

Midlothian Council

Labour Group



Midlothian Council 22 September 2015

Notice of Motion

Council notes the Conservative Government has recently presented a Trade Union Bill that will restrict the ability of this council to engage in good industrial relations practices with our workforce and their representatives.

Council believes the collection of union dues through the check-off arrangement, from which the council receives income, is part of our collective and contractual arrangements with the trades unions and one which we will defend and support.

Council commits not to use agency staff to break or weaken industrial action and to continue to support arrangements that afford trade union representatives sufficient resources to enable them to carry out their functions to ensure the continuation of good industrial relations.

The Leader of the Council commits to writing to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills stating Council's opposition to this Bill and our resolve not to co-operate with any attacks on facility time or check off, and to write to the First Minister calling on the Scottish Government to stand with other local authorities in opposing the proposals in this Bill.

Moved



COUNCILLOR BRYAN POTTINGER

Seconded



COUNCILLOR MARGOT RUSSELL