



Redlands Matters

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Council Cuts - Special



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How Will The Council Cuts Affect You?

How much is to be cut?

- £18.8 million next year 2011/2012
- £14.2 million in 2012/13
- £9.2 million 2013/14
- £12.3 million 2014/15

300 Council posts cut and 150 compulsory redundancies
No pay increase for any council staff 2011/12

Increase to Council charges to create £3.2 million extra income

Cuts will hit us all, but will hit the neediest hardest.

These are just examples; full details are available on the Council website.

- Cuts in the **Early Years Service**, resulting in less nursery care and support for the youngest
- Cuts in **Schools Meals subsidy** will increase the cost of meals
- Cuts in **concessionary bus fares** for the elderly, so they can longer travel in peak hours
- Cuts in **care for elderly people** and the other with social care needs, those with medium or lower level needs will no longer get any support
- Closures of **After School and Holiday Play provision** and increased charge for those that remain
- Cuts in the **Youth Service and Prevention Services** will lead to more youth offending and anti-social behaviour
- Cuts in **Domestic Violence** staff will increase the risk of domestic abuse
- Cuts in front line **education posts** will lead to schools paying more for vital services
- Cuts in **Street Care and graffiti removal** will reduce the quality of the environment for all
- Cuts in **verge and park grass cutting** to just twice a year, cuts to ornamental planting all around the town
- Charging for the collection of **green waste**
- Big increases to the charges for collecting **bulky waste** will result in more fly tipping
- Cuts in **planning enforcement** and monitoring
- Cuts in teams working on **Public Health, Trading Standards, Licensing, Environmental Health and Houses in Multiple Occupation**
- **Council house rents will increase by 4.9%** - higher than the inflation rate

These cuts are being made because the Tory-led national government reduced the amount of money Reading has to spend by almost 10% and told the Council that they would be fined if they increased Council Tax. Neighbouring Councils had their money cut by much less!

But there are always choices – this Tory/Lib Dem council has chosen to hit the easy targets.

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