

Fair Tax CLP Motion: Standing up for Responsible Tax Conduct

This branch/CLP notes that:

1. A growing number of councils have passed the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration including Oxford, Oldham, Peterborough, Greenwich, Lincoln, Edinburgh, Trafford, Exeter, Newcastle – the full list can be seen here: <https://fairtaxmark.net/supporters/councils-for-fair-tax/supporting-councils/>
2. The Declaration demonstrates alignment to their values and encourages Councils to pioneer the promotion of responsible tax conduct by leading by example, demanding greater transparency from suppliers, calling for more meaningful powers to tackle tax avoidance by suppliers when buying goods and services.

This branch/CLP believes that:

3. In the wake of a series of scandals involving fast-tracking of Government contracts and the tough economic times we face, ensuring that businesses are transparent about their tax arrangements has never been so important.
4. Paying tax is often presented as a burden when the reality is that tax enables us to provide the services that we all rely on, counters financial inequality and rebalance the economy.
5. Councils have an important role to play in the promotion of exemplary tax conduct and in ensuring that their contractors are paying their fair share of tax.

This branch/CLP resolves to:

6. Write to our Labour Councillors to request that they consider taking forward the Fair Tax Mark's model motion, Standing up for Responsible Tax Conduct, which can be found here: <https://fairtaxmark.net/supporters/councils-for-fair-tax/>