

Conservative Motion To Council 12th **September 2012**

To be moved by Cllr R Caserta and seconded by Cllr I Gartside

This council understands and recognises the valuable role played by trade unions in ensuring effective industrial relations and reaffirms the principle of providing adequate provision for union duties in accordance with trade unions and labour relations (consolidation act 1992).

This council notes that the 3 full time equivalent staff that work on trade union activities at the council tax payer's expense in 2011/12.

However, this council believes that given the current state of this councils finances and the ability of trade unions to raise their own funds through members fees, subscriptions and other commercial enterprises, that it is wrong for the tax-payer of this borough to be funding public servants who spend little or non of their time providing them with a service.

In preparation for the 2013/14 budget setting process this council resolves that ;

- A) Before agreeing any further cuts to frontline services all trade union subsidies which Bury Council are not legally obliged to provide should be removed or recharged to the union.
- B) In line with this Council's current commitment to publish staff salaries on-line, all hours and salaries allocated in the current financial year towards trade union activities be immediately published on the Council's Web-Site.

In the Names of :- Cllr I.Bevan, K.Hussain, D Gunther, Y.Wright, B.Vincent, I Gartside, M Wiseman, R Walker, M Hankey, R Caserta, J Walton, S Nuttall, and J Daly.