

20 December 2010

OPEN LETTER TO MARTIN REEVES

EXECUTIVE PAY IN COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

ARE WE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER?

At the December Unison Branch Committee, your stewards and Officers discussed the recent BBC interview with Chief Executive, Martin Reeves, and the implications of the proposed cuts for our members. The meeting agreed that we should prepare the Open Letter below to Mr. Reeves, following his comments on the issue of Chief Executive Remuneration. We look forward to a response on this and will share this response with you all.

Mr M. Reeves
Chief Executive
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16.12.10

Open letter to Martin Reeves

Dear Martin,

UNISON members listened with interest to your interview on Radio 4's today programme, broadcast on the 13th December. They have asked that we write to you with regard to its content. We note you neglected to give a direct answer to the question "Are you including Executive pay in your squeeze?" and ask again "Are you willing to take a pay cut to address the budget deficit?".

Whilst local politicians may have determined your salary eighteen months ago, surely you must agree that, given the financial crisis the council faces, they should now review their decision as part of the "tough political choices and budget decisions" they must make.

We call on you to actively seek a review of the salary attached to your role as Chief Executive and suggest that should a reduction be agreed you will be better able to talk with staff at the Council about the cuts we all face.

Yours Sincerely

***Unison Branch Secretary,
on behalf of Coventry District Branch***