

EMERGENCY BRANCH MEETING

Thursday

1 July

12.30-1.30pm

Conf Room 3

Building 2

Agenda

Cuts

Privatisation

TUPE PLUS

Pensions

Don't miss it!

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Barnet UNISON **Voice**

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For crimes against the Public Sector

CUTS to Services

CUTS to Jobs

CUTS to Pay

CUTS to Pensions



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“We’re all in this together!”



Figure 1 George Osborne ‘We’re all in this together’

~~Wife~~ Life Swap!!

Barnet UNISON is collecting names of members wanting to sign up to the latest ‘**reality game show**’ called ‘**Life Swap**’ with the Chancellor and his millionaire chums in the Cabinet.

If you want a taste of the millionaire lifestyle why not contact the Prime Minister!

You choose!

Millionaire No1

Millionaire No2

Millionaire No3



UNISON General Secretary, Dave Prentis



accused the Government of declaring war on public services and public service workers with the most draconian budget in decades.

He said:

“This budget signals that the battle for Britain’s public services has begun with the Government declaring war. Public sector workers will be shocked and angry that they are the innocent victims of job cuts and pay freezes.”

“Freezing public sector pay when inflation is running at 5.1% and VAT is going up, will mean a real cut in living standards for millions of ordinary workers and their families - already struggling to pay rising bills.”

“Nurses, social workers, midwives, paramedics, police community support officers, housing and environmental officers who provide vital public services, are amongst those who will be hit hardest by the **two year pay freeze**. And for local government workers this comes on top of this year’s freeze.”

“A **25% cut** in departmental public spending will decimate our public services. The budget will do nothing to restore confidence or kick-start the recovery, but will push local economies into the ground, raising the spectre of breadline Britain.”

What of the **bankers** who caused the recession and the super-rich who evade tax? They must be breathing a sigh of relief that they got away so lightly. The bank tax levy is a poor substitute for a serious ‘Robin Hood’ tax on financial transactions. It is a missed opportunity to raise £30bn which would have made a significant dent in the country’s deficit.

“Throwing tens of thousands of public sector workers on the dole will cost the country billions in lost tax revenue as well as piling billions onto the benefits bill.”

“The Chancellor dreams of a private sector recovery but how can that be on the back of brutal cuts to public services workers. Local businesses, shops, hairdressers, restaurants will go to the wall as spending dries up. No amount of fiscal stimulus will do any good if they have no customers”

“Vital services that the poor, the sick and the vulnerable rely on, are in the firing line. There is no compassion in this coalition.”

“**Freezing council tax** is a useless gesture saving people pennies but cutting tens of millions from council budgets, threatening jobs, losing services and undermining the local economy.”

“Raising VAT affects the poor the most as they spend a higher proportion of their meagre incomes on goods and services.”

“Meanwhile major utility companies spend money sponsoring sporting events whilst attacking pay and conditions – that cannot be fair.”

Adding **500,000 public service workers to the dole between now and 2015** – which the CIPD says would be the likely effect of Osborne’s spending plans – will cost around **£10 billion in lost tax and increased benefit payments**. This would almost entirely cancel out the reduction in the pay bill, as well as dealing a massive blow to local economies and communities.