

The Rose

Desborough Edition – March 2008



DESBOROUGH RESIDENTS TO PAY MORE TAX ?

Desborough residents are facing the prospect of paying more in local taxes than people living in Kettering!

Since 1894 Town and Parish Councils have had the right to levy a local additional tax called a 'Parish Precept'. The Tory controlled Borough Council is in the process of reviewing the funding of Town and Parish Councils and Desborough is part of this review.



Councillor David Coe calls for a referendum in Desborough

Kettering wards are not part of this review because they are not 'Parished' so the residents of these wards will not be facing any additional charge for local services.

The Town Council is currently funded by a grant from the Borough Council of around £12,000 and this covers the cost of the clerk's salary, the administration costs and allows some financial support for minor initiatives agreed by the Town Council. On top of this there are smaller grants for the Town Centre partnership.

We believe this is such an important issue that the people of Desborough should be fully consulted and a referendum be held to see if the residents agree.

Former Councillor Derek Fox asks - ***"Why is the Borough Council pressing for the implementation of precepting for Parish and Town Councils when they have received more money from Central Government than ever before"***.

The local Labour Party will campaign to ensure that the Borough conduct a full and meaningful consultation on this important matter.

Councillor David Coe believes that a precept is double taxation. He says – ***"It is unfair for people in Desborough to pay additional local taxes. If a precept is a replacement for the grant the levy charged would be significant. There are lots of questions that must be answered and the people of Desborough should have the final say"***.

ADVICE SURGERY

10.00am – 12.00 noon
at
Marlow House
on
Sat 29th March 2008

If you have a problem, a point of view or if you just want a chat with your local Labour Party representatives then please come along.

What do you think?

Should Desborough residents pay more tax?

You can let us have your views by writing to:

Kettering Constituency
Labour Party
24 Market Hill
Rothwell
Northants
NN14 6BW

E-mail: kclp@btconnect.com

Tel: 01536 711511

**Labour - Working for Desborough
Working for you**