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Civic Centre

5.00pm on Wednesday 20 October

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Public spending cuts are not the way to tackle the deficit

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Since the election the Con Dem government has already cut public spending by £6.2 billion:

- £50 million has been extracted from the North East
- Nine of the region's local authorities were in the higher bracket for cuts – with just one in London.
- The rebuilding of 46 NE schools was halted
- Subsidised meals programmes predominantly for pensioners and the disabled have been stopped in some area
- And there are also plans to privatise Royal Mail

This is only the tip of the iceberg as the Comprehensive Spending review will deliver the bulk of the massive £80 billion devastating public spending cuts which will affect the North East disproportionately.

- If the cuts go ahead on this scale it will be the biggest reduction in spending since the Second World War.
- Unemployment in the North East currently stands at 9.1% the highest in the country and with 1 in 3 jobs in our region in the public sector this figure is set to

sky-rocket as the impending cuts are translated into job losses.

- Many private sector jobs also depend on public spending
- Public sector workers spend 70p of every £1 in the local economy. The effects will be catastrophic.

The government are presenting the deficit as a legacy of the previous government (as opposed to a global financial crisis) and offering savage and swift public spending cuts as the only way we can reduce the deficit. Neither is true. There is an alternative:

- A fairer tax system would bring in £125 billion in unpaid taxes
- Make the banks pay for the financial crisis they caused: a Financial Transactions (Robin Hood) tax would raise a further £20 billion from the banking sector
- Job creation would mean more people in work to pay their taxes and spend money in the economy.

Add your voice to the campaign and speak up for public services to help ensure that the people who paid for the bail-out don't have to pay for it AGAIN with their jobs and services.

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