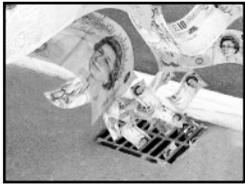




Is your money well spent?

According to a Lib Dem Freedom of Information request Waltham Forest Council has spent over £17,000 since April 2014 on “court case[s] and appeal[s] in relation to Waltham Forest News”.



You receive Waltham Forest News every fortnight, but you may not have realised that it is not an independent newspaper but a Council-run newspaper which only gives you propaganda the Council wants you to see. Guidelines were brought in by the Government in 2011 that made papers like Waltham Forest News illegal.

Earlier this month the Government gave Waltham Forests Labour Council 14 days to comply with the rules or face fresh court action.

Focus Team member Arran Angus says: “Legal fees can cost many thousands but will the Labour Councillors who made the decision to fight the Government pay the costs? No they will expect you to fork out. It looks like yet more taxpayers money will be wasted by the Council defending the indefensible”.

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Council lets down our most vulnerable children

The Council missed a legal deadline for delivering healthcare plans for children with special needs (SEN) and failed to provide plans or statements on time for over 50% of SEN children starting school this year. This is stressful for parents and children with special needs as they have no right of appeal until they have the final plan. Education lawyers who found out this information said “These figures are symptomatic of poor planning and management, and lack of resources to properly support children with special educational need”.



Liberal Democrat campaigner Ukonu Obasi said: “This is shameful, the Council needs to get its priorities right.”



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from the Grove Green Liberal Democrat Focus Team

Warren Road – CPZ times could need changing

Owing to residents’ complaints about the CPZ times in **Warren Road**, the **Focus Team** has drawn up a petition in the road to see if they want a change. The current times are 10am till 4pm Monday to Friday. Due to increased parking in the area some residents want the time changed to 8am till 6.30pm Monday to Saturday.

Focus will keep you informed of the outcome.

Success - Tower Blocks to get sprinklers

Following the outcry about fire safety in tower blocks, as **FOCUS** reported a couple of months back, the Council has now agreed to put sprinklers in all the Borough’s tower blocks.

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Action on Fly Tipping



Reports of fly-tipping across Waltham Forest are up in recent months. In Grove Green, **Lib Dem councillor candidate Arran Angus** has reported at least nine

separate lots of fly tipping in the last week alone. Given it takes the council days to collect bulky waste from residents, and they no longer collect electrical goods for free, it's hardly surprising.

Arran said "The bulk waste service used to work so well but people just don't want to wait 3 weeks for waste to be collected."



Richmond Road/ Twickenham Road – one way disappointment

Residents of **Richmond Road and Twickenham Road**, including the **Head Teacher of Newport School**, are disappointed that the well supported **Focus Petition** to make the roads one-way has been put on hold by the Council as their officers are too busy to look at it.

The officers are all working to implement the **Francis Road** and surrounding roads **Mini Holland plan**.

Focus has been assured that they will get round to it in the New Year.

Twickenham Road update

After pressure from the local **Liberal Democrat Focus Team** the council finally sent officers out to look at the broken street lights in **Twickenham Road**. Digging the pavement up for days fixed most of the lights and now the last two of the lights are working!

Focus Team member Naomi McCarthy said "It took the council months but we are pleased to see that the lights are all working again now."

Cut the Cap

Most public sector workers have their pay increase capped at 1% this year. With inflation running at 3% this means they are really getting a pay cut. With negotiations about to start on NHS pay with Jeremy Hunt the **Liberal Democrats** are running a campaign to pile on the pressure and get better wages for our nurses.

Local campaigner Ukonu Obasi says "Our public sector workers need fair pay for fair work and it is about time they got an actual pay rise." Join our campaign here. http://www.walthamforestlibdems.org/cut_the_cap

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