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The North East's biggest general union has reacted very positively to the decisions of two councils in the region to approve motions condemning blacklisting and to look at ways in which contractors for services can be brought to account.

South Tyneside Council approved an anti-blacklisting motion last week and Redcar and Cleveland Council did so earlier this year.

Chris Jukes GMB Senior Organiser said: "Both Councils deserve credit and praise for their actions. Blacklisting is a scourge and has blighted the lives of thousands just because they stood up for better health and safety, a better environment or better terms and conditions. Any company who gets money off the public purse for services but blacklists should be prevented from obtaining any further work and contracts where possible should be terminated. There should be a level playing field and those companies who want to play by different rules, very often with Whitehall turning a blind eye, should not be allowed to sponge off the taxpayer any further.

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