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**NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL PREPARED TO PASS ON CON-DEM CUTS**

Nottingham City UNISON was appalled to hear today from the City Council, the scale of cuts they are planning as a result of their government grant settlement. If the Labour controlled council implements these cuts, they will tear into the heart of services for many of Nottingham's most vulnerable citizens.

Front-line posts in the Youth Service, Adoption and Fostering Social Work Services, Play Service, Education Welfare Service, massive cuts in the Meals at Home budget, library closures and cuts in the school uniform allowance for low income families, are all proposed. These cuts are on top of a massive cut in council funding to the voluntary sector for projects that support homeless people, drug and alcohol misusers and women fleeing domestic violence. It is estimated that job losses in the voluntary sector could reach 1,000.

The City Council estimate of 370 Council jobs to go is thought to be a significant underestimate. In addition the Council proposes huge pay cuts for staff which include cuts in sick pay and staff car parking charges of up to £20 per week.

Nottingham City UNISON calls on the City Council to reject a cuts strategy and to launch an immediate campaign of public meetings, rallies and protests mobilising Nottingham's citizens and Council workers to demand proper funding for Nottingham's services from Central Government.

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