



PRESS RELEASE

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL CUTS

Nottingham City Council is proposing to commence a consultation process to implement a further round of savage cuts to jobs and services in 2024/25 amounting to £35.5M, with more cuts to come to meet the budget gap of £53.7M. This is in addition to the £23M overspend in this year's budget leading to the issuing of a Section 114 Notice.

These proposals, such as the proposed closure of day centres for the elderly & disabled, libraries and adult residential care homes, together with cutting what little remains of a previously decimated Youth and Play service within the city, will severely impact some of the most disadvantaged communities and citizens in Nottingham.

UNISON believes that the approach taken by the City Council is short-sighted and will ultimately lead to longer-term problems and financial pressures when demand on statutory services are likely to increase given the ongoing social and financial impact caused by rising inflation and the Cost of Living crisis.

A faceless, undemocratic Improvement and Assurance Board and the recently proposed appointment of Commissioners, both instigated by Central Government, are being used as a proxy to impose Tory ideology, deliberately dismantling all but the provision of statutory services in our city.

UNISON unreservedly condemn these proposals and calls upon the Labour-led Nottingham City Council to use all means possible in order to prevent further cuts and defend these vital services. UNISON calls upon councillors to vote against these and other cuts and also mount a joined-up campaign with other struggling councils to demand fairer funding to local authorities from Central Government.

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