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This PDF file lists all the councillors we can find from other parties who have been accused of racism, sexism or homophobia, those who have been arrested, sentenced or convicted of crimes, and those who are just plain useless, offensive or incompetent. We have tried to avoid duplication. Almost all of those featured have appeared only in the local press - very few have made the national media. Links to online sources are provided for all stories. We hope you find it of use, particularly at hustings meetings. If you do, please visit our blog, and if possible click on one of the adverts - it helps to keep our service free and up to date. Thank you, and good luck to all UKIP candidates on May 7th.

Paedophilia

Belfast SDLP council candidate convicted of child pornography offences -

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/regional/former-teacher-and-would-be-belfast-councillor-admits-child-porn-charges-1-6611968>

Tory Oxford councillor slammed in child sex report linked to Cameron's campaign team -

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/councillor-linked-david-camerons-election-5260110>

Former Tory leader of Oxford council admits child grooming was 'swept under the carpet' during time at helm -

<http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/11834061.1> I couldn't have done things differently as council leader /

Former Barrow Tory councillor bailed on child sex offence charges -

<http://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/ulverston/barrow-impresario-bailed-after-arrest-for-alleged-child-sex-offence-1.1200886>

Former Lib Dem councillor escapes jail in Bradford despite acting like 'predatory paedophile' -

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/ex-lib-dem-councillor-who-behaved-5365975>

Longstanding former Sinn Féin councillor accuses party of abuse cover-up -

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/councillor-brendan-curran-accuses-sinn-fein-of-abuse-coverup-31086147.html>

Saddleworth Lib Dem councillor charged with child pornography offences after tip from Canadian police - <http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/councillor-charged-making-possessing-indecent-8878388>

Ashfield & Eastwood Lib Dem PPC stands down following arrest for alleged sexual assault of a schoolboy - <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/liberal-democrat-candidate-stands-down-5406616>

Lib Dem campaigner and 'close associate' of PPC suspended for child sex offences used party office for porn movies - <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/liberal-democrat-activist-uses-local-5460386>

Tory peer 'too unwell' to stand trial over historic child abuse allegations - <http://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/134148/lord-janner-unfit%E2%80%99-stand-trial-over-child-abuse-allegations>

Green leader Natalie Bennett's partner's blog defends paedophilia, schoolgirl sex and rape fantasies - http://order-order.com/2015/04/20/barely-legal-sick-childhood-sexuality-shame-of-bennetts-boyfriend/#_@/OQxoZa1QZw-94Q

Lib Dems & Tories 'colluded' to prevent release of file which showed Thatcher knew of Cyril Smith abuse - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2984529/Cabinet-office-child-abuse-cover-MoS-beats-attempt-No10-gag-VIP-file-shows-Thatcher-knew-paedophile-MP-Cyril-Smith.html>

Leicester Labour deputy mayor fired after plan left hundreds of vulnerable children at risk of abuse (shes still a Cllr) - <http://www.leicesterm Mercury.co.uk/Senior-sackings-Leicester-City-Council-left/story-26141171-detail/story.html>

Tory Bucks councillors 'cared more about tarnished reputation than protecting children' says independent report - <http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/news/more-news/council-bosses-cared-more-about-tarnished-reputation-than-protecting-children-says-leaked-government-report-1-6624960>

Former Labour leader of Rotherham council 'does not see' why he should return OBE despite sex abuse scandal - <http://www.halifaxcourier.co.uk/news/regional/ex-council-boss-won-t-return-obe-1-7150075>

Child abuse victim stands for UKIP in Nottingham in attempt to unseat Labour administration he holds responsible - <http://www.nottinghampost.com/Campaigner-contest-council-leader-s-seat/story-26157886-detail/story.html>

Former Labour mayor of Rotherham pleads not guilty to sex attack on girl - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-31833160>

Sinn Fein faces more sex abuse accusations, says rape victim - <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/ira-abuse-claims-there-are-many-more-sex-victims-like-paudie-mairia-cahill-tells-sinn-fein-31057419.html>

Rotherham Labour deputy leader finally admits under-16 Roma girls are married after being asked 6 times (by UKIP Cllr) - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2994377/Roma-gipsy-girls-young-12-forced-live-arranged-marriages.html>

Police launch investigation into Westminster child sex ring cover-up lasting decades - <http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/mar/17/westminster-child-abuse-paedophile-ring-failure>

'I can prove my innocence' says 'risk to children' Cornwall Lib Dem councillor at centre of child porn row - <http://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/Councillor-claims-proof-innocence-risk-children/story-25797130-detail/story.html>

Former Scarborough Tory mayor and paedophile Peter Jaconelli's gravestone disappears from graveyard - <http://www.fileymercury.co.uk/news/local/jaconelli-headstone-gone-from-grave-1-7029381>

Labour Mayor of Stanley given suspended sentence for historic abuse of teenage boy - <http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/former-stanley-town-councillor-handed-8376144>

Nottinghamshire's Labour PCC denies cover up over child abuse investigation - <http://www.nottinghampost.com/Police-Crime-Commissioner-vows-cover-child-abuse/story-25808106-detail/story.html>

More than 150 kids at risk of grooming in Labour controlled Bradford in 6 months, report reveals - http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/local/localbrad/11706461.More_than_150_Bradford_children_deemed_at_risk_of_being_sexually_exploited_in_six_months/

Devon Tories 'buried' critical child sexual exploitation report by publishing it on Xmas Eve - <http://www.westernmorningnews.co.uk/Devon-County-Council-s-inadequate-child/story-25811773-detail/story.html>

Labour MPs sue Yorkshire UKIP MEP & councillor over Rotherham child abuse despite; claim they 'didn't know' about it - <http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/main-topics/politics/ukip-mep-handed-high-court-papers-as-labour-sues-over-abuse-claims-1-7046534>

Huntingdon Tory councillor admits perverting course of justice over false references for son facing sex charges - <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Huntingdon-8217-s-mayor-Cllr-Saeed-Akthar-admits/story-25888863-detail/story.html>

Former Labour mayor of Devizes convicted of historic sexual abuse of young boy, awaits sentence - http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/11743790.Former_Devizes_mayor_convicted_of_child_sex_offences/

Rotherham Labour councillors face jail after release of grooming report says they 'systematically withheld truth' - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2939129/Two-local-councillors-corrupt-police-officer-accused-having-sex-victims-Rotherham-abuse-scandal.html>

Epping Forest Lib Dems 'unaware' of child sex charges against leading activist -

http://www.guardian-series.co.uk/news/11771407.Lib_Dems_were_unaware_of_child_sex_charges_against_activist/

2 Rotherham Labour councillors accused of having sex with abuse victims -

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/two-rotherham-councillors-and-police-officer-accused-of-having-sex-with-abuse-scandal-victims-10022666.html>

Epping Lib Dem activist had 18,385 child porn photos on computer sent for trial at Crown Court over grooming charge - http://www.guardian-series.co.uk/news/11786216.Scout_leader_had_18_385_indecent_images_of_children/

Longstanding Labour official in Peterborough jailed for child sex offences, record stretches back to 1979 - <http://www.peterboroughtoday.co.uk/news/latest-news/exclusive-peterborough-labour-party-official-jailed-for-sex-crimes-1-6588155>

Slough's Labour mayor stands down after he attends sentencing of man convicted of child grooming

- <http://www.sloughexpress.co.uk/News/All-Areas/Slough/Mayor-of-Slough-resigns-over-serious-error-19022015.htm>

Death of former Rochdale Labour councillor following sexual assault arrest judged suicide by family:

'he was innocent' - <http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/family-councillor-found-dead-week-8711853>

Rape

HnH activist, Labour member & former head of Gloucester Race Equality Council jailed for rape -

<http://www.gloucestercitizen.co.uk/Gloucester-stalwart-Paul-Mathurin-jailed-raping/story-26231363-detail/story.html>

Hancock to defend Portsmouth South seat despite sexual assault - will Lib Dems put up serious fight against him? - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3016845/Disgraced-MP-Mike-Hancock-quit-Lib-Dems-sexual-advances-vulnerable-constituent-stand-Parliament-AGAIN.html>

Glamorgan Labour councillor appears in court to face charges of sexual assault on 17 year old girl -

<http://www.southwales-eveningpost.co.uk/Labour-councillor-appears-court-accused-Skomer/story-26330721-detail/story.html>

Terrorism

Rochdale Labour councillor's son arrested in Turkey attempting to reach Syria to join ISIS -

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/islamic-state/11512305/Rochdale-family-arrested-trying-to-reach-Syria-from-Turkey.html>

Sinn Fein councillor arrested in terror probe attacks PSNI over the cost of his (and a colleague's) arrest - <http://www.derryjournal.com/news/cost-of-arrests-in-paramilitary-probe-questioned-1-6517122>

Racism

Complaints against 3 Coventry Labour councillors being investigated after they brand constituents racist - <http://www.coventryobserver.co.uk/2015/03/02/news-Outraged-residents-accused-of-racism-by-Coventry-Labour-councillors-lodge-complaints-128199.html>

Selby Labour councillor denies racism despite 'Polish piss artists' tweet - http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/11829586.Councillor_defends_Polish_drinkers_comments/

Labour Leicester candidate was telling people to vote BNP on Facebook just 2 years ago (at bottom of page) - <http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/Fred-Leicester-Column-Donuts-Keith-Vaz-shameful/story-26105111-detail/story.html>

White, middle class Green Party has fewer minority candidates than any other party including UKIP - <http://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/greens-have-fewer-ethnic-minority-candidates-than-any-party-even-ukip-10105932.html>

Tories finally suspend Dudley North candidate who attempted race-hate deal with EDL - <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/generalelection/afzal-amin-tory-candidate-told-to-fess-up-over-alleged-plot-to-stop-fake-edl-mosque-protest-10125655.html>

UKIP demands Tory Portsmouth South candidate resign after labelling all UKIP voters 'racist' - <http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/local/tory-candidate-brands-ukip-voters-as-racists-1-6641818>

Grobby Tory councillor vows to appeal deselection over 'racist, sexist & pornographic' e-mails to colleagues - <http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/Tory-councillor-deselected-racist-sexist/story-26216437-detail/story.html>

Complaints about Coventry Labour councillors who labelled constituents 'racist' deferred until after elections - <http://www.coventryobserver.co.uk/2015/03/25/news-Delay-after-residents-complain-of-racism-slurs-by-Coventry-Labour-councillors-130083.html>

Questions continue over whether Chichester Tories will mount serious challenge to former councillor expelled for racism - <http://www.midhurstandpetworth.co.uk/news/local/sussex-decides-growing-tradition-of-independent-councillors-in-the-midhurst-area-1-6640859>

Coventry Labour councillor apologises to parish councillors for calling them Nazi for raising immigration concerns - <http://www.coventryobserver.co.uk/2015/03/31/news-Coventry-Labour-councillors-private-apology-for-Nazi-slur-is-not-enough--130444.html>

'Nazi uniform' Tory MP criticised for calling constituents 'rude' and complaining about 'low pay' - <http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/03/28/arrogant-burley-criticised-for-talking-of-rude-constituents/>

Plaid Cymru stand by candidate who called English-born Welsh residents Nazis -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2015-wales-32215894>

Groby Tories fail to field candidates following deselection of former leader following racist & sexist

email row - <http://www.leicestermcury.co.uk/Conservative-candidate-stand-Groby-election-time/story-26317832-detail/story.html>

Dover Tories seek to ditch controversial councillor ahead of elections in favour of bland replacement

- <http://www.kentonline.co.uk/deal/news/tory-party-moves-to-oust-29422/>

Still no action against New Forest 'nigger in woodpile' Tory councillor: imagine the fuss had he been

UKIP! - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2892885/Deputy-mayor-racism-storm-comparing-flood-prevention-n-woodpile-council-meeting.html>

Nottingham Labour councillor suspended for Auschwitz tweet -

<http://www.jewishnews.co.uk/exclusive-labour-councillor-suspended-auschwitz-tweet/>

Jailed Labour Wigan councillor had history of abusing power, incurring costs and racism before

arrest and conviction - <http://www.wigantoday.net/news/local/mcgurrian-had-abused-her-position-of-power-1-7035203>

Tory mayor of Bristol compares cyclist tweet to Jim Crow racism in 60's America -

<http://www.westerndailypress.co.uk/Bristol-Mayor-George-Ferguson-compares-cyclist/story-25825093-detail/story.html>

Moroccan born Muslim mayor of Rotterdam tells Muslims who don't like the west 'pack your bags

and f**k off': <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/charlie-hebdo-mayor-rotterdam-tells-4970496>

Bradford Labour councillor condemned after posting video suggesting Paris shootings were fake -

http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/local/localbrad/11722764.Former_Lord_Mayor_in_fake_video_row/

Inverness councillor expelled from Lib Dems over Britain First in new racism row over anti-Semitic

comments - <http://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/News/Inverness-councillor-in-racism-row-16012015.htm>

Groby Tory councillor forced to apologise for sending racist, sexist and pornographic e-mails -

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/top-tory-forced-grovel-after-5037897>

Lib Dem minister defends 'immigration causes pub closures' comments, denies racism -

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/liberal-democrat-minister-defends-comments-suggesting-immigration-causes-pub-closures-10005993.html?fb_ref=Default

Norwich Labour councillor quits party in racism row over 'totally unacceptable' comments over Palestine -

http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/politics/norwich_labour_councillor_quits_party_in_race_row_over_facebook_comments_1_3930024

Ringwood Tory councillor in racism row now at centre of bullying claims as party declines to act - http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/11764267.Ringwood_racism_row_reignites_as_mayor_accuses_councillor_of_bullying/

Tory councillor slammed over 'racist' gypsy remark in Bury St Edmunds - http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/politics_2_480/conservative_councillor_s_racist_remarks_comparing_travellers_and_gypsies_to_criminals_at_st_edmundsbury_borough_council_meeting_leads_to_apology_from_robert_clifton_brown_1_3951319

Waltham Forest Labour councillor suspended over 'anti-Muslim' comments on Facebook in row with fellow councillor - http://www.guardian-series.co.uk/news/11804143.Councillor_at_a_loss_to_understand_suspension_after_Facebook_s_pat/

Labour Party 'bears hallmarks of institutional racism' says Rahman in quote not carried in national press - http://www.asianimage.co.uk/news/11811826.Mayor_accuses_party_of_institutional_racism/

Sexism/Homophobia

Former Chesterfield Lib Dem MP given reprimand over bullying of female candidate - <http://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/news/grassroots/former-chesterfield-mp-paul-holmes-is-reprimanded-for-bullying-1-7155336>

Hartlepool Labour councillor asked questioner 'have I slept with you?' & says 'I don't need your pussy votes' - <http://www.hartlepoolpost.co.uk/>

Green Party sacks Liverpool press officer over sexism on social media - <http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/green-party-candidate-sacks-volunteer-8917100>

Call for tougher sanctions over Hartlepool Labour Cllr at public meeting who asked questioner if he'd slept with her - <http://www.hartlepoolmail.co.uk/news/local/tougher-sanctions-demanded-after-hartlepool-councillor-asks-woman-have-i-slept-with-you-1-7184278>

The 'Joy of Sexism' in the Labour Party, by Tory MP on receiving end of 'sexist' barbs by Labour rival - <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-politics/11498910/Ed-Milibands-Labour-is-dangerous-for-women.-Heres-why.html>

Quilliam Foundation head and Lib Dem PPC Maajid Nawaz 'considering future' after sexist lap dance video - <http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/lib-dem-hopeful-maajid-nawaz-considers-future-cut-throat-politics-after-election-1496124>

Hampshire Lib Dem council leader who said woman was 'too ugly to be raped' steps down from party - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2896186/Lib-Dem-council-leader-quits-party-saying-no-one-want-rape-British-woman-claims-sexually-assaulted-Italian-nightclub.html>

Cambridge Green candidate accused of transphobia, apologises for offence caused - <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Cambridge-Green-Party-parliamentary-candidate/story-25907843-detail/story.html>

Hinckley Tory leader apologises for sending racist and sexist jokes, no further action taken - <http://www.hinckleytimes.net/news/local-news/top-tory-apologises-sending-racist-8538861>

Labour's Harriet Harman denies telling councillor she was 'too pretty for politics' in sexism row - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-31446263>

Glamorgan former Labour councillor faces investigation for 'retweeting photocopied picture of woman's breasts' - <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/councillor-rapped-retweeting-picture-photocopied-5187737>

South Yorks Tory candidate resigns over homophobic comments on Twitter - <http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/local/conservative-resigns-over-homophobic-tweet-1-7113509>

Drugs

Former Labour deputy mayor of Liverpool bidding to regain seat admits previous resignation was over caution for class A drugs - <http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/paul-brant-class-drugs-shame-8985937>

Abuse of Poor

Aylesbury Tory councillor deletes food bank tweets, suspends Twitter account after labelling users 'mentally ill & drug abusers' - <http://www.mix96.co.uk/news/local/1493523/aylesbury-councillor-creates-twitter-storm-over-foodbank-comments/>

How Labour controlled Waltham Forest are throwing out poor council tenants to play at property developing - <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/jan/13/families-cheated-homes-poor-labour-council-gentrification>

Mental Health

Pontypridd Lib Dem PPC under fire after calling council chiefs 'retards' - <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/would-be-lib-dem-mp-apologises-8782496>

Expenses

Decision on Hawick SNP councillor who claimed expenses to attend colleagues funeral delayed - <http://www.hawick-news.co.uk/news/local-headlines/delay-over-decision-on-cranston-probe-1-3710509>

Labour MP for Rotherham claimed £17 expenses for Remembrance Day poppy wreath - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-31895703>

Tory Dudley South MP claimed £ 10.80 to attend Kingswinford Remembrance Sunday service - <http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/03/20/mp-under-fire-after-claiming-10-for-remembrance-trip/>

Tory Wandsworth Council leader gets £27k trip to Cannes paid for by consortium behind controversial development - http://www.wandsworthguardian.co.uk/news/11879166.Wandsworth_Council_leader_Ravi_Govindia_s_trip_to_Cannes_paid_for_by_developers/

Motherwell Labour faces legal action for sacking of senior councillor who questioned housing contract - <http://www.motherwelltimes.co.uk/news/local-headlines/councillor-takes-labour-to-court-over-sacking-1-3728201>

Buxton Tory convicted of falsifying expenses & barred from public office now running 'Buxton Independents' campaign - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-32215977>

Luton Labour vice-chair to fight seat of Labour councillor suspended over expenses irregularities - <http://www.luton-dunstable.co.uk/Luton-Labour-vice-chair-Yasmin-Waheed-stand-place/story-26314819-detail/story.html>

Salmond aide & ex-SNP cllr faces jail after failing to carry out community service after expenses fraud conviction - <https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/highlands/551845/undefined-headline-294/>

Benefit Fraud

Labour councillor convicted of benefit fraud nominated as deputy mayor of Stafford - <http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/02/26/benefit-fraud-councillor-nominated-for-stafford-deputy-mayor/>

Tiverton Lib Dem councillor convicted of defrauding own authority has charity money in personal bank account - <http://www.middevongazette.co.uk/Tiverton-councillor-admits-having-charity-money/story-26230576-detail/story.html>

Melton Tory councillor pleads not guilty to benefit fraud charges (not the same one who was convicted of £3k theft!) - <http://www.meltontimes.co.uk/news/local/melton-borough-councillor-gary-bush-pleads-not-guilty-to-benefit-fraud-charges-1-6670053>

Labour Milton Keynes council denies using press watchdog to try and silence paper over expenses story - <http://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/news/local/council-denies-attempt-to-silence-the-press-1-6670786>

Cornwall councillor repaid thousands in false benefit claims to avoid court, council declines to name and shame them - <http://www.cornishguardian.co.uk/Councillor-pay-benefits/story-25781927-detail/story.html>

Wife of former Labour councillor in Irvine pleads guilty to £5000 benefits fraud -

<http://www.irvinetimes.com/news/kilwinning/articles/2015/01/16/521394-pled-guilty-to-fraudulently-claiming-5000-in-benefits/>

Benefits fraud conviction Stafford Labour councillor stands down from party (Labour took no action)

- <http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/02/05/labour-councillor-steps-down-after-benefit-fraud-conviction/>

Theft/Fraud

Spelthorne Tory councillor's wife convicted of £2k theft from school PTA -

<http://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/local-news/councillors-partner-convicted-2000-pta-8732216>

Sandwell Labour councillors resign as investigation continues into fraudulent sales of council land -

http://www.halesowennews.co.uk/news/11824975.Breaking_news_Under_fire_Sandwell_Council_deputy_leader_resigns/

Fraud trial of Scunthorpe Labour councillor told he was repeatedly chased for council tax payments -

<http://www.scunthorpetelegraph.co.uk/Court-told-ex-mayor-pursued-council-tax-arrears/story-26083856-detail/story.html>

Tory ex councillor in Wycombe jailed for fleecing old ladies of savings -

http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/11853028.Former_councillor_jailed_for_fraud/

Melton Labour councillor pleads guilty to theft of £3.2k from lunch club - his Lab group leader faces benefits fraud charges -

<http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/councillor-admits-theft-charge/story-26160171-detail/story.html>

Senior Somerset Tory councillor resigns after breaches of code over sales of public land -

<http://www.westerndailypress.co.uk/Senior-Somerset-County-Councillor-David-Huxtable/story-26148678-detail/story.html>

Suspended Stockton Tory councillor 'sold town railings for scrap and replaced them when caught' -

http://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/11857051.Councillor_at_centre_of_missing_railings_mystery_row_publicly_identifies_himself_and_defends_his_record/

Two corruption charges dropped against former Tory leader of Dorset CC, one continues -

http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/11855968.Two_charges_dropped_against_former_council_leader_Spencer_Flower/

Sandwell Council - whose Labour deputy leader faces fraud investigation - bars critical blogger from meetings -

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/local-news/2015/03/18/twitter-bars-blogger-over-harassment-of-sandwell-council-leader/>

Labour council leader defends Blackpool councillors summonsed for unpaid council tax -

<http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/news/community/community-news/leader-defends-councillors-over-unpaid-tax-bills-1-7157743>

Tendring councillor and former Tory rebailed in fraud charges relating to grants from Sport England - http://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/local/clacton/11867261.Tendring_councillor_arrested_on_suspicion_of_defrauding_Sport_England_is_bailed_again_by_police/

Scunthorpe Labour councillor Jawaid Ishaq jailed for 3 1/2 years for fraud after impersonating dead friend - <http://www.scunthorpetelegraph.co.uk/BREAKING-NEWS-Jawaid-Ishaq-jailed/story-26205450-detail/story.html>

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