negotiated rate for journeys.

Councillors were using journeys for travel that was not authorised ?

Councillors were claiming for car mileage that was not authorised ?

Their expenses claims had all been paid out. Yet it is claimed there was no financial loss?

Who writes this stuff, yes the chief auditor.

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