

Resolution Date: 13th June 2017
Resolution Title: Fighting Austerity After the Election

This branch welcomes the huge increase in the Labour vote in the general election. Labour's radical manifesto shows that radical policies, in line with Unite conference policy, can be extremely attractive when they reach a mass audience.

This should give us confidence in campaigning in defence of social housing for an end to austerity. Unite must step up its campaigns. The weakened minority government must be pushed in to retreat.

Several Tory spokespeople have noted that the public sector pay cap was a key reason why their campaign was a failure. We must press for coordinated action to defeat the pay cap.

We should press for campaigns and a mass demonstration calling for demands including:

- An end to the Tories' proposed £22 billion in NHS Cuts;
- Restore the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
- Scrap the disastrous Housing Act - campaign for rent control now and a mass programme of council house building;
- The abolition of tuition fees;
- Decent funding for social care that is not based on a "Dementia Tax";
- The repealing of all anti-union laws;
- An end to arms sales to Saudi Arabia;
- Reinststate legal aid;
- Restore the welfare benefits that have been cut;
- 10,000 more police on the streets.

Such a demonstration should be called by the TUC, but if it is unwilling Unite should initiate the demonstration along with supportive campaigns and unions.

Unite must call upon Labour councils and other public bodies within which Labour figures are represented – such as school governor boards or NHS boards - to suspend the implementation of any further cuts, while we work together to fight for a government that will bring an end to austerity.

Unite conference policy of supporting democratic mandatory reselection is important in ensuring that the Labour Party solidly backs Jeremy Corbyn's policies in advance of any future election and all Unite representatives on Labour Party should be mandated to press this for implementation of this policy.
