

Motion – November 2014

Newcastle City Branch notes:

1. Proposed cuts to Family Services (including Sure Start) were approximately £4.6 million in 2014/15.
2. Considerable lobbying by Unison, workers, parents and other partners has taken place through the summer and autumn and the Branch's has run the "I ♥ Sure Start" campaign.
3. Cabinet voted on a package to implement £4.22 million cuts, finding an additional £385,000 to support Targeted Services (which were identified for the greatest cuts).

Newcastle City Branch Believes:

1. UNISON's "I ♥ Sure Start" campaign and lobbying has forced council to find 'some' additional funds.
2. This is not enough and hundreds of families will still lose valuable services which is not acceptable.
3. Over a hundred members in Family Services, Sure Start, Children's Services etc. will still face the prospect of redundancy in the run up to Christmas (alongside other council workers across the council).

Newcastle City Branch agrees:

1. Keep up the campaign against cuts to Sure Start and Family Services
2. Engage with all staff that are at risk across the whole Family Services Review
3. Call a "Where Now?" for the campaign meeting to bring together, workers, parents and other local partners and campaigners
4. Consider how to keep the pressure on local politicians and how to raise this is run up to February budget

Proposed – Ed Whitby

Seconded – Lynda Hardie