

# CONSULTANTS BILL SHOCKING

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From 2005 – 2007 the Tories at County Hall spent £32,700,000 Consultants and agency staff.

What have we got to show for it?

Just remember what the Tories said in 2005 -

**TORY PROMISE** Social services care for adults - the record will change ... substantial and noticeable improvements

**Yes things have changed – they have got worse – Northamptonshire has reduced in standards from 3 stars to 1 star – with little prospect of improving**

**TORY PROMISE - More visible policing £1.5m £500,000 still not paid**

**TORY PROMISE** Big improvements to services to the vulnerable

**Raise the eligibility criteria – charge more for services and waste nearly £200k trying to get rid of meals on wheels**

**TORY PROMISE** Improvements in services to the young

**Take £3.2 million out of the budget but change the statistical base to show an apparent improvement – first time youth offending up 50%**

**TORY PROMISE** our roads will receive more money each year

**Starting when? After 3 ½ years the Tories sent a letter out asking for the top 10 priorities in each division – what will happen to the response – they were ignored and the Tories blames the weather.**

**TORY PROMISE** action will be taken to reduce traffic congestions

**Just look at St Peters Way in Northampton**

**TORY PROMISE** no waste incinerators in the county

**Just a big tip at Billing**

**TORY PROMISE** your schools – loads of promises

**But after 3 ½ years 1 in 10 will be failing and we will still need to improve GCSE results and the Government Inspectors are in!**

**TORY PROMISE** we will not keep matters secret

**But after 3 ½ years we will still not be able to produce any meaningful statistics on measuring the Council's performance**

**TORY PROMISE** the new agenda – Conservatives ... have experience in running businesses, employing people and working voluntarily in the local community

**So how come they have made such a hash of the finances – have promised so many redundancies and managed to alienate so much of the voluntary sector?**

**AND THEN THERE'S THE CARILLION FIASCO**