



THE CASE FOR

LAMBETH

COUNCILLORS

Defeat the surcharge

PERSONAL INTRODUCTION BY DAVID BLUNKETT

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The Government's attack on democracy since 1979 has been relentless.

Mrs Thatcher in her determination to silence every voice raised against her, has attacked unions, councils and now even brands the Church of England as 'Marxist'.

Councils have been abolished, rate-capped and the new Local Government Bill seeks to gag them.

The Councillors in Lambeth have attempted to protect their community from the consequences of Thatcherism. That is their only crime.

They have supported the policy of the Labour Party and of local government unions. It is now our turn to support them.

For Lambeth Councillors to be abandoned and to fail would be a body blow to the Labour movement. It would be all too easy for those with selective memories to discount their case as no longer relevant. I believe we should remember that Councils all over Britain once shared Lambeth's position. More importantly should this case be lost, even greater numbers of Councils will have reason to see the relevance of their case.

The fate of Lambeth's Councillors is important to all those who care about democracy and public services. It is of national importance and I hope we will all continue to treat it as such.

David Blunkett, Leader of Sheffield City Council,
Labour Party National Executive Committee, Chair of
Local Government Committee.

THE COURT CASE

Thirty two Lambeth Labour Councillors will appear in court on 14 January 1986 charged with "wilful misconduct" for having delayed making a rate in 1985. If they cannot prove their innocence they will each face personal bankruptcy and disqualification from office for five years.

The "alleged" crime

What is the crime that these Councillors have committed? The District Auditor, an unelected state official appointed by the Government, has alleged that the ratepayers of Lambeth lost money because a rate was not set until 3rd July 1985.

Normally a rate is made by a local Council in March or April of each year. Why did this not happen in Lambeth in 1985? In 1984 the Government rate-capped Lambeth. This meant that the Council would be forced to make large cuts in jobs and services to meet imposed spending targets.

Labour Councillors in Lambeth were elected to defend jobs and services. They know from their own experience that Lambeth is one of the most deprived Boroughs in the country. Lambeth has very high levels of unemployment, rising by over 250% in 6 years. Lambeth has a terrible and worsening housing crisis. Thousands upon thousands of ordinary Lambeth citizens exist on meagre welfare benefits. The Labour Councillors could not impose cuts in such difficult circumstances. It was clear that the borough required more resources not less to cope with increasing needs.

The real crime

The real crime in Lambeth has been committed by the Government, not Labour Councillors.

Since 1979 the Government has taken away millions in grants to which the Borough is entitled. These grants are paid for by the taxes of Lambeth people.

Lambeth has been forced to raise the rates because it has lost so much of its income from the Government, at the same time the Council has demanded the return of the stolen money.

In 1985 the Government tried to stop Lambeth Council from deciding how much it should spend by imposing rate-capping.

The Government has robbed, penalised and rate-capped the people of Lambeth to the tune of over £113 million.

● Celebrities meet Lambeth Councillors to launch the Lambeth Fighting Fund.



LAMBETH
- Fighting Fund

The case to answer

Labour Councillors said it was reasonable to delay making a rate. They did so in order to try and persuade the Government to change its mind about how much was needed to solve Lambeth's growing problems.

They asked that some of the lost £113 million be returned to the Council. They knew best what the needs of the Borough were. They believed that the Government might be reasonable and recognise these needs too.

They even asked the Government to take part in an independent inquiry to establish the true facts *but* this was turned down.

The Government is now planning a specific date for the setting of a rate. However in 1985 this was not the case. Lambeth Labour Councillors believed it to be quite legal to delay rate making in order to apply pressure on the Government, to get more money for the people of Lambeth.

The Labour Councillors had no control over the way certain Government departments withheld essential subsidies and rates while a rate was not made.

The District Auditor based his allegations on the non-payment of these subsidies and rates. It is still not clear whether Government departments can *legally* withhold these payments.

Why the appeal must succeed

Labour councillors must go to court to prove their innocence.

THEY ARE GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT.

The onus is unfairly on them to justify the quite legitimate decisions they took. They believed they acted in the best interests of the ratepayers and people of Lambeth.

IT IS VITAL THAT THEY WIN THEIR CASE. WHY?

Labour councillors are not only fighting for their personal survival . . . they have much to lose: possibly their homes and livelihoods, certainly their positions as elected councillors and their democratic right to stand for office. They face a surcharge of £4000 each and disqualification from office for five years.

But much more will be lost if their appeal fails!

Much of the future of local government depends on this court case. The consequences for councils in the rest of the country will be profound. Local councillors will be intimidated into obeying the dictatorship of central Government. If they stand up to the Government in order to defend the people they represent they will be either branded law breakers or, like the GLC and metropolitan councils be abolished altogether.

If Labour Councillors in Lambeth lose, then central Government will have dramatically increased its power over the lives of ordinary people.

However, if they win a great victory will have been achieved for local democracy and the right of ordinary people to control and elect their local councillors.

THESE COUNCILLORS DESERVE SUPPORT



Who are the accused?

The thirty two Labour Councillors are ordinary men and women from Lambeth. They all live in the Borough and they know its acute problems. They stood for the Council in order to improve the appalling economic and social conditions which they saw and experienced every day.

Labour Councillors in Lambeth come from a wide cross-section of working people and represent many different cultural and social traditions. Women and black people feature significantly both in numbers and in their responsibilities.

One or two are full time Councillors. Some are unemployed. Some have jobs and families. They are all confident about one thing. They know that they took the right decision in delaying making a rate and fighting for more resources for the people of Lambeth.

They know that they have the majority support of the people of Lambeth in this campaign for a better deal for the Borough. This has been demonstrated in local by-elections. They have the support of the community and the workforce of the Council.

They deserve to win and to express their democratic opposition to a Government intent on destroying everything they stand for.



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THE COUNCILLORS - PROFILES



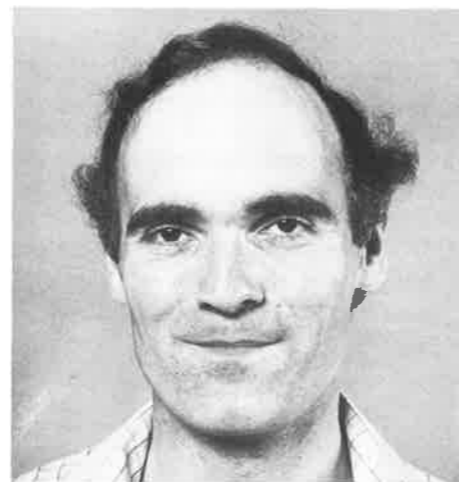
● **Sharon Atkin**, 34, is a full time Councillor who has represented Town Hall Ward since 1984. She is married with a 16 year old son Neil. As well as being Chair of Amenity Services and Vice-Chair of the Police Committee within the Council she is also Chair of the Alcoholic Counselling Service and Chair of the National Labour Party Black Section.

She stood as a Councillor to serve those in the community who are unable to speak for themselves and to improve the quality of life for the people of Lambeth both socially and economically.

Of the surcharge threat she says "As a full time Councillor my income has been halved, if we lose the case I would therefore be bankrupted and probably lose my home".

● **Des Atkinson**, 29, is a computer analyst/programmer who was elected for Stockwell Ward in 1984. He has been Vice-Chair of Social Services since May 1985 and is a member of ASTMS. He enjoys cycling, skydiving and belongs to Lambeth Age Concern, the Alcoholics Counselling Service and the Corgi Model Club.

He became a Councillor to try and improve housing and services to the people of Lambeth. The threatened surcharge could bankrupt him and mean the loss of his car but will also cramp his ability to fight social injustice.



● **Dorothy Ayres** was elected for Tulse Hill Ward in 1978. She is now retired but still very active on the Council and in the community. She was Chief Whip in the period 1983-84 and she is also a member of the Social Services Committee taking a special interest in services for the disabled. Her outside interests include travel and campaigning for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament.

If she is surcharged and disqualified she will no longer be able to use her position as a Councillor to help disabled people in the borough and campaign for the rights of pensioners. She will also be prevented from standing in the election for the new Inner London Education Authority in 1986.



● **Janet Boateng**, is a busy mother of four, who has represented Oval Ward since May 1982. At Lambeth she is Chair of Social Services and she is also a member of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities' Social Services Committee. Outside the Town Hall she is active in the Anti-Apartheid Movement, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the ACER Project.

She joined the Council to try and alleviate hardship and poverty in the Borough and is particularly concerned to represent the interests of black people. If she is disqualified this right will be denied her.

● **Bill Bowring**, 36, has been a barrister since 1974 and a Councillor for Angell Ward since 1978. He is married with a daughter Jessica aged 8. He fills his spare time fell walking, studying Russian language and literature and writing book reviews for newspapers.

Three years working as a volunteer legal adviser in the Brixton Advice Centre in Railton Road convinced him he should stand for office and fight poverty in the Borough. Now when progress is beginning to be made he fears it will all be halted because disqualification will remove thirty two committed Councillors.

Ultimately bankruptcy will mean Bill may lose his livelihood which will have a devastating effect on his family life.



● **Mike Bright**, 35, an officer of the Inner London Education Authority and member of NALGO represented Larkhall Ward between 1974 and 1985. He served as Chair of Amenity Services, Vice-Chair of Planning and Vice-Chair of Housing. For recreation Mike enjoys spending time with his wife and baby, listening to music and D-I-Y.

Mike says that when he joined the Council much of Lambeth's housing was derelict; "I have tried to improve conditions for people living in the Borough and provide decent public facilities." For this he now faces surcharge which could deprive him and his young family of their livelihood and even their home.





● **Stephen Bubb**, 32, was elected for Clapham Town Ward in 1982. He works as a Negotiation Officer for the National Union of Teachers. He is also the Chief Whip of the Council and the Chair of both the Health Committee and the Lambeth Board for the Disabled.

Outside the Council he is a J.P. in the Inner London Juvenile's Court and a member of C.N.D. and the West Lambeth Health Authority.

He has been an active Labour Party member for many years and it was a natural progression for him to stand for the local council. He stood to ensure that the Labour Party's commitment to improving services in Lambeth is carried out.

"If I am surcharged and disqualified from office it will not only have an adverse financial effect on me personally but it will prevent me from doing what local people have elected me to do as their representative. Rate-capping is undemocratic."

● **Kathy Connelly**, 29, comes from a "wonderful" family and works for a project giving advice and assistance to people living rough on the streets. She won Bishops Ward from the Liberals in 1984. She is a member of ACTSS and her Council duties include being Vice-Chair of Community Affairs and the Women's Rights Committee.

"Because I live and have worked in Lambeth both paid and voluntary and know the area so well I thought I could represent the working class community in Bishops. I'm a fighter, but I will hide my plastic earrings and jewellery just in case I get surcharged and made bankrupt."



● **Irma Critchlow**, a local community worker has represented Ferndale Ward since 1984 and does not wish to reveal her age! Since being elected to the Council she has gone on to become Vice-Chair of the Town Planning Committee and the first Chair of the recently formed Education Subcommittee. Her "off-duty" interests include spending time with her large family, choral singing and the Pentecostal church.

Irma says that she became a Councillor "To challenge racism and deprivation and so that the voice of black people could be heard on the political scene". If Irma is disqualified from office that voice could be lost, and not only in Lambeth – one of Irma's ambitions is to become the first elected black member of the Inner London Education Authority.

"If we'd started to determine their (Councils') rate levies for them, then I'd accept that that would be a major threat to local democracy"

Tom King, 1980, Minister for Local Government.



● **Helen Crossfield**, 32, was first elected to the Council in 1982 for Angell Ward. Her Council positions include being the Chair of the Women's Right's Committee and the council representative on the Inner London Education Authority. Helen works as a telephone order line worker for Freeman's mail order company in Clapham. Helen is an active member of C.N.D. and lists her hobbies and interests as knitting, films and going to wine bars.

Helen entered local politics because she believes it is important to have more women involved in decision making. Further, Helen is strongly committed to opposing government cuts in Lambeth, a poor inner city area that needs more money.

Helen states that the effect of being surcharged will be to strengthen her resolve to fight penny pinching Tory policies and to see the return of a Labour Government as the only way to improve conditions in Lambeth.

● **Len Hammond**, 46, has been a member of the Labour Party for 25 years and has represented St. Martin's Ward since May 1971. He is a British Telecom Engineer and a member of the National Communications Union.

He is Vice-Chair of Lambeth's Economic Activity and Employment Committee.

"I decided to become a Councillor so that I could dedicate my efforts to resolving many of the problems I saw around me. The annoying thing about the threatened surcharge is that it will frustrate years of hard work".



● **Noel Hannon**, 41, works for the post office and is a single parent with one daughter. Noel was elected as a Councillor in Vassall Ward in 1982. His council duties include being Vice-Chair of Health and Consumer Services. Outside of politics Noel's interests are theatre, literature and music. He is also a member of the Union of Communication Workers and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Noel was spurred on to enter local government to defend the people of Lambeth from the Thatcher onslaught.

Financially being surcharged would bring hardship upon himself and his young daughter. Politically, being surcharged would strengthen Noel's resolve to oppose present Tory policies and their disastrous effects on the Borough.



● **Elsie Horstead**, 59, is the Treasurer of a University Institute. She was elected councillor in 1971 and now represents Oval Ward. She is a member of the Association of University Teachers and has been a member of the Inner London Education Authority since 1971, where she was Chief Whip 1973-82. She is Vice-Chair of Lambeth's Management Services Committee and her interests are English Literature, Psychology and Political Theory.

Her reason for entering local government? "As a convinced Socialist I wished to be part of a Labour Council which I hoped would improve the quality of life for the electorate of Lambeth, in particular for the underprivileged".



● **Lloyd Leon**, 47, is a full-time Councillor and the Mayor of Lambeth for 1985-86. Lloyd was elected for Herne Hill Ward in 1982. Since then, Lloyd has been the Vice-Chair of Public Services Committee, the Deputy Mayor of Lambeth (1984-85) and as Mayor is currently an ex-officio member of all Council Committees.

Lloyd lists his hobbies and interests as sports and current affairs. Lloyd is also a member and the current Chair, of Brixton Domino and Social Club in Coldharbour Lane.

Lloyd entered local government to make a contribution to the community and to try to help improve the standard and quality of life for local people.

Lloyd believes that being surcharged would have a "devastating" effect on his life.

● **Amelda Inyang**, 41, is a popular local Councillor who has lived in Lambeth for the past 21 years and currently represents Stockwell Ward. She is an extremely energetic woman, has three children and is Chair of the Council's Management Services Committee and she works full-time as a personnel officer. In her "spare" time Amelda is a JP and governor of two local schools.

Amelda's election to the Council came out of her involvement with the community sector in Lambeth. As a founder member of Black Cultural Archives she has worked particularly closely with local black groups and has sought to increase black representation on the council. Amelda is angered by the prospect of being surcharged and disqualified simply for representing the interests of Lambeth's people. "My own house in on the line," she says "but nothing could stop me from doing what I know is right."



● **Vince Leon**, 57 years old, was elected to Vassall Ward in 1982. As a bus conductor, but now currently unemployed, he's still a member of the T & GWU. In his role as Chair of Community Affairs Vince does a lot of work with the black community and voluntary groups in Lambeth. He is also governor of a local school. In his spare time Vince enjoys travelling and going to watch cricket with his son.

He joined the Council to provide much needed representation for local black people and to contribute to the community as a whole. As he has recently been made redundant Vince describes the possible effects of surcharge as "absolutely disastrous, . . . a terrible blow when all I've ever wanted to do is to help people in need".



● **Ted Knight**, 52, is full-time Leader of the Council, a member of ASTMS and representative for Ferndale Ward since 1974. When he has time his main interest is Labour history.

He entered local government because the needs of the Borough cried out for the kind of positive action which was lacking at that time.

As a full-time politician he says the personal effects of being debarred from public office are fairly obvious. He doesn't own a house or many possessions and says that if the Tories rob him of the little he does have they can't rob him or Lambeth of the justice of the cause he has fought for.

"I would very much rather see local authorities have a fair degree of discretion and be prepared to take on their shoulders the full responsibility for their decisions, rather than they should become simply glorified agents for Whitehall!"
Patrick Jenkin, 1973.



● **Gordon Ley**, 45, has been a Councillor for Princes Ward since 1982 and owns a popular greengrocer's shop in the famous Lambeth Walk. Gordon is married with three children and takes a strong interest in the local community. On the Council Gordon is the Chair of the Police Committee. Outside the Council he is a member of the West Lambeth Health Authority, Princes Community Centre and the Kennington Co-op.

Gordon entered local government because he believed he could make a positive contribution to the quality of life of the people living in the Borough.

For Gordon, surcharge would mean the loss of his shop in Lambeth Walk, which has been in his family's hands since 1925. The shop employs eight local people all of whom would be sacked if Gordon was made bankrupt. He thinks that the District Auditor should not have the power to remove democratically elected councillors.



● **Christine McGrory**, 48, has been a Councillor for Larkhall since November 1984 and is a member of ACTSS. She is a casino card room manager who enjoys reading, driving and other people's lives! She is Vice-Chair of Construction Services and the Women's Unit, and she is also Chair of Stockwell District Housing Committee. Outside the Council she is a member of the Socialist Education Association and also the Friends of Larkhall Adventure Playground.

The reasons she became a Councillor? "I enjoy interfering in other people's lives – to the good I hope! I want to improve the living conditions of the people of Lambeth."

As Christine has no assets the surcharge would be a long term burden that she would find "distressing". After a year on the council all her hard work will "have been frustrated and made sterile".

● **John McPherson Quinn**, 62, is an engineer by profession, and is married with seven children and ten grandchildren. "Jock" is one of Labour's longest serving Councillors, being elected for Oval Ward in 1974. During that time he has served on a wide variety of council committees, and is currently a member of the Management Services sub-committee. In addition to his council duties he is also an active member of the A.U.E.W.

"Jock" entered local government to improve the services and conditions for the people of Lambeth.

Jock will soon be retiring. The financial penalties of being surcharged would be disastrous for both himself and his wife. In addition, Jock says "The loss of the right to be a local Councillor would leave a large gap in my life that would be difficult to fill".



● **Patrick Newman**, 38, a management consultant for the BBC is Chair of Lambeth's Public Services Committee. Previously a Councillor in West Sussex he was elected to represent St. Martins in 1982. His interests include cricket, films and music.

Lambeth is one of the most deprived inner city areas in the country and when Patrick moved here he was determined to do something to provide better conditions for local people. "I'm now responsible for all the basic, dull but necessary services like road maintenance and refuse collection, sewers and cemeteries," he said, "I can't understand why we're being taken to court – all I've done is to try to the best of my ability to improve those services and serve the people who elected me."

● **Graham Norwood**, 29, was elected to serve as a Councillor for Angell Ward in 1982. In addition to his full-time job as a journalist for the BBC, he is the current Deputy Leader of the Council (1985-6) and was Chair of the Town Planning Committee (1984-5). As well as his council duties, he is also a member of the National Union of Journalists, CND and the Labour Committee on Ireland. Despite "antagonising" Tory Councillors his other interests are films, books and taking his dogs for a walk in the park.

He entered local government in order to put socialism into practice by shifting power and services to a local level to benefit the people of Lambeth.

Being surcharged would mean financial hardship for himself and his family. But it would also strengthen his resolve to continue their fight. "If it is a crime to fight injustice, poverty and inequality then I plead guilty!"



● **Kevin Moore**, 31, representative for Larkhall Ward, works for nearby Southwark Council as a planner, bringing useful experience for his position as Chair of Lambeth's Construction Services Committee. Kevin's spare time activities are diverse: he holds membership of the London Cycling Campaign and the British Cuba Resource Centre and also enjoys films, eating, drinking and travel.

Kevin entered local government in 1978 out of a particular interest in housing and a desire to improve the quality of life for people in the Borough. "I think local people should have more say in the decisions that affect them" he says, but "If disqualified then surely we can no longer claim to have local democracy in Britain".

"Parliament should recognise that the rate-capping proposals are of constitutional significance, representing a fundamental shift from a dispersal of government power to a massive concentration in central government"
Professors George Jones and John Stewart, The Guardian, 3/11/83.



● **John O'Malley**, 46, works part-time as a Law Centre advice worker, is an active member of his trade union ACTSS and has represented Clapham Town since 1984. He is married with three daughters. Apart from his work as Chair of the Town Planning Committee John is interested in educational issues (serving as a governor for two local schools) and campaigning for peace with CND.

He sees his election to the council as "a logical step after many years of involvement with the local community especially working on projects in the inner city."

Surcharge poses the threat of severe financial hardship, but John is more worried about disqualification which would prevent him from carrying out the work that local people elected him to do. He pledges, however, that he will remain politically active whatever happens, and help in the local community in whatever way he can.



● **Ken Phipp**, 52, was Councillor for Tulse Hill Ward from 1978 until August 1985 when he left the Borough to go and live in Lowestoft, where he is a political organiser. He was Vice Chair of Housing and Chair of Housing Management (1978-9) and Chair of Construction Services. He was Chair of Clapham District Housing from 1979-1982 and also Secretary of Norwood Labour Party.

"I decided to become a Councillor because there was a desperate need for a radical change in the Borough of Lambeth. The Borough had tremendous problems that needed sorting out, I wanted to help. Now the threat of surcharge could have an absolutely catastrophic effect on my life".

● **Frank Quenault**, 57, has represented Vassal Ward since 1962. He's held many offices on the Council including Deputy Whip and Vice-Chair of Amenity Services, and between 1978 and 1979 he served as Lambeth's Mayor. An electrician by trade Frank is a member of the EETPU who is also interested in photography, amateur radio and listening to broadcasts from overseas.

Frank has spent the last 23 years in local government "because I care about people and the environment we live in as any caring Christian should. However, he feels that being a Councillor is an increasingly "uphill struggle" to represent the interests of the local community against central government. If surcharged Frank and his wife will be in debt for the rest of their lives, but what is worse, he says, is that he will be prevented from helping the people of Vassal for whom he has worked for so long.



● **Terry Rich**, 32, was elected to represent Bishops Ward in 1982. He is a Neighbourhood Advice Worker and an active member of Westminster NALGO. He has two young children. He is currently Chair of the Housing Management Sub-committee and was Vice-Chair of the Town Planning Committee. His outside interests include photography and membership of the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

Disqualification and surcharge will dramatically effect his life. His most serious worry is what bankruptcy will mean for his children. But apart from this disqualification will mean all Councillors in the future will be intimidated by a Government which ignores the democratic rights of local people.

"The excessive power which central government is proposing will remove from the local voter and ratepayer the right to control their local budgets and determine their local priorities. . . This would result in the demise of local democracy"

John Lovill, Chair Tory controlled Ass. of County Councillors 29/9/83.



● **Jo Sinclair**, 38, has represented Ferndale Ward as a Councillor since 1982. Jo works as a Trade Union Research Officer for the General, Municipal and Boiler Makers Union (GMBATU), of which she is a member. Jo is the Chair of Clapham District Housing Committee and the Economic Activity and Employment Committee. Her heavy commitment to council duties has left very little time for hobbies or interests outside politics. Jo is a member of Anti-Apartheid and the National Council for Civil Liberties.

Jo entered local government in an effort to stop government cuts in local jobs and services and to try and do something about the terrible unemployment in the Borough. Jo believes that being surcharged will be "disastrous" for her personally but that the effect on local government and democracy will be even worse.

● **Hazel Smith**, 31, has represented St. Martins Ward on the council since 1982. She is employed as a policy advisor in the GLC's Women's Unit. Hazel has been the Chair of Housing in Lambeth since 1983 and because of her housing responsibilities and general work as an active Councillor, she has little time left for hobbies or interests outside of politics.

Hazel's commitment to socialism and to improving the conditions of working class people motivated her to enter local government. In 1978 she was elected as a Labour Councillor on to Colchester Borough Council and moved to Lambeth in 1981.

The Prospect of being surcharged is a double blow to Hazel since not only may she be fined and disqualified from office but she will also lose her job when the GLC is abolished in 1986.

However, Hazel refuses either to be silenced or intimidated by this Tory Government.



● **Joan Walley**, 36, combines being a full time Councillor with looking after her two sons Daniel and Tom. She is a member of ACTSS and has represented Herne Hill since 1982. As Chair of the Health and Consumer Services Committee she has little free time, but enjoys music, swimming and local history. She is also a member of the Socialist Health Association and CND.

"I became a Councillor to do whatever I can to improve the health and welfare of local people by using my efforts to help provide jobs, a good environment and better local services."

"My biggest fear of the surcharge is for the domestic security of my children. It is important that the threat is met by financial and political support from the Labour movement".

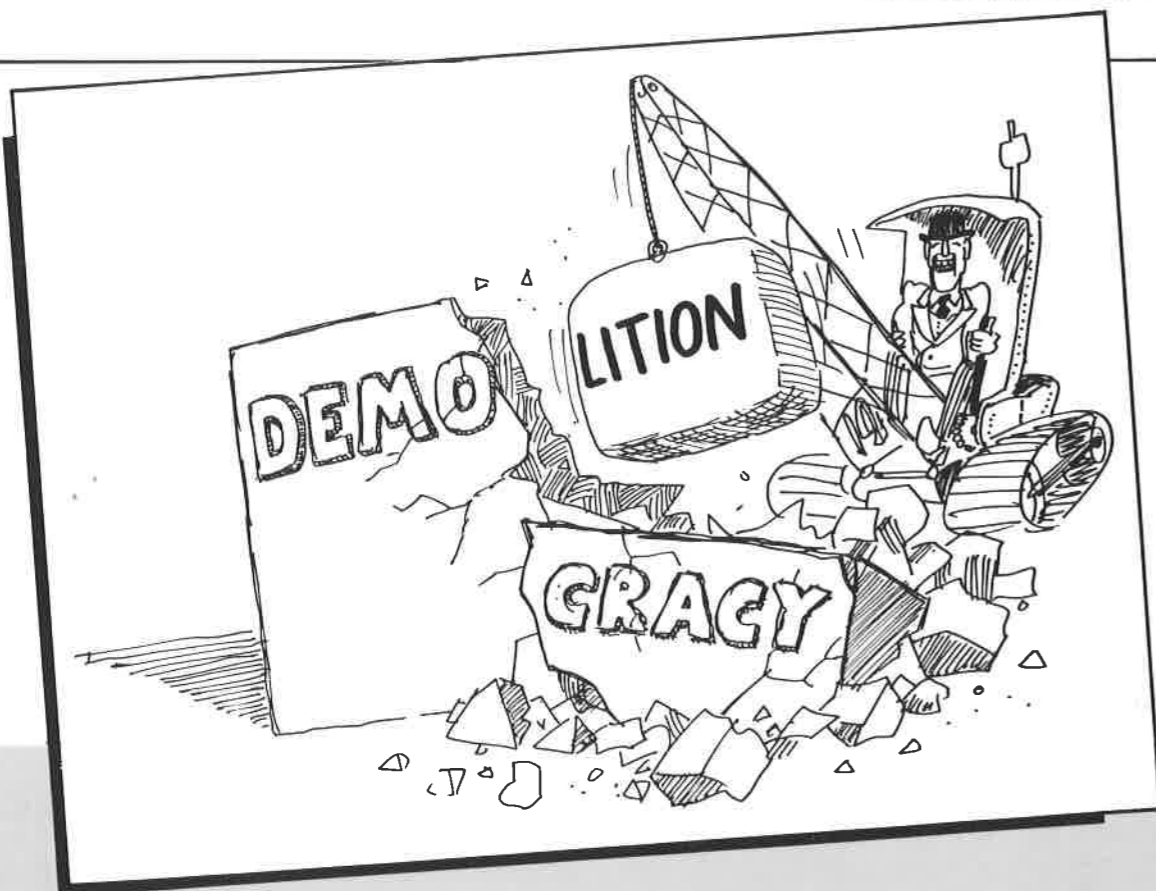


● **Matthew Warburton**, 36, is a local government officer and works for the GLC. He has represented Tulse Hill Ward since 1978. He is a member of NALGO and says that politics is his main interest. At present he is the Chair of the Labour Group on Lambeth Council.

He became a Councillor to be able to dedicate all his efforts to improving the conditions of "ordinary people in Lambeth". Besides being much poorer if the District Auditor succeeds in surcharging him he particularly regrets the possibility of disqualification which will make him powerless to fight for the needs of the Borough.

● **Pat Williams**, 65, and representative for Town Hall Ward since 1982 is one of Lambeth's best known and best loved Councillors. As Mayor in 1984-5 and Deputy Mayor in 1985-6 she has become a familiar figure around the Borough, being the first Councillor with a disability to hold these offices.

Pat uses a wheelchair to get around and has spent much of her life working with community groups for people with disabilities, in an attempt to challenge the discrimination and oppression of an able bodied world. As a senior citizen on a pension, surcharge would bring acute financial hardship for Pat but as she says "What saddens me most deeply is that I will no longer be able to use my position as a Councillor to help fellow disabled people in the Borough".



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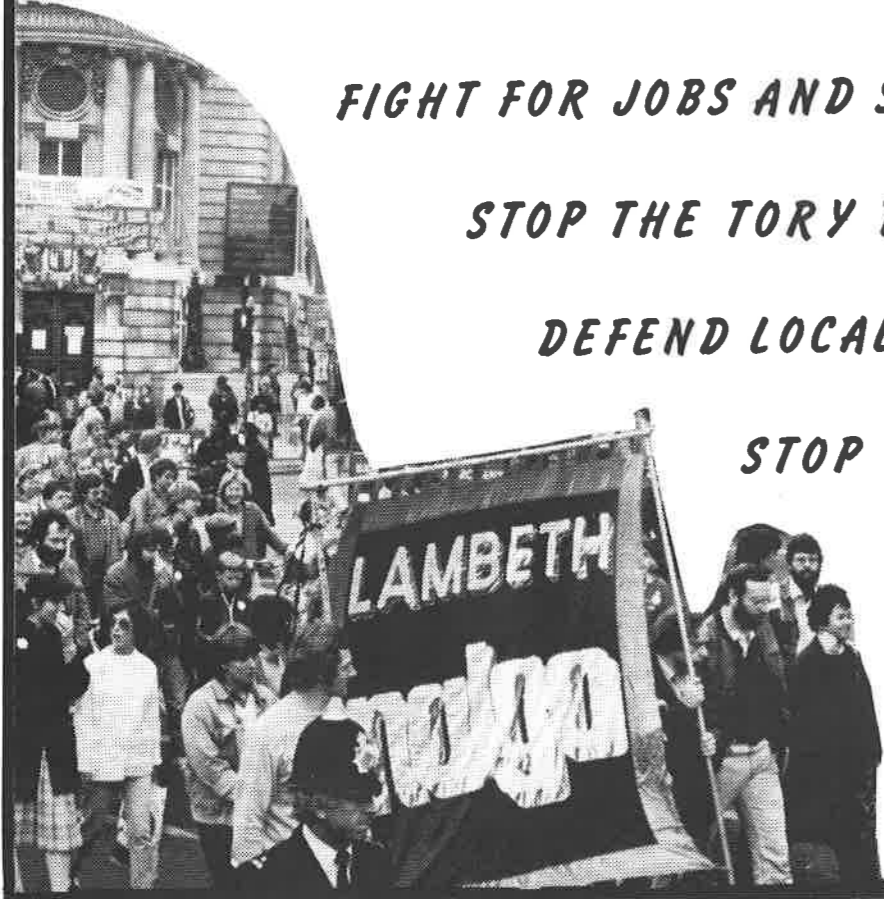
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