

Local Government Service Group Executive – 6th February 2014

Notes – Paul Gilroy

Present – Paul Gilroy (NEC)

Carrie Pearson-Loughlin (Northern Region SGE Rep)

Apologies – Sue Forster (Northern Region SGE Rep)

Margaret Clayton (Northern Region SGE Rep)

Michael Cudlip (Youth & Communities Rep)

Edwin Jeffries (NJC Rep)

A message of support was sent to our colleagues in HE who were taking their 3rd day of strike action in support of their pay claim.

A message of support was sent to the RMT

Matters Arising – A question was asked about Local Governance finance training – Pete Challis (National Officer) responded by saying that this was available to any branch / Region who wished to access it.

Conference Business

Draft Motions Agreed

- Pay consultation procedures
- Fragmentation of local services – PG requested that changes to TUPE legislation were included within the wording
- Ethical Care
- The effect of cuts on women
- Contractual rights
- Integration of shared services – Branches working together
- Zero hours contracts in Local Government
- Cuts and future funding for Local Government
- Administration of medicine in schools

Fringe Meetings – From a list:

- Ethical Care
- Pay up for Travel Time
- Public Health Integration

Universal Credit Update

UNISON has once again requested information re the creation of a single fraud investigation team, does TUPE apply. The response received was that TUPE would not apply but COSOP would.

<http://www.civilservice.gov.uk/about/resources/employment-practice/codes-of-practice>

Councillors against the Cuts

In line with a conference motion, Local Government national officers met with representatives of. The organisation wanted a joint statement and joint campaigning to be agreed but the national officers felt that they (catc) and UNISON were “quite far apart”, particularly with regard to the question of an illegal budget. Further meetings may take place.

Manifesto for Local Elections

The national office have produced a “manifesto” to be used by Branches in the run up to the local council elections, a discussion took place on its merits and how it would/could be used. The consensus was that the document was useful, but branches would need to adapt it to suit local priorities.

NJC14 Pay

Heather Wakefield (National Secretary), gave feedback over the successful day of protest held on 4th February, and an overview of the current situation.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon was reserved for discussion in groups around a topic: ***Planning Around the Local Government Cuts Campaign***
