

# Executive Council

## Report

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***18th-20th July***



**NOTES OF THE UNITE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN LONDON FROM 18<sup>th</sup>  
JULY 2011 TO 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011.**

The General Secretary opened the debate around the AR 21 audit and the revelation around previously General Secretaries Severance payment of £361,000, to put it politely, there was a lively debate. Please see Unite Now's view and the EC statement on a previous posting on [www.unitenow.co.uk](http://www.unitenow.co.uk)

- The debate of the 35 hour fund is still ongoing, the Unite legal team are doing their utmost but it would appear that this is going to be a long drawn out affair.
- Update on the strategy for Growth was given including a DVD that should be shown at all constitutional meetings in the coming weeks.
- The equal pay issue with Coventry City Council is causing some concern, if this particular case is lost, then it could cost Unite £2.7M.
- The support and the solidarity shown in the Southampton dispute has been & continues to be outstanding.
- The Bombardier situation is a cause for concern and also a clear indication of a lack of an Industrial Strategy of this and the previous Government.
- All constitutional committee elections to be delayed until some time next year, to allow for complete re-organisation of Branch Structures and Finances, all to be discussed at the next EC.
- The first quarter of 2011 finances has seen a surplus of £3.4M, still lots more to do though!
- The LGBT, Disabled & Retired member EC seats will be resolved in line with the two outstanding cases that are with the Certification officer.
- New Membership cards to be sent out to all members during August & September.
- Harmonisation of benefits to be discussed at next EC.
- CPI / RPI Judicial review is ongoing.
- Rule book being amended following the rules conference, update to be given at the next EC.
- Government apparently shocked by the amount of challenges to the "Red Tape Challenge".



- Strong Delegation attended the Disable conference.
- Emergency motion sent to the TUC, reference the “Gay Conversion Therapy”.
- Concerns in manufacturing with it being basically flat and zero growth.
- The need for the Government to recognise the importance of an Industrial Strategy is paramount.
- Average pay increases of 2.5 to 2.7 %.
- One of several Ballots for Industrial action is Rolls Royce Staff.
- A good achievement at Honda, to pull the recognition situation around.
- Considerable amount of Job Losses and closures across the Print Sector.
- Still lots of pressure being out on the Labour party.
- The campaign for the London Lord Mayor has already begun.
- Ian Mcnichol (GMB) has been election as the General Secretary of the Labour Party.
- There is a need to increase the understanding of the “International Agenda”.
- Workers Uniting will once again begin to play a big part in the International Agenda.
- A Workers Uniting Conference is planned to be held in the UK with the USW later this year.
- The Durham Political School was a massive success and could yet be rolled out Regionally.

