

Portsmouth rent rises seized by the Government

Recently the Government has started taking large amounts of cash out of the system (known as the HRASS), which distributes council housing revenue between local authorities, so it can use it for general government expenditure.

New rules mean that if a Council offers lower rent than the notional rent set by Government, it still has to pay the difference. So rents are being kept artificially high.

Penny Mordaunt said, "During these tough times we should be doing all we can to keep rents down, and it is a immoral and scandalous that so much money should be removed from Portsmouth. Last year Portsmouth council house tenants faced paying out £4.6 million and the entire rent rise went to fund the HRASS payment, as will this year's."



Penny and her team of Councillors ready to freeze your Council Tax



Penny, back when Paulsgrove had a better bus service



Penny planning the Healthy Community Day

News in brief

- ◆ **Conservatives propose freeze on Council Tax.** Council Tax levels are becoming unaffordable. The Conservatives have proposed a two year freeze on this tax and discounts for those on fixed incomes
- ◆ **Buses** With the credit crunch biting more and more, people want to use local bus services, However, they have discovered that, in certain areas in Paulsgrove, services have been cut so much that there is only one bus an hour, nothing before 9.30am or after 6.30pm. Conservatives are calling for local councils and the bus companies to reassess services in light of additional demand.
- ◆ **Healthy Community Day Survey** Last summer Penny Mordaunt set up a Healthy Community Day in Cosham. The event brought together local health charities, the NHS, police, local traders and employment organisations to help local people lead healthier and more prosperous lives. There was health advice and screening, animal and property protection, fire safety and security advice as well as help in making a career change, or finding a new job. The event was a huge success and we'd like to know if Paulsgrove residents would like a similar event in their area.

Tell us what you think or let us know if you can help.

Would you like a Healthy Community Day for Paulsgrove? Y/N

If so, what time of year you would like it? Spring/Summer/Autumn/Winter

Where would you like it to take place?

Would you have any concerns about this type of event, and if so, what are they?

Do you know an organisation, which might like to take part? Yes/No

Would you like more information about a Paulsgrove Healthy Community Day? Y/N

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