

This Council condemns the savagery of the proposed cuts to housing and council tax benefits. When added to the cuts in working tax credits, child benefits, the £6 billion of cuts in the emergency budget and the 28% cuts to local government spending, we can see that a massive financial burden is being imposed on the working poor, the unemployed and the infirm, young and old alike.

Meanwhile the bankers who crashed the economy have grown richer and the super rich avoid taxation to the tune of £120 billion.

We see the gap between the rich and the poor widening and an unequal society becoming more unequal.

The Labour Group on Stockton Borough Council calls upon all elected members of this council to join us in absolute condemnation of the Coalition Government's fiscal policies. We collectively instruct the Chief Executive to write immediately to the Prime Minister expressing our dismay at the Government's continuous attacks on those least able to defend themselves.

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