Local Government and Communities Committee

Consideration of the Council Tax (Substitution of Proportion) (Scotland) Order 2016

Submission from Dave Biggart

Those of us who have supported the SNP over the years are not happy with the proposals on local tax. I bought my house in 1978 for £28,250 and this bears no relation to my present income and ability to pay a local tax. I am a retired person on a pension and should be taxed on my present income and ability to pay. Step back and think out of the box about local tax!!

It is extremely sad and disappointing that the SNP have failed to deliver the promised reform to Council Tax.

For a tax to be fair it has to be related to an individual ability to pay not the value of a property bought years before.

The proposed reforms are just a cop out to real reform and a local based income tax.

As a long standing supporter of Independence this opportunity to reform local tax would have gone a long way to show how the Scottish population that an independent Scottish Government would make a real difference!

How sad you have chosen just to tinker round the edges!

Come on guys be brave and totally reform local taxation!!!!

Dave Biggart