

# Sefton Central Conservatives

Caring & Campaigning for our Community



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*Dear Resident*

**Crosby, Formby & Maghull are used as the cash cow for Sefton's Labour administration. Residents contribute millions more in council tax than any other area, but reap far fewer proportional benefits. We need a council that is fair to taxpayers across ALL of Sefton.**

Sefton's expected maximum allowed increase of five per cent comes at a time when the council has a £14m hole in the budget for poorly managed children's social services, and is still paying £4m annual interest on the fiasco that is the redevelopment of Bootle New Strand. A vanity project with an initial outlay of more than £30m, allegedly to create a canal-side Venetian-style tourism hub, but which quickly plummeted in value to less than £17m. Many voters in the communities of the Bootle constituency also think this was a waste of money.

On top of all that, Sefton Labour Council have already increased council tax by 33% since they took control of the borough in 2012.

Meanwhile, in Crosby, Formby & Maghull where residents are paying hand over first for such flights of fantasy, the drainage infrastructure is collapsing, roads are regularly flooding, the greenbelt is under constant attack, agricultural land has been destroyed forever, historic buildings and our local heritage is neglected, and imposed social housing is causing major problems.

The time has come to redress the balance and ensure that Crosby, Formby & Maghull residents gain proper return and respect for the massive contribution they make to the area's town hall budget.

**Only Conservatives can ensure that there is a halt to biased irresponsible spending. Which is why your vote is vital this May.**

Yours sincerely

*Michael Shaw*

**Michael Shaw**  
Chairman, Sefton Central Conservative Association

## Vote Conservative on Thursday 4th May

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# Sefton Conservatives vote against Council Tax rise and propose 25% cut in councillors' allowances

**At the Sefton MBC budget meeting, Sefton Conservatives voted against a 4.99% increase in Council Tax and put forward an amendment that would have seen councillors' allowances cut by 25% to help fund additional support in Children's Services.**

Conservative Group Leader, Cllr Mike Prendergast said, "We will not support a budget that taxes the people of Sefton to pay for Labour mistakes. A £17 million overspend in Children's Services as a direct result of Labour failings is outrageous enough, but to then ask Sefton residents to pay for it is too much.

Labour in Sefton isn't working, it never does, and Labour have never seen a problem they can't try and fix with more taxes, so we can't support another Council Tax rise on hard-working Sefton residents to mask the incompetence and failings of a

Labour party in Sefton totally out of their depth."

Labour also voted against a Conservative amendment that would have cut councillors' allowances by 25% to help pay for additional support in Children's Services.

Cllr Prendergast said, "Tonight, Labour chose to vote against an amendment that would have seen more support provided to the most vulnerable in our borough. Instead of acting to provide more support to the most vulnerable in the borough they chose to preserve their own allowances.

They are quite happy to pass on the cost of their mistakes to Sefton residents but not accept any reduction in their own allowances.



It is also hugely disappointing to see that Labour continue to refuse to work with other parties, who supported our amendment. The whole attitude of the political leadership at Sefton Council needs to change if the situation in Children's Services is going to improve."

Do you have greenbelt, agricultural land, countryside or historic buildings in your local community?

**NOT FOR LONG**

Sefton Labour Council is on its way to destroy them all

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