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## IS IT TIME AGAIN ALREADY TO SAY FAREWELL TO HRH HELEN OF HOLLAND?

Alas, we're not able to report that Bristol's cut-price Labour monarch was publically beheaded on College Green by a rampant mob of Bishopston parents demanding school places or by rioting First Bus users at the end of their tether.

Instead the leader eventually threw her toys out of the pram on Tuesday night when her effortlessly boring budget for inanity, inertia and inaction was tossed into the recycling by the Counts Louse's latest romantic coupling, Lib Dem "Barmie Doll" Janke and Tory boy Richard "Bunter" Eddy.

Barmie Doll then proceeded to seize the reins of power and appoint a bunch of her dim Lib Dem Clifton cronies to what is possibly the city's first 'cabinet of all the muppets'.

But why did Labour quit? Well if you wanna believe Evening Post editor, good devout Catholic boy Mike "the Pontiff" Norton, it's all about ten year waste and recycling strategies and incineration. But our man in the pavilion at the County Ground for teatime says different.

Just days before HRH walked the plank in favour of Janke, one of our so-called rivals on the internet published a story about HRH and her Cabinet colleagues Derek Fuckup and Hopeless Hammond and their peculiarly close friendship with Gloucestershire County Cricket Club. And so close is this relationship, it seems, that the Labour trio, - after being thoroughly wined and dined by GCCC's well connected Tory public relations gal, Jennifer Bryant-Pearson, in the agreeable atmosphere of a House of Commons private party; - suddenly cancelled the building of a long-planned and much-needed primary school next to the cricket club's Nevil Road ground in Bishopston and gave the land instead to GCCC to use as a car park, free of charge!

Now - surprise, surprise, - it's just been revealed that 30 odd very angry families in the Bishopston area can't get their kids into a primary school anywhere within a 3 mile radius and Holland, Hammond and Fuckup's scam is on the verge of being well and truly exposed.

An ideal time for senior members of the Bristol Labour party to make themselves scarce then.

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS

What do the people of Bristol expect from the city council? Primary school places for their children perhaps? A decent public transport service? A referendum on a congestion charge? The ability to call the South Bristol Ring Road a ring road rather than 'a link'? How about good value for money? Or just some plain honesty and good sense?

So it's revealing to see what this new £180k a year city council Chief Exec, Jan Ormondroyd, expects from her council. Here's what she has to say in her staff newsletter, the imaginatively titled 'Making a difference':

Jan Ormondroyd, Chief Executive, said: "I expect the council logo and visual identity to be prominent and presented properly in everything we do, and I expect all staff to follow these new guidelines."

Seems like a reasonable set of priorities for someone earning her money. What ever else could there possibly be for her to worry herself about than a silly fucking logo that nobody gives a toss about.

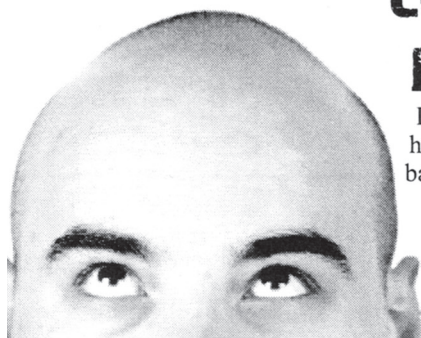
No doubt she's due a pay rise soon.

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# CYCLING CITY, RECYCLING CASH...?



The February budget uproar which saw the Labour group resign and the LibDems take the reins, (at least until the impending elections,) may have unintended implications for Bristol's shiny new status as Britain's first 'Cycling City'.

Since the announcement back in June that Bristol had earned itself a cool £11.4 million from central government (to be matched by money squeezed out of Bristol City and South Gloucestershire councils) local politicians like PRAWN DIMAROLO MP and CLLR HELEN of HOLLAND have been queuing up to breathlessly congratulate the city for its success. Yet exactly what the £23 million is going to be spent on has become a moot point, especially since the PRINCE STREET BRIDGE FIASCO was funded out of it. The 'Greater Bristol Cycling City Delivery Strategy' suggests that 68% of the money will be spent on infrastructure, with the rest going on publicity, education, promotion, monitoring and the project team. Yet only 84km of infrastructure work has been announced: at a top-end estimate of £65,000 per kilometre, that adds up to less than £5.5 million - so what's happening to the other £10 million?

At the beginning of February the LibDems' then-transport spokesman CLLR 'JOLLY' JON ROGERS went along to a Cycling City meeting to ask about where the money was going, but he was thrown out before it began on the grounds that he wasn't a Labour councillor - much as members of the Bristol Cycling Campaign have also been excluded.

Where the money has come from is easier. The £100 million 'Cycling City & Towns' scheme is administered by Cycling England, a Department for Transport-directed quango made up of manufacturing industry bigwigs, transport experts and bike user group representatives, with an annual budget of £5 million.

Currently CE is chaired by the formidable JOHN GRIMSHAW, former boss-of-bosses at Bristol-based Sustrans, "the UK's leading sustainable transport charity", and a man who once described himself as having "zero subtlety combined with a gung-ho attitude".

Sustrans is best known for developing the National Cycle Network, "over 12,000 miles of [cycle] routes and links" (helped along by £43.5 million of Lottery money), but these days it positions itself as the leading authority on cycling policy. With more than 200 staff, 2,500 volunteers and a dozen-odd offices across the country, Sustrans is not some fly-by-night, sandals-and-mung-beans hippie outfit, and despite annual turnover of £24 million, it has bills to pay.

How fortunate, then, that the Cycling City & Towns strategy came along; in December it was announced that Sustrans had won the monitoring contract for CC&T (worth £360,00 in Bristol alone), whilst a couple of months earlier it scooped enough CC&T cash to expand its Bike It schools cycle training programme more than four-fold.

Of course, the presence of GUNG-HO GRIMSHAW at the head of the quango now doling out cash and contracts to the lobby group he founded and for many years led was no doubt of no consequence. And similarly, his presence at Bristol Cycling City 'Stakeholder Group' meetings - alongside his Sustrans successor Peter Lipman, who also sits on the 'Executive Stakeholder Board' - is in no way a conflict of interest...

Now that he is in the City Council Cabinet with responsibility for transport - including the Cycling City project - JOLLY ROGERS might well be in a position to find out just where all the money is going. But then his declaration of interests show that he is a member of Sustrans, so will he want to?

# PURNELLS "CURE" FOR RECESSION

As the banks are being bailed out with our hard earned money, Mr Purnell, (the head of the Department of Work and Pensions,) is launching his attack on the most vulnerable in society. He's already gone far enough to get the Daily Mail up in a fuss about how harsh he is on the poor, due to his proposal at the end of 2008.

He thought that with the country falling further into recession, that makes this an ideal time to start charging interest on emergency loans to the unemployed and pensioners; at rates of up to 27%!

Thank god Gordon Brown and the rest of the labour party said no. Probably from fear of getting lynched. Sadly, this is the kind of clueless fuck-wits we end up with. He went straight from his pampered private-school to Oxford university. As if he ever had to rely on any type of benefit to survive day to day.

Threats to the most hard up just aren't enough for the labour government; at the end of the month they are trying to put through their "Welfare Reform Bill". There's a couple of 'beauts' in it, such as privatising more of the JobCentre Plus to companies which will be paid more the less benefits they award. Or what about introducing a compulsory work for benefits system in a US-style workfare scheme? Last but not least how about a FORCED 2-parent registration on birth certificates. Even for survivors of domestic violence.

They've made their decision and that's why we have to pay for their friends the bankers mistakes. We're not gonna bleeat on about how shit it is being on the Dole, or on D.L.A.. We all know the daily threats of cutting our meager income of whatever benefit, but now they want to force us into completely impractical jobs that won't last anyway. They want to hassle the mentally-ill, weekly, until they're crushed.

Cheers gordon brown and the labour party, for making it clear whose side you're on. Though I suppose it's not that hard to figure out where you lot stood, not after giving disgraced RBS boss SIR Fred Goodwin his £703,000 a year pension...

In future, how about James Purnell goes door to door personally, putting his ideas to those who will be affected by them? See you in A&E posh boy.

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