



Model Motion: Holding Our Political Representatives to Account

This branch / committee welcomes the decision taken by members at Unite's 6th Policy Conference that

"Conference agrees that Unite must now adopt a policy calling on Labour Councils to set legal, balanced no cuts needs based budgets."

This branch / committee also notes that:

- Every Unite member in every sector draws on the services provided by their local authority.
- Every Unite member in every sector has been affected by the savage local authority cuts of the last decade.
- Every Unite member in every sector will be affected by the £1.3 billion proposed cuts if they are unchecked.

This branch / committee asserts that the bold decision taken by our members must be translated into firm action if it is to be meaningful.

This branch / committee therefore calls on Unite to:

- Write to every Constituency Labour Party (CLP) delegate asking them to commit to voting against cuts to local authority services, and voting for no-cuts, needs-based budgets instead.
- Write to every Labour councillor supported by Unite and:
 - if Labour is in a majority at their council, asking them to confirm that they will be setting a no-cuts, needs-based budget.



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- if Labour is a minority party at their council, asking them to confirm that they will vote against any budget which seeks to cut services.
- Write to every Labour MP and assembly member in the devolved regions and London supported by Unite asking them to commit to voting against cuts to local services.
- Any CLP delegates, councillor, MP or assembly member who is unwilling to make this commitment will have financial and all other support from Unite withdrawn, including their CLP delegation where this applies.
- Any CLP delegates, councillor, MP or assembly member who is disciplined by the Labour Party for refusing to support cuts to local authority services will receive the full backing of Unite in challenging the disciplinary action.