

The hypocrisy of it all!!

To see Councillor Fulford-Brown standing outside St. Annes swimming baths pleading that “there is a way to save the swimming pool” can only further inflame all the councillors that genuinely tried to save **BOTH** the baths, and the thousands of people that marched in protest at the intended closures.

Councillor Fulford-Brown and **ALL** Conservative councillors and “jumped-ship” councillors had the opportunity before, and on the night of the budget decision, to save **BOTH** the baths – they chose to vote against every opposition amendment that could have saved the baths.

All the decisions had clearly been made prior to the meeting – so the crocodile tears will not save their seats in 3 years time when the thousands who marched come out to vote.

Yes, Kirkham baths has a reprieve for 12 months, but we have now lost our “One Stop Shop” as from the 4th April. This office was recently refurbished with appropriate access for disabled people (DDA compliant), obviously at a cost of many, many thousands of pounds. Where are the so-called savings going to be made? The 3 members of staff are moving to St. Annes and now all rural residents will, if they are able, have to travel to St Annes to access this service.

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