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The arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled

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I received an email the other day which caused me to reflect on the state not only of the parish council sector but the public sector in general. I hope you don't mind if I share it with you. The quote simply reads...

"the budget should be balanced, the treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed before we become bankrupt. People must learn to work instead of living on public assistance."

Given the current prolonged downturn and uncertainty in the jobs and housing market the quote seems rather apt for the times in which we live.

The quotation is from Cicero, a Roman philosopher,

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It seems our political leaders despite being surrounded by so called advisers have not learned not to repeat the mistakes of the past.

It is true the public sector in many instances is slow to make change and learn but then it is only just over 2,000 years since this was said so maybe I am being a little bit too impatient.

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