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Connecting with the Gedling community all year round


View across the bridge at Willow Park in the heart of Gedling

## Massive Cash Boost for Key Nottinghamshire Authorities

The Government has awarded an above inflation increase to the formula grant for the three major authorities in Nottinghamshire, the County Council, Police and Fire and Rescue service.
Nottinghamshire County received an additional 9.4\% (£13.7million), Nottinghamshire Police 3.4\% (£4.5million) \& Nottinghamshire Fire \&
 Rescue 8.7\% (£1.8million).
This is good news - the three year settlement will enable your local Labour controlled authorities to maintain and enhance services.
Cllr. Darrell Pulk (Chair Nottinghamshire Fire \& Rescue Authority) and Cllr. John Clarke (Chair Nottinghamshire Police Authority) agreed that without this settlement a reduction in some services would have been difficult to avoid.
The increased grant is due to a rebalancing of government grant distribution. Nottinghamshire has lobbied long and hard for a change to the area cost adjustment which has for years awarded higher settlements to the South East at the expense of the North and Midlands.

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# Forward Not Back - Gedling Labour Group's Alternative Budget 

The Labour Group on Gedling Borough Council presented a fully costed five year financial strategy, embracing the two most important issues facing us all now and into the future, community safety and the environment. The Labour Budget proposed a raft of initiatives making your community a better, greener and safer place to live - rejected by the Conservatives.

## Our Vision of a Better Place to Live A Greener Gedling



2,000 free composters

The environment is precious to us all, we believe that we all have a part to play in protecting and preserving it. As Labour Gedling Councillors we take our responsibilities seriously; increasing black bin collections was not part of our plans. Forward not back.

## Our alternative Labour budget would have:

- provided free, on request, to all households, carbon filters.

Carbon filters are a simple and effective way of eliminating odours from bins. These filters are already available in other authorities, our neighbours in Ashfield for instance.

- introduced an additional six bi-weekly summer garden waste collection free across the Borough. Two sacks (three sacks equivalent in size to one wheelie bin) issued free on request to every household. This service would have been in addition to the current brown bin service.
- provided two thousand composters issued free on request.


# Our Vision of a Safer Place to Live A Safer Gedling 

## Our alternative Labour budget would have:

- funded live 24hour 7day CCTV monitoring across the Borough.

Gedling's main shopping streets have 24hour recorded CCTV footage but operators only view the live images 72 hrs per week. We would have introduced a full time operator surveillance, 168hrs per week, true $24 / 7$ safety monitoring.


Meaningful consultation over PCSOs Since 2003, a cross party consensus of Gedling councillors has agreed to part funding six PCSO's. This
 has put the Borough at the forefront of addressing issues of anti-social behaviour.

- retained PCSOs, guaranteed for the next twelve months whilst proper meaningful consultation with residents and other agencies is undertaken.
- tackled neighbourhood disturbances with the introduction of a 24 hour noise nuisance response. Gedling, unlike many other councils, has no out of hours response to noise nuisance, such as loud music, alarms etc.
- provided a neighbourhood mediation service for all residents of the Borough. This is a service used to defuse neighbour disputes and has proven an effective way of resolving neighbour friction. This service is provided in many local authorities including Broxtowe.


## Labour: a better way - free carbon filters free summer garden waste collection - free composters PCSOs retained - $\mathbf{2 4}$ hour noise nuisance response neighbourhood mediation service - live 24-hour 7-day CCTV monitoring

## Labour's Alternative Budget Just 34p per year

We produced a budget incorporating all the Conservative plans (other than six extra annual black bin collections) and so much more. We budgeted for a $3.25 \%$ increase in Council Tax sustained over a five year projection. Labour's budget - only a small difference in cost, just 34p a year, but a huge difference in service. Rejected by the Conservatives.

Have your say... Do you support a safer, greener Gedling? Post the reply slip to: the Link C/0 381 Foxhill Rd., Garlton, Nottingham, NG4 1PZ
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