

YHN/CVS Branch Committee Update – November 2013.

YHN - Welfare Reform Review Update

The recruitment process has now begun. Still some concern over the future of some housing management admin roles though we do expect progress to be made on this very early in the New Year. Those who have requested VR have been contacted now confirming or rejecting their requests.

Property Services Review

A major staffing/restructure review is now underway within Property Services which includes Assets and Regeneration, Technical Services and Property Maintenance. As with the WRSR above a general VR trawl has begun and recruitment principles will also be the same as the WRSR.

Options Appraisal -no further information to date.

TWAM

Initial budget proposals from Gateshead have been circulated. They are currently looking at scenarios of 10 and 20% cuts to the Shipley Museum. The latter could have a disastrous affect as external arts funding can be reliant on contributions from Local Authorities. Consultation has just begun. There's been an ominous start with Newcastle and North and South Tyneside still to reveal their proposals.

Tyne Tunnel

UNISON have carried out an indicative ballot on proposals to change shift patterns as mentioned in last month's update - overwhelming number of UNISON members have indicated they are in favour of. This will now go to official ballot and if successful will operate from March 31st 2014.

CVS

Age UK – consultation has begun on further restructuring and potential redundancies.

The CVS in general continues to generate large amounts of case work with this year seeing an unprecedented number of disciplinary hearings at which our members' jobs were at risk.

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