

# A Tale of Two Tory Town Halls



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AND  
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**N**ot satisfied with one Town Hall our esteemed leaders have now lumbered us with TWO!

When local government was reorganised in 1974 the new council sold outlying offices in Portishead, Clevedon, Flax Bourton and Winscombe to concentrate work in an expanded Weston Town Hall. The present Tory council has just reversed this sensible arrangement and shifted staff to oversized luxurious **£17 million offices in Clevedon** claiming it will save money

The Portishead-orientated Executive is determined to abandon Weston and with 2/3rds of the 61 councillors coming from out-of-town their ghastly plan seems to be working – but not to the advantage of Weston's town centre businesses which rely on high level office employment, nor to the future of "**GREEN TRAVEL**", the **ONLY** way to Clevedon being by car



**Will the No 4  
disappear?**

**T**he No 4 bus is a lifeline to many residents in the Shrubbery area of the hillside and **MUST BE PROTECTED**. Councillors get free undercover car parking in the town centre and generous fuel allowances – they haven't a clue about public transport. Ask what they intend doing to protect the No 4. Demand answers!

**... and to make matters worse ...**

.... they've now found surplus space in Weston Town Hall but are madly trying to spend **AN EXTRA £9.7 MILLION** doing up the place (*with new furniture of course*) to make it "fit-for-purpose" as a **PUBLIC SERVICES HUB** (*their words*) and to house the **LIBRARY**. They plan to sell Hans Price's purpose-built Boulevard Library for £300,000 - for flats?

These philistines have no regard for our **HERITAGE** or for **THIS TOWN** and worst of all have refused to hold any **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**. Cllr Felicity Baker (from Portishead) is in charge and she **NEVER CONSULTS**.

However, putting the **REGISTER OFFICE** in the *old* Town Hall will be a good idea. It will provide a more dignified venue for civil marriages and partnerships

## **£ Value for money?**

**A** North Somerset full-time home care assistant earns £16,830 p.a. Cllr Andrew Horler "earns" £15,047 pa as your councillor (£5,780 for a "special responsibility"). Now, which of the two do you rate more highly?

The 61 North Somerset Councillors cost us £803,796 EACH YEAR.. 28 of them claim extra for "special responsibilities" (*often doing nothing more than chairing the odd meeting – and that badly!*)

Tory Leader Ashton and his partner (also a Portishead Executive councillor) hauled in a massive £67,628 this year

Meanwhile our local Town Councillors cost **NOTHING!**

