

ConDem cuts...

Andrew Stunell, MP for Hazel Grove

“ **We have already seen the banks get the biggest bail-out in history, yet the question on most ordinary people’s lips is ‘When am I going to get my bail-out?’** ”

Andrew Stunell on the economy www.andrewstunell.org.uk

Despite campaigning against the Conservatives before the general election Andrew Stunell, MP for Hazel Grove, is NOW in government with them.



The Liberal Democrats betrayed their election pledges of fairness for a share of power. This ConDem coalition has declared war on the public sector. Their plans will devastate the services people rely on and throw innocent, hardworking people onto the dole to pay for a mess the rich and greedy created. What happened to fairness? They haven’t even bothered to consider alternatives to cuts.

Andrew has been made a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department for Communities and Local Government. In this role he has responsibility for the ConDem ‘Big Society’. The ‘Big Society’ should be renamed the ‘Big Cop-Out’. It is essentially an excuse for the government to wash it’s hands of providing decent public services and use volunteers as a cut-price alternative. Public services must be based on the certainty that they are there when you need them, not when a volunteer can be found to help you.

“*I will fight to protect our local NHS in Stockport*”, says Andrew on his website. However Andrew is a minister in the ConDem coalition which has announced plans which will essentially privatise the NHS. Handing £80billion worth of budgets over to GPs will see profit hungry private companies brought in to manage these budgets. In the past Andrew has voted against foundation hospitals and yet the ConDem plans will see all hospitals move towards foundation status. How will any of this improve patient care?

Andrew was one of the 157 MPs who before the election signed an early day motion calling for a Robin Hood Tax on banks which could raise between £30-£50billion. A bank tax was also a Lib Dem manifesto pledge. The bank tax the ConDems have introduced is a pathetic gesture that raises around £2.5billion. Banks will also benefit from cuts to corporation tax.

Before the election Andrew said, “*More police officers are the only way to create safer streets, and the Liberal Democrats are the only party committed to providing them.*” The ConDems have announced cuts which could at the worst see 60,000 police staff lose their jobs. This is far from the Lib Dem pledge to put, “*thousands more police on the beat*”.

...there *is* an alternative

See overleaf for details on what you can do to speak out against cuts.



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2 Sign up to the **Million Voices campaign** at www.million-voices.org and add your voice.

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3 Contact your MP - Andrew Stunell:

Your MP is one of the people voting for these unfair and unnecessary cuts. If you are unhappy with the ConDem coalition, and believe as UNISON does that there is a fairer alternative, then you should make sure your MP knows about it. You can email or write to them and your MP will also hold regular surgeries in their constituency. You should contact the constituency office to find out when and where the next surgery is. Full contact details for your MP can be found below.

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Things to remember:

Include your full name and address so they know you live in their constituency. MPs need to know this.

Try to be polite at all times. Don't give them an excuse not to reply.

Points to raise: What do you like about public services? How will cuts affect you? Why do you think cuts are unfair? Why are bankers who caused the crisis are still paying themselves millions in bonuses?

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