

**COUNCIL MEETING – 25 NOVEMBER 2015  
NOTICE OF MOTION**

**COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NOS. 51-58**

| MOTION NO. | PROPOSER           | SECONDER   | MOTION  |
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| 116        | Councillor Rostron | Councillor | <p>As a major employer in the local area, this Council welcomes the positive benefits that arise from the relationship that we have with recognised trade unions and believes that the relationship between employers and their employees through their collective representatives would be damaged by reducing facility time for elected representatives and by removing the ability of union members to pay union dues direct from wages.</p> <p>This Council believes that the Trade Union Bill, far from assisting employer-employee relations or improving workplace democracy, is an ideologically driven attack on the fundamental rights and freedoms of workers to organise or take strike action. It is also deliberately designed to dramatically reduce funding to the main Party in opposition to the Government, and as such is a threat to our democracy.</p> <p>This Council therefore calls on the Government to scrap the Trade Union Bill and all associated regulation/secondary legislation and resolves to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills stating the Councils opposition to this Bill and associated secondary legislation.</li> <li>• Write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and James Wharton, Northern Powerhouse Minister stating our opposition to the interference of Central Government in local industrial relations as this is against the spirit of Localism.</li> </ul> |

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|  |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write to the LGA stating our opposition to the Bill and associated secondary legislation.</li><li>• Continue to deduct Trade Union subscriptions from union members salaries where consent has been provided.</li><li>• To continue to work in Partnership with recognised Trade Union reps by agreeing to reasonable requests for facility time for them to represent their members</li><li>• Not to hire agency workers to replace employees taking industrial action.</li><li>• Continue to promote the positive role that Trade Unions bring to Society</li></ul> |
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