

Motion for AGM 2010

“Should we pay for the financial crisis?”

This AGM notes:

- The economic recession and rising unemployment particularly amongst young people.
- The bailout of the banks amounting to billions of pounds.
- The £millions of bonuses retained by bankers.
- The increasing privatisation of the public sector.
- The media onslaught against the public sector and the Terms & Conditions/Pension Schemes of people working in the public sector.
- All three main political parties are committing themselves to savage cuts in public services.

This AGM believes:

- The failure of the banks demonstrates again the failure of effective regulatory mechanisms.
- The ‘Positively Public’ policy of our union to keep public services public is demonstrated by our branch ‘**Future Shape**’ campaign.
- The lack of a coordinated alternative progressive response to the recession is a contributing factor in an increase of support for the BNP.

Therefore this AGM calls on the branch to:

- Step up our campaigning for **in-house** models of service delivery by continuing to work with Professor Dexter Whitfield in producing reports and communication to our members and ensure **in-house** options are included in **Options Appraisals** for all services going through Future Shape.
- To ensure **TUPE Plus** is agreed for any transfer of staff to a new employer.
- To support the **London Living Wage** campaign for our members working for the cleaning contractors.
- To continue to promote **joint trade union** working in response to any proposed changes for staff across the Council and develop and build stronger alliance with other Barnet public sector trade unions alongside **Barnet Trades Council**.
- To continue to train and support our Reps and represent our members working in **Barnet Homes, Barnet College, Connaught, Fremantle, Housing 21**.
- To continue to develop our work within our community by building upon our work with **Barnet Community Campaign** and **London Citizens**.
- To organise and recruit members working in Barnet schools and organise two school conferences for our members for the next academic year.
- **Collate evidence** from other branches in order to share their experiences and strategies.
- Join with others to Campaign **against** the **BNP** and promote anti-racist/ anti-fascist events and demonstrations.
- To continue to promote and deliver training opportunities to staff through the **Return2Learn Partnership**

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Future Shape – Defending in-house services

This AGM agrees this branch must campaign for in-house bids for the following council services:

- Adult Learning Difficulties provision
- Catering
- Children Services
- Customer Services
- Democratic Services
- Education services
- Facilities
- Financial services including Audit
- HR, Pensions, Pay Roll.
- Highways
- Housing Services
- IS services
- Legal Services
- Libraries
- Parking
- Regulatory Services,
- Revs and Bens
- Social Work
- Street Scene Services including Refuse
- OT and Sensory Impairment and Telecare Services
- Security collections