



MEDWAY LIB DEM GROUP

Call for Conservatives and Labour to explain poor deal for people of Medway.

This Thursday at the Budget meeting of the council Cllr Geoff Juby attacked the Conservative Councillors, saying they had wasted taxpayer's money and attacked Labour councillors saying that the government has under funded local services. He went on to say that both Labour and Conservative MPs had failed to oppose the poor local government settlement.

Cllr Geoff Juby, finance spokesperson for the Liberal Democrat group, commented:

“The Tory Council blames the Labour Government for not funding local services properly, and the local Labour bosses blame the incompetent Tory Council for wasting taxpayers' money on pet projects. Well I agree with both ruling parties. Much is made of the fact that 'we have the lowest council tax in Kent and the second lowest of any Unitary Authority tell that to people waiting months for essential Social Services.’

The Conservatives keep complaining about the local government settlement, so perhaps they can explain why all but three of their parliamentary colleagues sat on the fence when the cash settlement for Medway was agreed by the House of Commons. I find it remarkable that whilst the Liberal Democrat MPs voted against the settlement, so many conservative MP's failed to oppose this poor deal and instead abstained from the vote. Maybe Cllr Jarrett should have a quiet word with David Cameron. As for Labour, Paul Clark MP actually voted for the settlement, Bob Marshall-Andrews MP and Jonathan Shaw MP didn't even turn up for the vote. “