



PRESS RELEASE

UNION ATTACKS COUNCIL OVER REDUNDANCIES

The Northern Region's biggest general trade union today responded to a Council announcement of redundancies.

Cumbria County Council have notified trade unions that they are proposing to make up to 611 redundancies out of a workforce of 9,310. The GMB Union said that cuts of this nature would severely affect workers at a very difficult time when they are facing an uncertain Christmas period with their families.

Ged Caig GMB Regional Organiser for Cumbria County Council said:

"There is certainly no festive cheer for Council workers or their families in this announcement"

The GMB said that according to the Council these are announcements as a direct result of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) taken recently by the Coalition Government.

Mr Caig said:

"Neither the Coalition Government nationally or the Coalition Administration at Cumbria County Council should take any comfort from these announcements. Let me make the GMB Union's position crystal clear. Any politician from any political party who sanctions these cuts will be seen by hard working trade unionists and their families as being against them. We know that the Tories and Lib Dems in Government are making these cuts with more vigour and ease than even Margaret Thatcher did. However I would expect local politicians to show they are more in touch with local people. Local politicians will not be forgiven for implementing these draconian cuts".

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