

From:"Alan Jones"
Date:Thu, 25 Sep, 2014 at 9:12
Subject:Re: Dear Alan....

"I refer you to my previous email..."

On 25 Sep 2014 08:47, "David Orr" wrote:

Dear Alan,

I have a tally of all the costs and savings and at a minimum, Somerset taxpayers and service users have paid out £51m more to IBM/South West One than has been received by savings made. As former CEO, you promised the people of Somerset £150m of savings over 10 years - To April 2013 (after almost 6 years) the savings amount to just £18m. I guess that in truth this means that your risky venture has hung a £51m albatross around the necks of all Somerset taxpayers and service users. This would have met 2/3rds of the initial austerity cuts from Government to date. Your legacy is leaving Somerset in a much worse position than adjoining rural Counties, with Children's Services, Learning Disabilities and Adult Social Care all in a crisis, that has yet to show itself in Devon, Dorset, Wiltshire and Cornwall. Of course, you made the smart move of getting out of Somerset and crossing the border into Devon at South Warmore. This means that you don't have to live with the toxic legacy of public service cuts and debt that you created back in Somerset. Essentially, you have voted with your feet to avoid your consequences (from South West One) that Somerset taxpayers are now facing. I have looked at your LinkedIn profile and I would say that you are in denial as the entry bears no comparison with the reality.

<http://uk.linkedin.com/pub/alan-jones/16/a43/579>

"Well known in UK local government for creating excellence and innovation; particularly change management, shared services, outsourcing and creative public-private sector partnerships. Has held positions on joint boards, partnership executives and public/private sector companies."

It is ironic that the Lib Dem Leaders and Portfolio Holder who followed your charismatic lead, have all benefited despite the toxic legacy of South West One: Cathy Bakewell is elevated to the House of Lords; Jill Shortland is an OBE; Sam Crabb still made Lib Dem Leader and David Huxtable is now the Conservative Portfolio Holder for Finance. Equally ironic, is that your former Finance Director Chris Bilsland, who had the good sense to jump ship before the contract with IBM for South West One was signed (in the early hours of a Saturday morning in Sep'2007), is now also an OBE. You of course remain gong-less, despite your many successes as a colossus of local government and as a leading "reticulist"

<http://dradriandavis.wordpress.com/reticulists-corner/>

Your real legacy has been neatly summarised by the leading IT journalist Tony Collins:

"The disaster that is Southwest One could be a priceless jewel in the public sector's display case if it serves to deter councillors and officials signing further large-scale council outsourcing deals."

Would it be too much to expect for you to face up to the reality of the disastrous South West One joint venture with IBM and find the humility and grace to now apologise to the people of Somerset?

Yours sincerely,

David Orr

From: "Alan Jones"

Sent: Wednesday, 24 September 2014, 18:02

"It seems that the albatross has been hanging around your neck, not mine."

On 24 Sep 2014 11:08, "David Orr" wrote:

<http://ukcampaign4change.com/2014/09/24/reasons-for-councils-to-avoid-large-scale-outsourcing-lessons-learnt-report/>

Alan - In the land of Coleridge - your very own reputation albatross!

So much for your absurd construct of "Beyond Excellence".

David Orr