

THIS TORY COUNCIL IS LETTING YOU DOWN

Be more organised to save cash, Tory Council told

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A new study by the city council's own assessment team has **found vast amounts of your taxpayers' money being wasted** because of the council's failure to buy more things in bulk.

Senior council officer says planners are "not fit for purpose"

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This damning description was given by a senior council official. He painted a picture of overworked staff being stretched to their absolute limits in a department paying the price for failing to invest in modern equipment. He said "There is a recognition the planning service is **not fit for purpose**"

Tory MP says Tory City Council's waste service is too expensive

Source: Interview between Mike Foster MP and Peter Luff MP on BBC Radio Hereford & Worcester 3rd March 2008

Droitwich residents are being offered a garden waste collection service which is **paid for by you** but not available in Worcester City. When challenged by our MP Mike Foster, neighbouring Tory MP Peter Luff said "Worcester City Council could do exactly the same thing... they are hopelessly **over the top in price**it's time Worcester City and other districts looked at their waste arrangements – the service is too expensive"

Cost of dying increased by Tory Council

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The City Council plans to increase the cost of dying:

- The cost of a grave up 46% on last year's prices, from £270 to £395
- Permit for a headstone increased by 31% - from £187 to £245
- Burial and cremation charges will both go up 12 per cent.
- The annual cost of having your grave maintained increased by 160% - from £75 to £195.

Justifying this disgraceful policy a City Council official said "We've got a very captive audience there"

Council housing services slammed

Source: Audit Commission

A recent Audit Commission Report has slammed Worcester City Council for the quality of the housing services they deliver.

The report said the use of temporary housing and bed and breakfast, and returning empty homes to use, is poor when compared to other councils; **"the Council has only a limited understanding of its costs and it cannot demonstrate value for money."**

See over for what a Labour council would do