

The EU Constitution Treaty will cost you.



The looming transfer of many more powers to the EU through the revived Constitution Treaty is the reason Brussels also wants even more of your money.

As well as denying us the promised referendum, the government has agreed to pay the EU an extra £2.5 billion every year – an extraordinary increase of more than 60% over what we already pay.

But Gordon Brown refuses to say where this extra money is going to come from: cuts to public services or by putting up taxes?

Marta Andreasen, when EU chief accountant, revealed the state of corruption in Brussels. She was sacked in 2004 by Neil Kinnock, then European Commissioner in charge of fighting fraud. He got a massive 'golden handshake' on retiring from the post.

Britain already pays much more into the EU budget than we get back in grants and subsidies. At the new net total of £6 billion a year, our bill to prop up the EU's bureaucracy will reach **£115 million every single week**, between now and 2013.

Imagine what could be achieved for education, health services, in the fight against crime and terrorism, towards easing poverty or many other purposes that would make a real difference to people's lives with £115 million extra to spend every week.

"Overdeclarations and ineligible expenditure continue to go undetected within the majority of EU expenditure areas".

EU Court of Auditors Annual Report, 24 October 2006

Worse, the government intends to hand over this extra cash despite the fact that auditors haven't been able to approve the "majority" of the EU's spending for twelve years in a row. No-one can even explain what is happening to the billions the EU is already being given. And it seems every week there is a new report of EU waste or fraud.

Stand up for better quality public services and against EU waste, by demanding a say on the revived EU Constitution Treaty.

Join the campaign of **people power** to force a referendum

The Democracy Movement is a non-party pressure group. We aim to bring together people in all democratic parties and from all backgrounds who share our beliefs into a large network of supporters and volunteer-run branches.

Our main activities are at the grass-roots, working directly with people to spread our ideas and to direct pressure for change on political decision-makers.

We also work closely with groups in other European countries who are fighting to decentralise power from the EU to their own elected parliaments (www.teameurope.info).

We were the first group to launch a campaign – 'Let the People Decide' –

aimed at forcing Tony Blair to give us a vote on the EU Constitution, when the issue first emerged in 2002. By pressuring MPs of all parties in their own constituencies and in Parliament, 54 Labour MPs publicly committed themselves to vote for a referendum, together with the overwhelming majority of MPs from all the opposition parties.

In April 2004 the government caved in and promised to consult us. Now we must force Gordon Brown to honour this pledge.

Our major new campaign is already underway, including mass leafleting, public meetings, local lobbying of MPs and the naming and shaming as '**referendum cheats**' of MPs planning to break their promise to the electorate. We are also



planning to organise a series of **mini referendums** across the country to demonstrate opposition to the EU Constitution Treaty. Anti-referendum politicians must be made to realise that they will pay a heavy price at the next election if they deny us our say.

Join in! Please register your support using the form below. Everyone can do something to ensure we get the referendum we were promised. Every small action will count. **This could be your last chance to get a say on the EU's powers and direction.**

