

# Scrap Members Allowances

## **SCRAP MEMBERS ALLOWANCES – 2010 Election Manifesto**

### ***Community Empowerment not Politician Enrichment***

#### **Members Allowances**

- Increase MPs salary and abolish all allowances
- MPs barred from appointing family members on public funds
  - No taxpayers funding for MPs second homes
- Police and HMRC investigation into ALL MPs expense and allowance claims

#### **Westminster**

- Reduce number of MPs by half
- MPs to work 52 weeks per year with 5.6 weeks leave like the rest of us
  - Establish regional parliamentary centres linked by the latest audio-visual technology so that all MPs can attend a centre in their region and not have to live in London.
  - Abolish the House of Lords

#### **Economy**

- Greater regulation of Financial sector
- Reduced rate of VAT for British manufactured goods

#### **Northampton**

- Abolish Northamptonshire county council and all seven district / borough councils in Northamptonshire and create two unitary councils one serving Northampton and the other the rest of Northamptonshire
- Reduction of number of councillors from 70 borough and county councillors serving Northampton to 23 town councillors
  - Abolish all councillors allowances
- Abolish the WNDC and return power to locally elected politicians
- Reduced Business Rates for local independent retailers in the Town Centre

#### **Bracknell**

- Prevent yet more money being spent on plans for the town centre redevelopment without anything actually happening - focus efforts on actions, not just words
- Reduction of number of councillors serving, to give a fairer and more representative council, with savings used to fund the Look In community cafe
  - Abolish all councillors allowances
- A public report into the issue of social housing, with viable options put to a local referendum
  - A return to weekly bin collections

- Full publishing of all expenses claimed from the public purse by anyone associated with Bracknell
- Reduced Business Rates for local independent retailers in the Town Centre

