

GMB CONGRESS 2016

Decisions Made by Congress on Motions, Rule Amendments, Reports and Statements

REPORTS TO CONGRESS	
General Secretary's Report (including Progress Reports from the National Women's Taskforce and the Branch Review Working Party)	Carried
Annual Accounts and Auditor's Report	Carried

CEC SPECIAL REPORTS	
GMB in the Care Sector- Campaigning to Prevent the Collapse of Social Care	Carried
GMB Training and Education	Carried

CEC STATEMENTS TO CONGRESS	
CEC Statement on the Trade Union Act	Carried
CEC Statement on the EU Referendum	Carried

CEC RULE AMENDMENTS		
CECRA1	Our Purpose	Carried
CECRA2	Rule 29.5 Audits	Carried
CECRA3	Rule 60.2a Election Disputes	Carried
CECRA4	Rule 45 Contributions	Carried
CECRA5	Rule 45 Contributions	Carried

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (SOC) REPORTS	
Standing Orders Committee Reports 1, 2,3,4,5,6	Carried

BUCKET COLLECTIONS (Agreed by Congress in SOC Report No 2)	
Belfast Children's Hospice	North West & Irish Region
Rainbow International Fund	Southern Region
PACT (Parents Association for Children with Tumours and Leukaemia)	Yorkshire & N Derbyshire Region

CONGRESS LOCAL GIFT and others	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stoke Newington Drop in Centre for the Homeless University College Hospital Pathway Homeless Team 	London Region
Hillsborough Family Support Group	Proposed by Birmingham Region and Agreed by Congress
Congress Gift to the Alzheimer's Society	President

EMERGENCY MOTION			
EM1	Trade Union Act	LO	Carried

DECISIONS MADE BY CONGRESS ON MOTIONS			
Motion		Region	Final Congress Decision
UNION ORGANISATION: General			
Comp 1	GMB Structural Review to Maintain a Strong Union (Motions 4,5,6)	YO,SW,SO	Carried
Comp 2	Review of CEC and General Secretary Elections (Motions 10,11,12,13,14,15)	NW,YO,LO SO	Referred
18	Central National I.T. Support	LO	Carried with Qualification
20	International Office Support	LO	Carried with Qualification
25	Organisation/Communication	NW	Withdrawn (SOC Report 2)
27	Fully Accessible Communications	SW	Carried with Qualification
30	Fair Trade and Ecological purchasing within the GMB	SO	Carried with Qualification
31	GMB's carbon foot print	YO	Referred
32	Support for the Friends of the Durham Miners' Gala	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
UNION ORGANISATION: Recruitment & Organisation			
33	Recruitment and Retention of Members	YO	Carried with Qualification
36	Recruiting Street Traders	LO	Referred
UNION ORGANISATION: Representation & Accountability			
Comp 3	Representation Of Equality Strands on the CEC (Motions 38,39,312)	LO, SW, NEC	Carried with Qualification
40	TUPS Members Engagement with other Regions	LO	Referred
43	Environment	LO	Referred
45	Miscellaneous Members	SO	Referred
46	Regional Health & Safety Officers	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)

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UNION ORGANISATION: Finances & Contributions			
47	Labour Party	SO	Referred
48	TUC Affiliation	SO	Carried
49	Support For Unemployed	NW	Referred
50	Respect Women In Sport	MI	Carried with Qualification
UNION ORGANISATION: Education & Training			
61	Lifelong Learning Opportunities for GMB Members	NW	Carried with Qualification
Comp 4	Trade Union Education for GMB Members (Motions 62,63,64)	LO,SO,MI	Referred
65	Branch Secretary Training	SO	Referred
66	Positive Action	SO	Carried with Qualification
Comp 5	Apprenticeship System and the Apprenticeship Levy (Motions 67,68)	SC, SO	Carried
Comp 6	Mental Health Training Central To GMB@WORK (Motions 69,71,72)	NW, BI	Referred
UNION ORGANISATION: Equality & Inclusion			
75	Equality Mapping	LO	Carried with Qualification
77	Equality Audits and Social Mobility	SO	Carried with Qualification
78	National Women's Conference	BI	Existing Policy (SOC1)
80	Muslim Women and the English Language	LO	Carried
82	Domestic Violence, Women and Austerity	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)
83	Domestic Violence	LO	Carried
86	Sexual Assault Referral	LO	Carried
Comp 7	Female Genital Mutilation (Motions 87,88)	NO,LO	Carried
90	Support Rainbow International	SO	Carried with Qualification
91	Transgender Day of Remembrance	SO	Carried
92	Equality	MI	Carried with Qualification
93	Hidden Discrimination	BI	Referred
94	Adult Training in the Workplace	NO	Carried with Qualification

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UNION ORGANISATION: Equality & Inclusion (contd)			
95	Disability Equality	SW	Carried
96	GMB Campaign and Strategy for Supported Employment For All	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)
Comp 8	Government Cuts and Disabled People (Motions 98,99)	LO,SO	Carried with Qualification
101	Grunwick 40	LO	Carried with Qualification
EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Health, Safety & Environment			
102	Health & Safety Legislation and the European Union	NW	Carried with Qualification
103	Tackling The Problem of Carcinogenic Substances used within the Workplace	YO	Carried
104	Substance Abuse	NO	Carried with Qualification
106	Industrial Injury is not a Sickness	SO	Carried with Qualification
107	Backs for the Future	YO	Carried with Qualification
108	First Aid Refresher	BI	Carried with Qualification
EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Pensions & Retirement			
110	Attack On Pensions	NW	Carried with Qualification
111	Retirement Living Pension	BI	Carried with Qualification
Comp 9	State Pension for Women (Motions 112,113)	LO,BI	Carried with Qualification
114	Retired Members Association Charter	BI	Carried with Qualification
EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Rights at Work			
115	The Trade Union Bill	SW	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
116	Trade Union Bill/ Act	NO	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
117	Challenging the Trade Union Bill	SW	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
118	The Trade Union Bill	NW	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
119	Anti Trade Union Legislation	SW	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
120	Trade Union Rights	SO	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
121	Trade Union Bill	MI	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
122	Trade Union Bill and the Impact on Women	YO	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
123	The Inequality of National Minimum Wage Legislation	BI	Existing Policy (SOC1)
Comp 10	Living Wage and pay for Workers under 25 (Motions 126,127)	SO,LO	Carried

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EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Rights at Work (contd)			
128	A Better Wage	MI	Carried
129	Poverty And Insecure Work	NW	Carried
132	Zero Hour Contracts	NW	Withdrawn (SOC Report 4)
133	Zero Hours Contracts	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
136	“Umbrella” Companies and Bogus Self Employed	YO	Carried
137	TUPE	NO	Carried
138	GMB Campaign for an Amendment to Statutory Redundancy	SW	Carried
141	Extending the Human Rights Act	LO	Referred
142	Tribunal Fees	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: The Economy			
143	The Economy – Youth Unemployment and the Wrong Ideology	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)
145	Bridging the Funding Gap to Alleviate Loneliness and Isolation in the Elderly	LO	Carried
146	Campaigning against Austerity Cuts	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
148	Budget Prejudice	LO	Carried
151	Co-Operative Bank	LO	Carried with Qualification
INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: Social Justice			
152	Anti-Poverty and the work of the Trade Unions	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: Taxation & General			
153	Lobby for a Wealth Tax for all wealth over £500,000	SO	Carried with Qualification
156	National Insurance	LO	Carried
157	Revenue Support Grants and Business Rates	NO	Carried
158	Taxation On Sanitary Products	SW	Carried
INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: Public Ownership and Control			
159	Water Companies	NO	Carried
160	Rail Nationalisation in the UK	LO	Carried with Qualification

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INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: Trident			
Comp 11	Trident- The Real Cost (Motions 162,163,166)	YO,NO,BI	Carried
164	Having A Constructive Debate about Trident	SO	Carried with Qualification
POLITICAL: General			
168	Equal Access To Press & Media	LO	Carried with Qualification
169	There Is An Alternative	YO	Carried
POLITICAL: The Labour Party			
172	Hands Off Corbyn	YO	Carried with Qualification
173	The Labour Party	LO	Carried with Qualification
174	Labour Party Unity	YO	Carried with Qualification
176	Labour Party Unity	LO	Carried with Qualification
177	Support For The Labour Campaign to end Homelessness	SW	Carried
POLITICAL: Democracy & Constitutional Reform			
183	Combined Authorities	BI	Carried
186	Gagging Laws	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
Comp 12	Human Rights Act (Motions 187,188)	LO,SO	Carried
189	Diluting Of Freedom Of Information Act	LO	Withdrawn (SOC Report 6)
190	Repeal 8th Amendment	LO	Carried
191	Abortion Legislation Within Scotland And Support To Northern Irish Pro-Choice Lobby	SC	Withdrawn (SOC 1)
POLITICAL: Honours			
192	Abolish Hereditary Titles	YO	Carried
POLITICAL: Immigration and Migration			
195	Solidarity With Refugees	LO	Referred
POLITICAL: Racism & Fascism			
196	Counter Extremism Strategy	LO	Carried
POLITICAL: The European Union			
197	British and European Workers Look to a Future With a more Social Europe	SO	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
198	Europe	SW	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
199	The European Referendum	SW	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
200	Say No to Brexit	LO	Carried
201	EU Referendum for or against?	LO	Carried

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POLITICAL: The European Union (contd)			
202	Support The Yes Campaign	BI	Withdrawn (SOC Report 4)
205	European Union Referendum	BI	Withdrawn (SOC Report 4)
207	The Transatlantic Trade And Investment Partnership (TTIP)	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)
208	TTIP	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
SOCIAL POLICY: General			
Comp 13	Flooding in the UK: Prevention and Defences (Motions 209,210,211,213)	YO,SO,NO, MI	Carried with Qualification
212	Bridge Maintenance	NO	Carried with Qualification
214	Supermarket Food Waste	BI	Referred
215	5p Carrier Bags	LO	Referred
217	Support For The Arts	YO	Carried
219	Press Misbehaviour	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)
220	Defend Public Broadcasting	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)
223	The Feminist Library	LO	Carried with Qualification
226	Ending Holiday Hunger in the UK	BI	Carried
227	Paying For Overpriced Vacations During School Holidays	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)
228	Replica Football Shirts	NO	Carried with Qualification
229	Disabled Toilets	LO	Carried with Qualification
230	Alzheimer's Disease, Inadequate Support	LO	Carried with Qualification
231	Pensioners	SO	Referred
232	Rise In Funeral Poverty	LO	Carried
SOCIAL POLICY: Justice			
233	Legal Aid	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)
234	Compensation For Thalidomide Victims	NO	Carried with Qualification
SOCIAL POLICY: NHS, Health & Social Care			
237	Dealing with NHS Crisis	BI	Carried with Qualification
240	NHS 70th Anniversary	LO	Carried
241	NHS	BI	Carried
242	Shortage of NHS Dental Practices	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
Comp 14	South Norfolk Clinical Commissioning Group NHS Cuts (Motions 243,244)	LO,LO	Carried
246	European Health Card	LO	Carried
248	Meningitis	NO	Carried with Qualification
249	Extra Funding For Mental Health Services	YO	Carried with Qualification

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SOCIAL POLICY: NHS, Health & Social Care (contd)			
252	Care Sector Funding	MI	Withdrawn (SOC Report 3)
253	Social Care	BI	Withdrawn (SOC Report 5)
SOCIAL POLICY: Education & Training			
255	Trade Union awareness in Schools	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
256	Political Education in Secondary Schools	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)
257	First Aid in Schools	LO	Carried
259	Student Maintenance Grants	LO	Carried
260	Apprenticeships	NO	Carried
261	Equality for Modern Apprentices in England	LO	Carried
SOCIAL POLICY: The Energy Market			
262	Fracking	SW	Carried with Qualification
264	The Reduction in subsidies to Renewable Industry is wrong and not in the interest of the UK or the Renewable Industry	SO	Carried
265	Offshore Windfarms	NO	Carried
266	Stopping Water Poverty	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
SOCIAL POLICY: Housing			
Comp 15	Social Housing Campaign (Motions 269,275)	LO,LO	Referred
270	Social Housing	YO	Existing Policy (SOC1)
271	Social Housing	BI	Existing Policy (SOC1)
276	Modernisation of New Towns Housing Estates	BI	Lost
277	Housing Buy to Let Business Rates	LO	Carried with Qualification
278	All Housing Associations should be publically owned	SO	Referred
280	Control of private landlords	BI	Existing Policy (SOC1)
281	Landlord Licensing	BI	Existing Policy (SOC1)
282	Private Landlords	BI	Existing Policy (SOC1)
SOCIAL POLICY: Transport			
287	Bicycle Rider safety	LO	Carried with Qualification
288	Insurance for Cyclists	SO	Withdrawn (SOC 1)
289	Regional Airports	NO	Carried with Qualification
292	Through ticketing on Bus and Rail	NO	Carried with Qualification
293	National Concessionary Bus Fare Scheme	BI	Existing Policy (SOC1)
294	Changes to the Disabled Blue Badge application	SW	Carried

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SOCIAL POLICY: Transport (contd)			
295	Temporary Disability	SO	Carried
SOCIAL POLICY: Welfare Rights & Services			
298	Tax Credits	BI	Existing Policy (SOC1)
299	Bedroom Tax	SW	Existing Policy (SOC1)
300	GMB Campaign against Benefit Cuts affecting working people	YO	Carried with Qualification
301	Out of time clawback of State Benefits	LO	Carried
303	Lobby for an Unconditional Basic Income Benefit for all	SO	Carried
304	Carers Allowance	SO	Carried
305	Local Housing Allowance	MI	Carried
306	Hidradentis Suppurativa (HS)	SO	Carried
INTERNATIONAL			
307	Stop Human Trafficking & Modern Day Slavery	MI	Referred
308	No to War Against Syria	SW	Carried with Qualification
309	Syria – The Crisis in the Middle East	YO	Carried
310	ISIS Barbaric Treatment against Yazidi Community	SW	Carried with Qualification
311	Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting	BI	Carried

MOTION FROM SECTION CONFERENCE (as agreed by Congress)			
PS8	Local Council Budgets	LO	Carried with Qualification

GMB CONGRESS 2016	TOTAL in Final Agenda	Withdrawn	Existing Policy	Not Debated	Motions debated	Carried	Referred	Lost
Summary								
Final Agenda Motions (including 15 Composite motions)	178	20	30	50	128	107	20	1
Emergency Motions					1	1		
CEC Rule Amendments	5				5	5		
	184	20	30	50	134	113	20	1

Next Steps

The CEC Meeting on 6 September 2016 will agree actions on these decisions of Congress and allocate lead responsibility to progress the 113 Carried and 20 Referred motions.