

# FIGHT THE CUTS!

Nottingham City Council has issued a section 114 notice, effectively declaring bankruptcy, with a projected £23 million hole in the budget this year and a shortfall of £50.9 million next.

The main cause of the council's crisis is massive central government underfunding since 2010, amounting to £100 million every year since 2013. Rather than fight the Government for more money the council attempted to cover the shortfalls by a failed commercialisation strategy that cost millions.

The impact of this underfunding has been:

- ❖ Cuts to services for those in most need, such as people with disabilities, those experiencing mental health issues, the homeless and huge impact of ending the play service and massive cuts in youth service.
- ❖ The closure of the John Carroll Leisure Centre in one of the city's most disadvantaged communities.
- ❖ Reduced hours in libraries.
- ❖ Many hundreds of council jobs lost since 2010, further damaging services.

In response to this huge reduction in central government funds, Nottingham City Council has repeatedly chosen to implement the cuts rather than join a community campaign of resistance by workers and citizens.

The section 114 letter from council leader, David Mellen, says that given *"the scale of the challenge it is inevitable that there will need to be reductions in service provision or withdrawal in some areas, subject to decisions made by councillors, which may impact on our partners and our citizens. We will need to work together as one city to manage this as well as possible."*

We believe the best way *"to work together as one city"* is to unite in a campaign to fight, not implement, the cuts. Up to 1 in 5 councils face the same financial nightmare as Nottingham. These councils should unite with citizens and council workers in a joint campaign to force more funding from Government.

# Lobby the City Council

- No more cuts**
- Defend jobs and services**
- Demand more Government money**

**5pm, Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**in front of the Council House**

**SAVE OUR SERVICES!**

