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All local party leaders and co-ordinators,
with responsibility for the Borough of Croydon.

Dear Sirs,

With budgets tight, and a constant demand for new and improved services, council spending is always under pressure. In Croydon we have had above inflation Council Tax increases for at least the last couple of years, and it's important that the needs of taxpayers as well as those of service users are taken into account.

Working with the Tax Payers' Alliance we have been highlighting rates of executive pay in the borough. Croydon's Chief Executive is paid over £212,000⁽²⁾, with a further 18 staff paid over £100,000. Hardworking and hard-pressed taxpayers are often in disbelief at how these rates of pay compare to the services we receive.

We're asking that all parties sign-up to respect the taxpayers of Croydon, and place some firm controls on council spending. We are asking your parties to agree to our proposal that in future no newly appointed council employee will earn more than the Prime Minister.

Contracts have already been signed, and people are in post. No impact should be felt by those who entered legitimate contracts. We hope however that many of you will agree that in future we can make the appointments we need in the borough, with a salary cap of £153,907⁽¹⁾ as at today. This figure can be adjusted as the Prime Minister's salary changes. This is still over five times⁽³⁾ the average full time salary in the UK, and over four and a half times the average income in Croydon⁽⁴⁾.

We ask you to support the taxpayers of Croydon, and to agree to no new appointments in Croydon Council being paid more than the UK Prime Minister.

Yours

Croydon Constitutionalists and Croydon Taxpayers.

(1) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salaries_of_Members_of_the_United_Kingdom_Parliament

(2) <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/democracy/cmteam>

(3) <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/earningsandworkinghours/datasets/ashe1997to2015selectedestimates>

(4) <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/income-and-tax-by-borough-and-district-or-unitary-authority-2010-to-2011#history>