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Last week I attended a number of 1:1 meetings for our members in a children centre which is having to take a **63% cut in its staff budget**. Over the weekend news broke that there will be a special budget on **8 July** which provoked a [letter](#) from Councils about the impact.

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Not a headline our members would have expected to see but as we forecast in our Barnet Voice newspaper here <http://www.barnetunison.me.uk/sites/default/files/Barnet%20Voice.pdf> the Budget everyone working in local government feared is due out on **Wednesday 8 July**.

Not only Barnet UNISON are fearful, so are local councils across the UK and as Barnet Council are still a member of the Local Government Association one can only assume this letter was written on their behalf

"Tory council leaders across England and Wales have presented a united front with Labour and Lib Dem-run local authorities as they warn the chancellor, George Osborne, that another round of funding cuts would devastate local services and harm the most vulnerable in society."

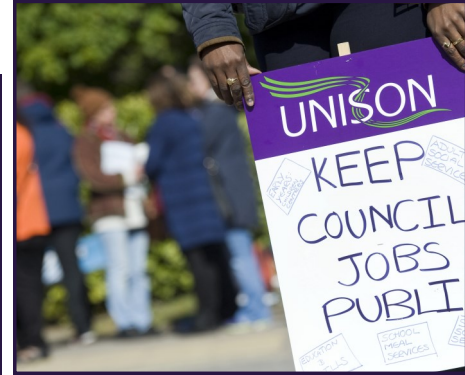
(<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/may/16/tory-councils-osborne-no-further-austerity>)

Impact of Austerity on people with disabilities

An open letter from disabled people about further welfare cuts

"A third of disabled adults already live in poverty. Disabled people and those needing social care have already been hit up to 19 times harder by cuts than others."

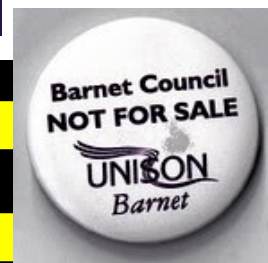
(<http://dpac.uk.net/2015/05/an-open-letter-from-disabled-people-about-further-welfare-cuts/>)



Meeting Dates—May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Dear Colleagues

Our **next** proposed strike action will be alongside our GMB colleagues* on **1 & 2 June**.

(*GMB are currently balloting their members over the same dispute).



Barnet UNISON is proud to announce
we are screening

The Emperor's New Clothes

at our wonderful local

Phoenix Cinema

Monday 1 June from 12.00

Admittance is FREE

A bucket collection at the end of the film.

There will be a Q & A

Details of speakers will be announced shortly.

Barnet UNISON members working for

Barnet Council will be on

48 hour strike on 1 & 2 June.

An invitation to all of our members on strike will be sent out by the branch.

For more details contact the branch at

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