

**SEFTON LABOUR GROUP**  
**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
**TO BE PUT TO THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 19 JANUARY 2023**

Moved by: Councillor Sean Halsall

Seconded by: Councillor

**Sefton's Workers**

This Council believes,

That workers have been for too long holding up the economy with restrained wages. Workers now should not foot the bill for this governments ineptitude in dealing with Covid and economic problems caused by their own actions/inactions.

Workers being forced to take strike action is always the last thing they want; this shows just how much they have been forced into a corner with the current wave of industrial action across many sectors.

This Council Notes,

Workers both public and private sector not only deserve but need a pay rise, guarantees to terms and conditions long hard fought and won, and to have the ability to negotiate directly with their employers in good faith. This government have decided rather than to settle these disputes, that they'd rather wage a relentless war on this country's various trade unions. This year we have seen bus drivers, railway workers, manufacturing workers all the way through to our ambulance staff and for the first time in 106 years our nurses have felt the need to go on strike. With our firefighters looking like they will be joining the growing number of frustrated workers nationally.

This Council resolves to

- Put on record its support to all workers in their collective struggles.
- Put on record its thanks for the work they do to keep our economy and public services moving and often operating under extreme pressure.
- Write to the relevant Secretaries of State with regard to health workers and transport workers urging them to negotiate fairly with trade unions and end these disputes amicably.
- Recognise the rich history of the trade union movement here in Sefton.