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## **Manchester City Council: "We're going to SPEND! SPEND! SPEND!"**

### **But it's our tax money they're spending!**

Everyone knows that the country's broke – everyone, it seems, except for our city's Labour-dominated council. They carry on spending as if there's no tomorrow – they even brag about it in taxpayer-funded propaganda sheets such as “Manchester People” and “Life in Manchester”.

But then again, they can afford it, can't they? Because it's not their money they're spending – it's money that's been extorted from the working people of Manchester by way of the unfair and over-inflated Council Tax and unsustainable borrowing (over **£700,000,000!**).

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WATCH!**

**Do you remember how the council promised to freeze Council Tax this year? And do you remember how the “freeze” became an increase?**

**Are you surprised when you see some of the things this Labour council wastes our money on?**

- In 2008/09, Manchester's 96 councillors claimed a total of over **£1,875,000** in allowances between them – an average of over **£19,500** each!
- They spend **£2,000,000** of our money subsidising the unpopular Urbis museum – which was supposed to be self-funding by now!
- They wasted **£200,000** on the Manchester Day Parade and plan to do it again next year!
- They plan to spend a massive **£90,000,000** on an unnecessary revamp of St Peter's Square, while council houses go without repairs due to lack of funds!
- To add insult to injury, they spend **£350,000** per year on the propaganda publications “Manchester People” and “Life in Manchester” - effectively Labour party political leaflets funded by the taxpayer!

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Is it any wonder that there doesn't seem to be any money left over to maintain the roads or police the streets properly?

# **MANCHESTER DESERVES BETTER!**

# THREAT TO HEATON PARK!

Heaton Park was sold to Manchester City Council in 1902 with the intention that it should be preserved for the enjoyment and recreation of the public. But now the council has granted permission to Goals Soccer Centres to bulldoze part of our beloved park to build a floodlit five a side football complex! How long till other parts of the park are carved off for development?



**Why is the council willing to see part of Heaton Park destroyed to make way for this unpopular scheme when there are plenty of derelict sites in Manchester which could be used instead? Since Manchester City Council have shown themselves to be unfit landlords, control of Heaton Park should be turned over to a charitable trust who would preserve our beautiful park for future generations!**

# TOWN HALL PROPAGANDA

manchester  
people

See inside for  
more reasons  
to be grateful  
to us.

## Council is doing a wonderful job!

### Crime Abolished!

Trust us, we always tell the truth! If we say life is getting better, who are you going to believe, us or the evidence of your own eyes?

No need to think for yourself, just trust your fabulous Labour council. Would we lie to you?

Don't worry about those potholes you think you have in your road, they're just an illusion! Manchester has the best roads in the world!

### Vote Labour!

Manchester's been ruled by the Labour Party for decades, so why change the habit of a lifetime? We know what's best for you!

Party political propaganda is usually paid for by the parties themselves and their supporters. This is legitimate political activity, and the "big three" parties spend big money on it. But Labour aren't content to rely on their enormous financial resources. They prefer to supplement their own leaflets with council "newsletters" such as "Manchester People" at a cost to the taxpayer of over **£140,000**. This is a thinly-disguised Labour propaganda sheet. Recent headlines include "Warm welcome for council tax freeze" (council tax went up yet again this year) and "New sports zone energises Heaton Park" - no mention of the fact that this planned act of vandalism has outraged many Manchester residents.

**Was a bad word ever said about this council? You wouldn't know it from reading the "Manchester Pravda"!**

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