



Moonlight Robbery

Campaign to end the robbery of council tenants!

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SUPPORT LETTER - August '08

Since 1997, Government has robbed council tenants of around £17 billion

Support the Moonlight Robbery Campaign. Whilst Government says we live in 'subsidised housing', the truth is that council tenants actually subsidise the tax payer through their rent.

Council tenants nationally will pay £1.7 billion more in rent that councils are allowed to spend on management, maintenance and major repairs to our homes. Government insists that our rents are used to pay for loan interest on capital costs to our homes, yet retains the majority of the proceeds from the assets on which this loan interest is paid. It also makes a straight profit on tenants rents.

The Moonlight Robbery Campaign briefing explains in more detail how this happens.

How you can support the campaign:

- Distribute a copy of the 'Moonlight Robbery Briefing' to tenants on your estate or in your street.
 - Send a copy of the 'Moonlight Robbery Invoice (1997 - 2005)' to the Prime Minister, the Housing Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. TRAs should add their letterhead and address the top of the invoice and post to Gordon Brown, Caroline Flint and Alistair Darling, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AJ
 - Put Moonlight Robbery on the agenda for meeting of your tenants association or federation.
 - Send letters about Moonlight Robbery to your local newspaper.
 - Ask your MP and councillors what they are doing about the robbery of tenants rents and copy us into their response (contact details below)
 - Ask your MP to sign the Early Day Motion 1459 - Management and Maintenance of Council Housing.
 - Add your tenants and residents association / federations support on our website.
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The Moonlight Robbery Campaign demands an end to Moonlight Robbery. Our rents should be used exclusively for repairing, managing and maintaining our homes, not used to extract a hidden tax from which other tax payers are exempt. The £17 billion robbed by Government since 1997 must be returned and reinvested in council homes.

Moonlight Robbery is a tenant led campaign supported by local, regional and national tenants federations