

SHAMEFUL

Labour waste tops £4.5 million!

Earlier this year, Liberal Democrats in Gateshead exposed over **£1.5 million** of Labour waste at Gateshead Council. Notorious examples include:

- **£400,000** on play equipment in the Chandless Estate and Clasper Village which were demolished shortly afterwards.
- **£1 million** on Civic Centre refurbishment.
- **£2,300** to send Labour Council Leader Martin Gannon on an expenses-paid trip to the French Riviera to attend a property developers' get-together.
- **£5,000** on meals over a 3 year period for the Labour Leader.
- **£31,000** on repairs to out-of-date equipment at Birtley Crematorium shortly before Labour agreed to scrap the old cremator and install a new one.
- **£140,000** on a pedestrian crossing in Whickham which is only 20 metres from another crossing!

But there is more bad news: Labour waste in Gateshead and across the North East has continued to grow. Here are some new additions to Labour's list of waste shame:



A **£620** meal for two, at your expense, at the upmarket Grosvenor Hotel in London (plus a further £330 travel expenses).



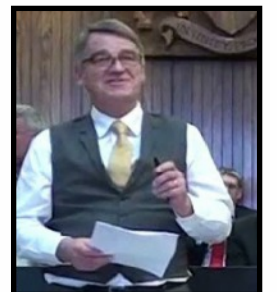
A **£750,000** car park that hardly anyone uses. The Council even forgot to get planning permission for it!



Labour's Police and Crime Commissioner resigned for a better job. The by-election cost **£2.5 million** (enough for 100 police officers!).

But there is also good news. In 2018, Lib Dems exposed figures showing Martin Gannon (pictured), Labour leader of Gateshead Council, had claimed **£5,000** in meal allowances over a three year period.

Following the storm of protest and bad publicity generated by Cllr Gannon's claims, he has stopped claiming for his meals! "That's a big saving to taxpayers!" said Lib Dem Councillor **John McClurey**.



Petition: Axe the bus tax!

We, the undersigned, call on Gateshead, Newcastle and North Tyneside Councils to cancel proposals to charge buses to drive into central Newcastle.

Name(s)

Email address (to receive our email newsletter updating you about the campaign):

Address:

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Return to: **Gateshead Liberal Democrats, 76 Saltwell Place, Gateshead, NE8 4QY**

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"Give Council greenhouses to community" say Lib Dems

Lib Dems in Gateshead are calling on Gateshead Council to drop plans to demolish the greenhouses at the former Central Nursery at Lobley Hill and to give them to voluntary groups instead. Labour want the greenhouses pulled down to make way for executive homes.

Lib Dem Cllr **Peter Maughan** said "Plans to pull the greenhouses down are a terrible waste. Volunteers could run them to provide fresh food for local food banks."



Save the greenhouses: Lib Dems want them saved to help foodbanks.

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