

MANUFACTURING

RE-BALANCING THE UK ECONOMY – DEFEND MANUFACTURING

This Conference believes that it is imperative that the UK economy is re-balanced in order that there can be no over reliance on just financial services, ever again.

Conference believes that the decline of UK manufacturing has to be reversed through a policy to promote manufacturing in the UK as the current coalition government plainly has no coherent manufacturing policy at all.

Conference therefore welcomes Unite's strategy for manufacturing "20-20 Vision" and supports the need for a national investment bank to help manufacturing companies invest in new equipment and innovation; a skills strategy to attract young people and apprentices into real jobs with real skills and as an investment in the future. Investment in the development of "green technology," and support from the banks for small and medium sized companies.

Conference also notes the support given to German manufacturing companies during the economic crisis which defended their strategically important manufacturing companies, compared to the UK where companies continued to decline.

Therefore this Conference calls upon the Unite EC to support a policy of active engagement and intervention and to campaign for the next Labour Government to actively introduce policies including the appointment of a Minister for manufacturing to defend and support manufacturing in the UK as outlined in Unite's manufacturing strategy.

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BAe SYSTEMS

Conference is deeply concerned with the current direction of defence spending in the UK as a result of the on-going 'Defence Spending Review' and continuing cuts. Conference particularly notes the plight of employees at BAe Systems, amongst others, who have suffered the loss of over 5,000 highly skilled manufacturing jobs since the Tory-led coalition came to power, with many more jobs being lost in the supply chain as a result.

Unite believe this situation is not acceptable and is not conducive to development of a balanced economy in which manufacturing plays a significant and important role in the future prosperity of the UK.

Conference therefore calls upon the EC to:

- Work with the Political Department and the relevant National Officers to look at the defence spending review, to oppose the cuts that have a detrimental impact on employment, and to propose alternatives
- Develop an alternative policy which is totally opposed to buying 'off the shelf' defence components, and form a strategy to take the policy forward within government

- Work with the TUC and other Unions in order to lobby government for increased financial support across the defence industry and the wider manufacturing sector
- Report actions and progress to the Aerospace and Shipbuilding Regional Industrial Sector Committees.

North West A&S RISC

BOMBARDIER

Conference is deeply concerned with the Governments current procurement policies, and in particular its' approach to the tendering process to award contracts to supply Trains for Thameslink and Crossrail.

Conference particularly notes the recent situation of the workers at Bombardier factory in Derby which has recently lost 1400 highly skilled manufacturing jobs. The future of the Train making industry in this country is at risk with many more jobs at risk in the supply chain if the terms of reference (ToR) are not changed for the Crossrail bidding process.

Conference believes that financing and cost should not be the overriding factor on the awarding of a contract and that it is imperative that socio-economic impact is included in the ToR for the bidding process for Crossrail and any future contracts. This is highlighted by a simple example;

- Lost income tax payments from approximately 1000 workers would offset the Thameslink contract by up to £20 million in 2012, and therefore by up to or over £100 million for the term of the contract. Unless Siemens or any other supplier could give a very large discount on the price of hardware Bombardier should be awarded the contract. (This information is freely available).

Conference therefore calls upon the Union's Executive Council to:

- Continue to campaign and put further pressure on the Government to change its decision on the Thameslink contract;
- Use its power and influence to lobby the Government and the Labour Party to ensure that the ToR for Crossrail and any future tendering competitions include the socio-economic impact to the UK to protect the UK train building industry;
- To develop a policy that highlights the socio-economic impact to the UK of any similar bidding competitions and thus supports the UK manufacturing industry.

Derby Central Branch 18014

INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING REGENERATION

This branch and membership call on unite to press with all available means for the economic regeneration of industrial regions the promotion of manufacturing.

This must be a sustainable programme which entails a diverse form of manufacturing of the light and heavy disciplines. This is to be discharged as the crates of wealth for essential public services, also this will greatly assist employment.

INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING

Conference is deeply concerned at the continuing decline of the UK Manufacturing base and the many tens of thousands of skilled jobs lost each year. Conference recognises that a successful modern industrial economy must have a prosperous and productive manufacturing sector based on high skills, high productivity and high pay. Conference is concerned at the lack of international competitiveness in many parts of the UK manufacturing leading to thousands of members working under a cloud of continuing uncertainty and worry. It is clear that much of the problems arise from decades of under investments in both productive capacity and people compared with our main industrial competitors. This conference believes that the only way to successfully tackle the competitive gap must be by addressing the underlining short fall in investment, training and innovation. It is clear that British workers do not have the same rights to information, consultation and job protection as other workers throughout the rest of the EU, making it easier quicker and cheaper for companies to close British factories and make their workers redundant.

Stroud Textiles – SW/437 Branch

GIVE MANUFACTURING PARITY WITH OUR FINANCIAL SECTOR

To give UK manufacturing parity with our financial sector in terms of investment and government backed initiatives in order to reinvigorate the UK's former manufacturing strengths and to halt the current growth in unemployment by promoting government industrial training.

This branch expresses its concern at the current malaise of the UK manufacturing base. It calls on the Union, from the General Secretary downwards to push the Coalition Government to work for an effective and dynamic manufacturing base across the United Kingdom with emphasis on the former manufacturing centres of the West Midlands.

This branch calls for the Union to push central government to sponsor from regional government initiatives with tax credits for research and development giving industry the opportunity to invest in good ideas and to catch up with the rest of Europe which has been sponsored by the Euro governments to flourish in the face of the failing UK industrial base.

We call upon our Union to pressurise the Government to invest in procurement in British manufacturing ; to create a market for its products and associate services and to attract investors and innovators in a close partnership with long term aims to increase manufacturing exports with subsequent increases in employment and training potential.

To increase the growth of our leading lights in our manufacturing system, (For example: TATA Industries).

By generating the above we believe Unite the Union would push the Government towards a major boost of wealth creation for all our citizens throughout the UK and form a major move towards regenerating UK industry and pulling the UK firmly out of the threatened double-dip recession.

To push for a government sponsored financial investment structure for our manufacturing and product system that would provide the necessary loan backing for small, medium and larger home-based industries to enable them to once again become the wealth creators for a rejuvenated UK

which would, in turn, sponsor a nation-wide growth in jobs and the potential for further wealth creation.

Birmingham Central Branch