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OPINION



People's champion: George

Sir Fred case would be a good win

THE businessman who plans to sue Sir Fred Goodwin is a voice for each and every one of us.

George Thompson intends to pursue a small claims action against the banker who brought RBS to its knees.

He speaks for all taxpayers when he says Goodwin should repay customers' losses with his £16million pension pot.

It is inspiring to seeing him take a stand because so far politicians have failed us.

John Prescott said Fred the Shred should have his pension stopped and be challenged to sue. And Gordon Brown has said he will use legal action to claw back the huge pay-out.

But lawyers warn it will be impossible to stop a pension that the government agreed to. Even if it is a £693,000 pension for a failed banker who is only 50.

Sadly, Prescott and Brown's hand-wringing is too little too late.

The powerful Treasury Select Committee must examine Goodwin's pension deal and the pay-offs other failed bankers received.

They must highlight how these outrageous deals were approved and make recommendations to ensure it never happens again.

Crucially, we need to know if the Government's hands really were tied when they let Goodwin walk away with his rich reward for failure.

Or did they hope it was a quick way to end his reign and the taxpayer would never learn about his pay-off?

Nation united for Camerons

NO matter what your politics are, the nation's heart goes out to David Cameron.

The death of his son Ivan united the country in sympathy.

Seeing the serious illnesses suffered by other competitors, such as the brother of