

I'll sue Sir Fred over pension disgrace



EXCLUSIVE
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Businessman's fight for cash

A BUSINESSMAN plans to sue shamed Sir Fred Goodwin for his share of taxes used to save the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Recruitment firm boss George Thompson, 46, will launch a small claims action against Goodwin, who brought RBS to the brink of collapse.

He has asked accountants to work out how much he has paid as a taxpayer towards the bail-out and plans to donate any cash he gets to charity.

George, joint managing director of printing recruiters Harrison Scott Associates, acted after Fred the Shred refused to hand back any of his £693,000-a-year pension.

George, of Cambuslang, Glasgow, said: "Sir Fred seems to be untouchable - I want to challenge that.

"His unreasonable insistence on claiming a

ridiculous pension motivated me to go ahead with this. I'm getting my accountant to quantify the loss so I can build a case.

"He has cost the taxpayer millions of pounds - I pay taxes and his bad management has cost me money so I think there is a common sense legal argument.

"I wanted to do it through a small claims court because if I'm successful, it would open the door for others to do the same.

"I'd put any gains to charity - it's not about the money. It's about holding Fred accountable.

"I want to make him realise how angry we are."

Meanwhile last night pressure was growing for Sir Fred to be stripped of his knighthood.

Scottish Secretary Jim Murphy said: "He's certainly not behaving like a knight of the realm."

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