

# **GMB CONGRESS 2009**

## **Report of Decisions made by Congress on Rule Amendments, Motions, Reports and Statements**

### **REPORTS AND STATEMENTS CARRIED/APPROVED**

- General Secretary's Report
- Annual Accounts and Auditors Report

#### **CEC Special Reports**

- Congress Future Arrangements
- Equal Pay
- Raising the Kids: Stop in-work Poverty

#### **CEC Statement**

- CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy

### **SOC REPORTS**

Standing Orders Committee Report 1	<b>Carried</b>
Standing Orders Committee Report 2	<b>Carried</b>
Standing Orders Committee Report 3	<b>Carried</b>
Standing Orders Committee Report 4	<b>Carried</b>
Standing Orders Committee Report 5	<b>Carried</b>
Standing Orders Committee Report 6	<b>Carried</b>

## MOTIONS REFERRED

### **UNION ORGANISATION- Representation & Accountability**

14. Review of Selection Process to National Equalities Forum

### **UNION ORGANISATION- Finance & Contributions**

26. New Youth Membership Rate and Promotion
27. GMB Family Membership

### **EMPLOYMENT POLICY- Rights at work**

70. Campaign for Statutory Volunteer's Rights
71. Tax Allowances for Voluntary Work
73. Protection of Children Act (POCA) and Protection of Vulnerable ADULTS (POVA) Investigations

### **INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY- Commercial Services**

90. PACE Interviews

### **POLITICAL- Democracy & Constitutional Reform**

160. Mandatory Voting at Elections
161. Compulsory Participation in Elections

### **POLITICAL- European Union**

170. UK Membership of the Euro

### **SOCIAL POLICY- National Health Service**

198. Government Funding for the Treatment of Lower Back Pain

### **EMERGENCY MOTION**

- EM 4** Unjustified Expenses (SOC No 4)

## RULE AMENDMENTS CARRIED BY CONGRESS

### UNION ORGANISATION

CECRA1	Rule 5.5	Membership
CECRA2	Rule 5.7	Membership
CECRA3	Rule 19.13	Regions and how they are Managed
CECRA4	Rule 20.2	Reserved seats on Regional Councils
CECRA5	Rule 64	Candidates for Local Public Organisations
CECRA6	Rules 65.3, 65.4, 65A.8	Political Fund
CECRA7	Rule 36.9	Branches

### UNION ORGANISATION- Finance & Contributions

CECRA8	Rule 46	Clause 1
CECRA9	Rule 46	Clause 2
CECRA10	Rule 50	Strike Benefit
CECRA11	Rule 53	Victimisation Benefit
CECRA12	Rule 54	Disablement Grants
CECRA13	Rule 58	Fatal Accident Benefit
CECRA14	Rule 59	Weekly Accident Benefit
CECRA15	Rule 65	Political Fund
CECRA16	Rule 65A	Political Fund (Northern Ireland)

### UNION ORGANISATION- Recruitment & Organisation

CECRA17	Rule 17e	National Officials
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## RULE AMENDMENTS LOST

RA237	Rule 17b	Organisers, Clause 2	<b>CEC Stance was Oppose</b>
RA254	Rule 55	Funeral Benefit, Clause 1	<b>CEC Stance was Oppose</b>

## RULE AMENDMENTS WITHDRAWN FROM FINAL AGENDA

RA239	Rule 18	Qualifying for office, and the Definition of officers, Clause 3	<b>SOC No 1</b>
RA243	Rule 36	Branches, Clause 9	<b>SOC No 2</b>

## RULE AMENDMENTS OUT OF ORDER (SOC Report No 1)

RA257	Rule 65	Political Fund
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## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS

**NOTE:** Motions marked with this symbol † have been **Carried Subject to CEC Qualification**. Where the Motion was carried with a Statement or a CEC statement, this is indicated.

### EMERGENCY MOTIONS

<b>EM 1</b>	Ban the Blacklisters	(SOC No 1)	<b>Carried with Statement</b>
<b>EM 2</b>	National Grid Greed	(SOC No 1)	
<b>EM 3</b>	Corus Steel Teesside	(SOC No 2)	
<b>EM 5</b>	ID Cards- Aviation Industry	(SOC No 5)	
<b>EM 6</b>	Iraq	(SOC No 6)	<b>Carried with Statement</b>
<b>EM 7</b>	Fighting the Fascists in Elections	(SOC No 6)	

### UNION ORGANISATION- General

- 7. Working Together With Unison **Carried with Statement**
- † 8. Geographical Boundaries of the GMB

### UNION ORGANISATION- Recruitment & Organisation

- † C1. (Motions 11& 12) National Migrant Workers Recruitment & Organising Strategy

### UNION ORGANISATION- Representation & Accountability

- 17. Environmental Representatives

### UNION ORGANISATION- Finance & Contributions

- † 28. Retired Members Association Contributions

### UNION ORGANISATION- Equality & Inclusion

- 32. Equalities
- 34. Young Members Age Restriction
- 35. Motion on Abortion Rights **Carried with Statement**

### EMPLOYMENT POLICY- Health & Safety at Work

- † 36. Health & Safety
- 37. Display Screen Regulations and Cash Registers

## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)

### EMPLOYMENT POLICY- Pensions & Retirement

- † C2. (Motions 39 & 40) Final Salary Pension Schemes
- 41. Pensions
- † 42. State Pension Only
- † C3. (Motions 43 & 44) Re-Establish the Pensions Earnings Link
- † 48. GMB Campaign for Environmental Investments

### EMPLOYMENT POLICY- Rights at work

- 52. European Case Law
- 53. British Jobs **Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- 56. Exploitation of EEC Workers by Security Companies

### EMPLOYMENT POLICY- Rights at work

- 57. Employment Protection **Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- † 58. Employment
- 59. Tips
- 60. Working Time Regulations and Holiday Pay
- † 62. Public Holiday - Respect our Armed Forces
- 63. Paternity Leave **Carried with Statement**
- † 64. Temps to Permanent
- 65. Redundancy
- 66. Statutory Redundancy Pay
- † 67. Redundancy Payments
- C4. (Motions 68 & 69) Employment Tribunal Awards
- 72. Controlling the Use of Subversive Surveillance in the Workplace
- 74. Equal Pay

### EMPLOYMENT POLICY- Migrant Workers

- 75. Undocumented Migrant Workers

## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)

### **INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY- Commercial Services**

- C5. (Motions 77 & 78) The Role of Energy Regulators
- † 79. OFGEM Proposals to Regulate the Pension Rights in the Utility Industries
- 80. Campaign to Reform OFGEM
- 81. Energy Companies Profits
- 82. Government Regulation of Utility Companies Profits
- 83. Utility Providers of Energy
- 84. Utilities Companies' Pre-Payment Tariffs
- 86. Energy Prices
- 87. Exemption from Parking Restrictions for CVIT Vehicles
- 89. Zero Hours Contract in Security

### **INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY - Manufacturing**

- C6. (Motions 91, 92 & 93) Support for Manufacturing  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- C7. (Motions 94 & 95) UK Manufacturing  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- C8. (Motions 96, 97 & 169) Remploy **Carried with Statement**
- 98. Retain Britain's Jobs in Britain  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- 99. Manufacturing of Windfarms  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- 100. Scotch Whisky - Safeguarding Our Future
- † 101. Manufacturing

## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)

### INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY - Public Services

- C9. (Motions 104 & 105) Invest in the Public Sector
- 106. Economic Climate Impact on Public Services
- 108. Local Government Reorganisation
- 109. PFI
- 111. Public Sector Apprenticeships **Carried with Statement**
- C10. (Motions 115 & 116) School Support Staff **Carried with Statement**
- 121. Public Sector Pensions
- 123. Local Authority Care Homes
- 124. Private Sector Care Homes
- 126. Staffing Levels in Mental Health and Learning Disability
- 127. Local Government and Equal Pay

### INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY - Economy

- C11. (Motions 128 & 129) UK Economy and Public Sector Funding  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- 130. Global Reconstruction  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- 131. Credit Crisis and City Bonuses  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- C12. (Motions 132 & 133) Short Selling Shares  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- C13. (Motions 135 & 136) Banking and Finance Industry  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- C14. (Motions 137 & 138) House Repossessions and Mortgage Protection  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- 139. Financial Industry  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**
- 140. Tax Havens
- 141. A Council House Building Programme
- C15. (Motions 143 & 144) Redundancy & Short Time Working  
**Carried with CEC Statement on Manufacturing and the Economy**

## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)

### **INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY - Environment**

- 146. Funding Recycling In The Future
- † 147. Phase 3 European Emissions Trading Scheme
- 148. Gender Bending Chemicals (Endocrine Disrupters)

### **POLITICAL- Labour Party**

- C16. (Motions 149 & 150) Our Union's Voice in the Labour Party
- 151. Policies for a Fourth Term Labour Victory
- C17. (Motions 152 & 153) Labour Party National Policy Forum
- † 156. Sponsorship of Political Candidates
- † 157. GMB Sponsored MP's

### **POLITICAL- Democracy & Constitutional Reform**

- 162. MP's Expenses and the Taking of other Remunerative Posts.

### **POLITICAL- European Union**

- 168. Europe

### **SOCIAL POLICY-Criminal Justice**

- 171. Cammell Laird 1984
- 173. Police Cautions with Security Guard on Duty

### **SOCIAL POLICY- Education**

- 174. "Train to Gain"
- 175. ELQ Funding
- † 176. Social / Political Studies

### **SOCIAL POLICY- General**

- C18 (Motions 177 & 178) Royal Mail & Post Office Closures
- 179. The Morning Star
- 180. I.C.E.
- † 181. Communications Data Bill
- † 182. Financial Elder Abuse
- 183. Safety, Sex Work and Human Rights **Carried with Statement**



## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)

### **SOCIAL POLICY- Housing**

- 185. Housing
- † C19. (Motions 186 & 187) Local Authority Housing
- † 189. Community Housing
- 191. Housing
- 192. Tenants Management Organisation

### **SOCIAL POLICY- Housing**

- 193. Council Tax

### **SOCIAL POLICY- National Health Service**

- 194. Work Environments in Community NHS and Social Work
- 195. New Labour's Health Plan – Undermines Founding Principles of NHS
- 199. Hospital Parking
- C20. (Motions 200 & 201) Hospital Parking

### **SOCIAL POLICY- Welfare Rights & Services**

- C21. (Motions 205, 206 & 207) Care of the Elderly
- C22. (Motions 208 & 210) Care Workers
- 211. Paying Grandparents
- 213. Domestic Fuel to be Zero Rated VAT
- 214. Severe Weather Payments
- 216. Winter Fuel Allowance For Families with Disabled Children
- 217. Claiming Unemployment Benefit
- 218. Unclaimed Benefit
- 219. Free Television Licence for Everyone at State Retirement Age

### **INTERNATIONAL**

- † 220. Support for Gaza
- † 222. Gaza War
- † 224. European Trade Agreement with Israel
- 225. Burma
- † 226. Banks & Arms Trade

## MOTIONS LOST

### **UNION ORGANISATION- Finance & Contributions**

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| 23. | Subscription Price Freeze           | <b>CEC Stance was Oppose</b> |
| 24. | Membership Fees – Fair Dues for All | <b>CEC Stance was Oppose</b> |

### **POLITICAL: Labour Party**

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| 155. | Labour Representation Committee | <b>CEC Stance was Oppose</b> |
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### **INTERNATIONAL**

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| 223. | Palestine | <b>CEC Stance was Oppose</b> |
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## MOTIONS WITHDRAWN FROM FINAL AGENDA

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| 3.   | Motions                           | <b>Withdrawn from the floor</b> |
| 6.   | Amalgamation                      | <b>Reported in SOC No 2</b>     |
| 21.  | GMB Pensions and the General Fund | <b>Reported in SOC No 3</b>     |
| 25.  | Contributions in Public Services  | <b>Reported in SOC No 2</b>     |
| 134. | Nationalisation of Banks          | <b>Reported in SOC No 3</b>     |
| 165. | Love Music Hate Racism            | <b>Withdrawn from the floor</b> |
| 167. | Unite Against Fascism             | <b>Reported in SOC No 6</b>     |

## MOTIONS RULED OUT OF ORDER (as reported in SOC Report No 1)

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| 114. | Green Book                           |
| 118. | NHS Pay Deal                         |
| 159. | Disaffiliation from the Labour Party |

## EXISTING POLICY MOTIONS (as reported in SOC Report No 1)

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| 33. | Equality Representatives                   |
| 38. | The State of the British Pension Provision |
| 45. | State Pensions for Women                   |
| 47. | Private Equity Responsible Investment      |
| 50. | Trade Union Freedom Bill                   |
| 51. | Trade Union Recognition Legislation        |

<b>EXISTING POLICY MOTIONS (as reported in SOC Report No 1)</b>
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- 54. Level Playing Field – Terms and Conditions
- 61. Public Holidays
- 76. Energy Policy
- 85. Motion
- 107. Local Government Transformation
- 122. Local Government Pension Scheme
- 125. Dilution of Housing Caretaking Services
- 145. The Environment
- 158. GMB Political Support
- 166. Urgent Action against the BNP
- 190. Council Housing
- 196. Prescription Charges
- 203. Public Transport
- 215. Fuel Poverty

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