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CONCERNS OVER THIRD SECTOR INVESTMENT

Is this being wasted on red tape and bureaucracy?

PHILIP MILTON, Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for North Devon, is backing calls to find out why money designed to help third sector organisations survive during the recession is being wasted on red tape and bureaucracy.

Philip said:

“The recession has put tremendous pressure on our volunteer groups and third sector organisations. Many have seen corporate sponsorship fall dramatically and we are already seeing some charities having to cut the services they offer to what are often the most needy and vulnerable people in our communities. The Government’s third sector recession plan was designated to help, but reports are that the money is being caught up in red tape and bureaucracy. Of course we need to make sure our money is spent effectively but we need to make sure the money gets through to the front line where it’s needed. I know many people have been affected by the downturn but I hope that everyone locally will do all they can to support our fantastic local charities through these difficult times”

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