

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Members are asked to consider the undermentioned Motion:-

(i) Notice of Motion – Extension of High Speed Rail to the North East

This Council expresses its support for the extension of high-speed rail to the north-east and seeks a commitment from Her Majesty's Government to this effect.

Councillor P. Wood
Councillor R. Oliver
Councillor A. Wright
Councillor A. Morrissey
Councillor L. Martin
Councillor R.S. Vardy
Councillor P. Maddison
Councillor M. Forbes
Councillor R. Francis

(ii) Notice of Motion –Government Performance

This Council notes the appalling record of the Conservative led Coalition Government since its formation following the General election of 2010 and furthermore deplores the extensive list of broken promises. From reneging on their cast iron guarantee of a Referendum on Europe to breaking their pledge to Students not to increase university fees, this Conservative led Coalition has proven itself unworthy of the Nations trust and should apologise to those they have misled.

Councillor P. Watson
Councillor J. Kelly
Councillor H. Trueman
Councillor M. Speding
Councillor T. Wright

(iii) Notice of Motion – Proposed Closure of Gill Bridge House and Shackleton House

Sunderland City Council views with concern the proposal by "Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs" to close Gill Bridge House and Shackleton House which are situated in Sunderland city centre.

Recognising that the staff who work in these offices are universally opposed to this proposal and claim to contribute £500,000 per annum to the city centre economy, we believe that this will result in:

- i) An adverse economic impact on the City centre.
- ii) A poorer service for customers who use the facilities in these offices.

Therefore this Council resolves to:

- a) Support the campaign to oppose this proposal.
- b) Instruct the Chief Executive to write to David Guake MP, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, expressing our objections.

Councillor P. Watson
Councillor H. Trueman
Councillor M. Speding
Councillor J. Kelly
Councillor T. Wright
Councillor D. Allan
Councillor R.D. Tate