



News Report from Philip Bradbourn MEP

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Local Euro MP urges action on runaway arts project

Local Conservative MEP, Philip Bradbourn, has reacted to a report from auditors KPMG which has raised serious concerns about the continuing costs of West Bromwich arts centre, The Public which continues to be beset with problems. Sandwell Council have failed to manage this project and the costs are now astronomical and seemingly endless and The Public currently stands at £49 million over budget.

Mr. Bradbourn, said:

"I cannot believe that Sandwell Council have failed yet again to get a grips on the financial reins of this absurd waste of tax payers' money. This report is another example of what I have been saying for a while, Sandwell Council have continued to fail to provide value for money for tax payers and the fiasco of The Public seems no closer to ending.

The fact that KPMG have issued a report regarding The Public which states that the project was founded upon a "flawed and unclear business case" reinforces my position that it should be sold for a different, profitable purpose so that the tax payer can stop paying the £millions for the incompetence of Sandwell Council and those involved in this debacle. "

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