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Last Tuesday I attended the full council meeting. At this meeting Councillor Watt clearly stated he had not seen the consultation results and was still looking into things (not his exact words but words to this effect). The next day the proposal was made to close Culverhay. Did you take into account the consultation results and even read the comments. I would assume the answer is NO as you had not seen the results on Tuesday evening and the announcement was made Wednesday morning.

WHY DID YOU BOTHER TO CONSULT US?

One question that Councillor Watt and Tony Parker will not answer is 'WHAT CHANGED, WHY CULVERHAY?' It had always been indicated that Culverhay would become co-ed. What changed was as a governor of Bath Spa University Councillor Watt knew they would be interested in buying the site. As a governor of Bath Spa University you should have made a Declaration of Interest but never until this October when people were making comments! Why did you not make the declaration when all this consultation business started?

Councillor Watt engineered this whole farce. Councillor Watt steered the original consultation to proposing the closure of Culverhay. Councillor Watt knew Bath Spa University would be interested in buying the site and in this bad economic climate it was a good deal for the Council and Bath Spa University. Funny enough on Wednesday 17th November the proposal for closure was made and next day we hear about the expansion plans for Bath Spa University and how they will be looking for to accommodate 600 student!!

Now we hear Bath Rugby Club have offered 7 million to build a new leisure centre on the Culverhay site so the existing Bath Leisure Centre will be demolished for the Rugby Club to expand and guess who is involved with Bath Rugby Councillor Watt!!

Maybe Councillor Watt should read the code of conduct for councillors as laid down by the Standards Board of England regarding their declarations of interest!!

You have kept open the schools in the Conservative constituents and want to close the school in the area where you know your party has no political representations. A very clever move in the light of up and coming local elections.

WHAT HAPPENED TO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE CHILDREN!!

The consultation results show 74% of people in favour of keeping Culverhay open.

How can they all be so wrong and 1 man so right.