

Westminster Whistleblowers

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Shirley Porter, homes for votes and twenty years of scandal in Britain's rottenest borough



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Double-dealing, dirty tricks, backstabbing and murky financial dealings at the heart of London - welcome to the world of Westminster City Council under Shirley Porter.

The Westminster Whistleblowers takes you on a roller-coaster ride of behind-the-scenes intrigues in local politics and reveals how one of Britain's most respected Conservative Councils was nearly brought to its knees by political intrigue unrivalled in modern times.

Paul Dimoldenberg, the leader of the Labour Group, explains how the machinery of the City Council was hijacked by Shirley Porter and her colleagues to ensure victory for the Conservatives at Council elections. He reveals how Labour Councillors uncovered the secret 'Homes for Votes' plot and how the district auditor, with help from the Labour opposition, finally brought Porter to justice. The author's reward was to be forced to overcome a Kafkaesque investigation into the City Council's claim that he had brought it 'into disrepute' by exposing how slowly it went about collecting the £42 million surcharge owed by Porter.

This is local government as you have never seen it before.

'A revelation... The sheer chutzpah of what the Tories did, the secretive way they went about it and the shameful way the council's officers went along with all the shenanigans should surprise even a diehard cynic... It is a narrative which keeps the interest and is hard to put down' *Tribune*

'This book is essential reading for anyone wishing to learn what politicians will do to discredit or destroy those who stand in their way' *Morning Star*

'The supporting cast and script has more double dealing than a Jacobean 17th-century play' *Camden New Journal*

'Required reading for all who wonder whether the creation of the Standards Board and its subsequent actions, especially in London, were justified' *Public*