

Branch Committee YHN/CVS/TWAM Update – 7th March 2016.

YHN

Recruitment to Managing Director post should be announced this month.

Over 30 staff have been informed that their VR applications have been successful – with around the same number unsuccessful. Staff have been informed that it's likely their applications will be looked at again in the autumn once the new MD has been appointed and further reviews of structures have taken place.

Staff who are potentially in scope to transfer to Byker Community Trust have met with Neil Scott and Jill Haley (Chief Exec of BCT). Staff are awaiting new JDs and negotiations are taking place as to whether TUPE will apply or not.

Furniture Service and Admin sections reviews ongoing.

CVS

Action for Children - 700 union members at Action for Children (almost half who are UNISON members) have voted for strike action. There was a 25 per cent turn out to vote in the ballot. A total of 74 per cent voted for strike action, while 85 per cent were in favour of some form of industrial action.

Tyne Tunnel

Currently in pay negotiations – asking TT2 to match Local Government offer of 1% in real terms – so requesting 2.5% to take into account new national Insurance contributions.

TWAM

TWAM will have to make savings in the region of £300,000 over the next financial year. However they do not envisage any compulsory redundancies – 3 staff have been allowed to leave on VR, income generation targets have been increased and some of the shortfall will be made up of accessing some reserves.

Newcastle College

FE members in colleges across England will be taking action on Wednesday 24 February. UCU, who are also in dispute, will be taking action on the same day. This is the first time since 2002 that UNISON and UCU members in FE will be taking action on pay on the same day. Staff are angry that the employers' representatives, the Association of Colleges, recommended a pay freeze, despite staff suffering a

real-terms pay cut of 17.1% in the last five years. UCU members walked out in November as part of the dispute and will now be joined on picket lines by UNISON members later this month.