

Coventry District Branch would like to draw your attention to the motion (below) passed by Branch Committee on Wednesday 14th December 2011.

Coventry Unison

- congratulates the magnificent turnout of TUC affiliated unions on 30th November 2011, and the strong united message it sent to the Coalition Government of widespread opposition to their austerity programme;
- notes, with anger, that the Government's Autumn Statement, on the eve of the strike, proposed billions of pounds a year in further public spending cuts which will increase public sector job losses to over 700,000, extend the pay freeze for two more years, increase cuts to frontline benefits such as working tax credit and extend the retirement age;
- further notes the Coalition Government's apparent intention to extend Britain's already draconian employment laws, attempting to make balloting for strike action more and more difficult, and now attempts by ministers to split unions by seeking to make separate deals on the pension cuts;
- and therefore **urges Unison to call on the TUC to urgently discuss and announce a further and extended programme of national co-ordinated industrial action in January and beyond**, to maintain unity of all unions, to allow other TUC affiliates that are currently in dispute to join the action, and to liaise with major private sector disputes, such as Unilever and the construction workers and others, so that an even wider public/private unity can be built."

In light of the reports carried in the media today we urge UNISON leadership to update Branches and members as to the "heads of agreement" reached today as a matter of urgency. Members need to be informed of what concessions have been won through the day of action.