

South Cambs Against Transfer

Defending Council Housing In South Cambridgeshire

No excuses left for S.Cambs Homes sell-off!

As the Government signals major changes of policy in favour of council housing, South Cambs District Council is burying its head in the sand, pushing ahead with its £1Million propaganda campaign to con tenants into voting to give up their secure tenancies.

The Government has pledged changes, and a “fully sustainable system” of financing current council homes, with its review due to report later this year.

Retain rents

Gordon Brown also recently announced that he wants to see a new council house building programme, and that councils will be allowed to keep all rents and income from sales of any new homes built.

£1M Wasted

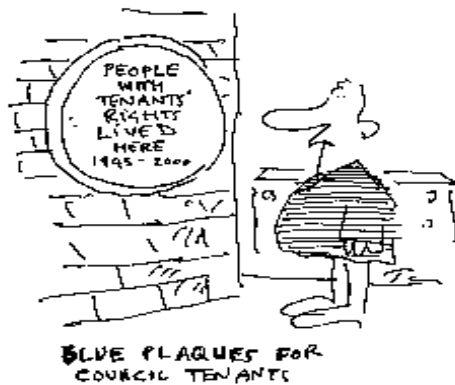
Despite these forthcoming changes, the ruling group on South Cambs Council voted down a plan to postpone the privatisation ballot for a year.

They insisted on pressing ahead regardless, arguing that the £1M that they are spending on pro-transfer propaganda would otherwise be wasted!

No balance

This followed an earlier decision where the same councillors defeated by only three votes a proposal to provide tenants with balanced information, including the disadvantages of transfer.

They clearly do not want to give you the truth, so SCAT will!



Stop Press.....
Govt. £175M off Council rents

Housing minister Margaret Beckett has announced £175M for councils to reduce this year's planned rent increases by half.

The cash is not available to housing associations, so widening the gap with council rents even further.

This is further proof that the Govt. has dropped its “rent convergence” policy, where Council rents were supposed to be increasing to the same high level as HAs.

Debts for tenants, profits for private Bankers!

The council has admitted that the proposed housing association would have to borrow £80Million to get off the ground.

Tenants would be saddled with this huge debt, with their homes used as collateral.

The loans would be at high commercial rates, (around £7M per year in interest alone) giving huge profits to the private banking fat cats, paid for from tenant's rents.

Vote No to transfer, to protect our homes from the greedy bankers!

Inside: What the council does not want you to know!

SCAT brings you the *real* facts needed by every tenant!