



Moonlight Robbery Campaign Update

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The Sutton Federation of Tenant & Resident Associations remains fully involved in and supportive of the Moonlight Robbery Campaign which is campaigning for the removal of the 'Tax on Tenants'. The 'Tax on Tenants' is the amount of money that the Treasury keeps from Council tenants' rents which it then uses on whatever it sees fit.

Currently the Government is looking at the feasibility of Local Authorities self-financing their Council Housing. If this goes ahead then the 'Tax on Tenants' will no longer be an issue but until that time the Tax on Tenants is likely to increase as the existing subsidy system remains in place. The subsidy system is what causes Council tenants in Sutton to pay to the Treasury somewhere around £10 million each year out of the rent money you pay.

The Moonlight Robbery Campaign is calling on the Government to freeze the 'Tax on Tenants', as it has Council Tax, in the next round of subsidy determination calculations so that any increase in rent can be kept by councils. This would mean that Sutton would keep all of any rent increase that you had to pay in 2011/12 which could then be used to carry out repairs to your home and provide the services that you receive in or around your home.

The Sutton Federation of Tenant & Resident Associations will be asking our MPs, Paul Burstow and Tom Brake, to support the freeze of the 'Tax on Tenants'.