

WHATEVER NEXT FROM THIS INCOMPETENT TORY ADMINISTRATION?

CLlr John McGhee reacted with incredulity when he heard the news of the “bogus lawyer” employed by Northamptonshire County Council as Deputy Head of Legal Services at a reported fee of £12,000.00 per month, reported in today’s Chronicle & Echo.

CLlr McGhee said:-

“After the fiasco of the £32.7m wasted on consultants, failing schools, failing adult social care services and the failure to sell off surplus school sites we thought the Tory Administration had plumbed the depths of incompetence.”

“Last week the press reported on problems with a £32m contract with Carillion and the outcome of that is still awaited.”

“Now we have a farcical situation of a lawyer, employed – so we are told with the assistance of outside recruitment consultants – into a senior position, advising on employment law when the Council was going through a massive restructuring exercise.”

“How on earth can this have happened? Whatever happened to due diligence? How can it have gone on for six months? Does anybody in the Tory Administration have a clue what is happening? Is there any financial control? This situation only appears to have come to light when the employee billed the Council twice for work.”

“At the last election the Tories told the public that they had ‘experience in running businesses and employing people’. You’d be hard pressed to spot that experience.”

“No doubt the Tories are frantically looking round for someone to blame - scapegoats beware – but the reality is if you take the pay you have to take the responsibility.”

“On the Tories track record, however, I won’t hold my breath waiting for a Cabinet resignation. They have shown their incompetence time and again. ”

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