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Khan branded a hypocrite as GLA staffing costs spiral out of control

- Data obtained by Susan Hall AM shows that City Hall staffing costs have increased by over £9 million since the Mayor took office.
- The number of staff members earning over £100,000 is up by a fifth since 2016 and the GLA headcount has surged by over 100.

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan has been accused of showing a 'flagrant disregard for taxpayers', after it emerged that City Hall staffing costs are going through the roof.

Data obtained by London-wide Assembly Member Susan Hall shows that the amount splurged on salaries has shot up by nearly £10 million since the Mayor took office. This comes after years of staffing costs barely fluctuating under Khan's predecessor, Boris Johnson.

There are more City Hall fat cats too, with the number of employees earning a six-figure salary shooting up by a fifth since the Mayor was elected in 2016.

Overall the GLA headcount has increased by over 100, which represents an almost 15 percent increase since March 2016.

Commenting, Susan Hall AM said:

"This hypocritical Mayor has the cheek to blame government cuts for his failure to get a grip on London's crime epidemic while at the same time dishing out millions on new staff and pay rises at City Hall. He is taking Londoners for fools.

"The problem isn't that Khan's multi-billion-pound budget is too small, it's that the Mayor is all too willing to show a flagrant disregard for taxpayers and splurge millions on waste.

"Sadiq Khan needs to cut the waste, re-think his priorities and focus on the issues which Londoners really care about".

John O'Connell, Chief Executive of the TaxPayers' Alliance said:

"One would hope that the massive increases in the staff costs and headcount under the new Mayor of London would correspond with an improvement in services, but there seems scant evidence of that.

“Taxpayers left scratching their heads at the increases in council tax across London will be rightly annoyed to find out that their money seems to be going on building Sadiq Khan's fiefdom at City Hall.

“Instead of splashing his name and job title across every spare bit of space, the Mayor should focus on delivering better services and clamping down on the increase in crime”.

Notes

Susan Hall is a London-wide Assembly Member.

Details of the amount of money spent on staff over the past six years is available [here](#).

Details of the number of employees earning over £100,000 is available [here](#).

Details of the number of staff employed is available [here](#).

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