

GMB CONGRESS 2011

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

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS CARRIED/APPROVED

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

CEC Reports

- CEC Special Report: A Fresh Way Forward for the UK Economy
- CEC Finance Report: Building on Growth: Financial Proposals for the year ahead
(containing CECRA 4,5,6,7,8)

CEC Statements

- CEC Statement: GMB's Political Organisation
- CEC Statement: In Defence of Public Services
- CEC Statement on the Future of the NHS

SOC REPORTS

Standing Orders Committee Report 1	Carried
Standing Orders Committee Report 2	Carried
Standing Orders Committee Report 3	Carried
Standing Orders Committee Report 4	Carried
Standing Orders Committee Report 5	Carried
Standing Orders Committee Report 6	Carried

BUCKET COLLECTIONS (as reported in SOC Report No 2)

Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice	Yorkshire Region
Maureen Malone (Luton Branch)	London Region
Jimmy Knapp Cancer Fund	President

MOTIONS REFERRED

UNION ORGANISATION: General

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| 11. | Retired Members Section - Name Change | MI |
| 13. | Long Service Awards | LO |
| 15. | ICT and the 21st Century | SO |
| 16. | Thorne Credit Union | MI |

UNION ORGANISATION: Representation & Accountability

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| 29. | Involvement of Retired Members | YO |
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EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Health, Safety and Environment

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| 63. | Environment | YO |
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EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Rights at work

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| 91. | Section 127: Right to Strike | NW |
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INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: Commercial Services

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| 109. | Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Industry | LO |
| 112. | Competition Rules - Ferry Industry | SO |

THE ECONOMY: Public Spending: Co-ops & Mutuels

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| 176. | Working with the Co-Operative Movement to Maintain Public Services | SO |
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THE ECONOMY: General

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| 180. | Property Development Tax - Housing Policy | SO |
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POLITICAL: Democracy & Constitutional Reform

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| 207. | Affiliation to Republic | LO |
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SOCIAL POLICY: Justice

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| 213. | Jury Service - Social | BI |
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SOCIAL POLICY: Education & Training

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| 220. | Community Funding | NW |
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SOCIAL POLICY: General

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| 235. | Abolition of Intellectual Property on Medications | LO |
| 237. | Central European Time | SO |

MOTIONS REFERRED (Contd)

SOCIAL POLICY: Housing

241. Provision of Social Housing 2011 BI
245. Affiliation to the National Labour Housing Group LO

SOCIAL POLICY: Welfare Rights & Services

258. Opposition on the Attacks on Welfare YO
265. Children Placed in Care SW

INTERNATIONAL

278. Return of Historical Artefacts YO

CEC RULE AMENDMENTS CARRIED BY CONGRESS

CECRA1	Rule 33	Paying Expenses	
CECRA2	Rule 34	Commission Quarterage payments to branches	
CECRA3	Rule 35.5	Payments to Branches	
CECRA4	Rule 46	Contributions	} CECRA4-8 carried as part of the CEC Finance Report
CECRA5	Rule 46	Contributions	
CECRA6	Rule 54	Disablement Grants	
CECRA7	Rule 55	Funeral Benefit	
CECRA8	Rule 58	Fatal Accident benefit	

MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS

NOTE: Motions marked with this symbol † have been **Carried Subject to CEC Qualification**. The CEC Qualifications can be accessed from the GMB Policy Database.

Where the Motion was carried with a Statement or a CEC statement, this is indicated.

EMERGENCY MOTIONS

EM 1	Con Dem's Broken Promise to Protect the Low Paid	SW
EM 2	Tata and Associated Job Losses	MI
EM 3	The Scandal of Care and the Cross we have to bear - Southern Cross Healthcare and the disgrace of the Care Industry	CEC
EM 4	Fukushima Disaster	NO
EM 5	Proposed Incinerator for King's Lynn	LO
† EM 6	Syrian Regime Emergency Motion	SC

GENERAL MOTIONS

UNION ORGANISATION: Congress

† 1.	Congress Paperwork	YO
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UNION ORGANISATION: General

† 7.	Rule Book	LO
10.	Branch Funding For GMB York Workers Co-Operative	LO
† 12.	RMA	LO
† 14.	Updating Membership Application Forms	LO
17.	Local TUCs	SC

UNION ORGANISATION: Recruitment & Organisation

† 18.	Aid for Branches within the NHS for Recruitment	YO
† 19.	Young Members	YO

UNION ORGANISATION: Finance & Contributions

† 31.	Branch Accounting System – Rule 35	NW
32.	Branch Accounting	MI
34.	Branch Secretaries Training and Branch Accounts (as Shown In Rule Book) (Carried with a Statement)	SO

UNION ORGANISATION: Communities

† 38.	GMB Involvement in the Wider Community	YO
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MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)
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UNION ORGANISATION: Equality & Inclusion

	39.	Equalities	NO
	40.	Equality Strategy	NW
†	42.	GMB Policy	SO
	44.	Equal Love	LO
	C24	(Motions 45,46) <u>Charter For Women</u>	SO,LO
	47.	Stop Domestic Abuse	SC
	48.	Retirement Age	SW
†	49.	Age Discrimination	LO
	50.	Sexual Harassment (Carried with a Statement)	SW

EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Health & Safety at Work

	C1	(Motions 51,52) <u>Employment and Health and Safety Regulations</u>	LO,LO
†	53.	Health & Safety	MI
	54.	Roving Safety Reps	LO
	57.	Asbestos	NO
†	58.	Bullying in the Workplace	LO
	59.	Work Related Mental Illness	MI
†	60.	Medical Fit Note	SW
	61.	Compulsory Traffic Light Food Labelling	MI
†	62.	Free Cancer Screening For All	NO
	C2	(Motions 64,65,66) <u>Waste Recycling</u>	NO,MI
†	67.	Coastal Areas	NO

EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Pensions & Retirement

†	69.	Pensions	NO
	C3	(Motions 71,72) <u>Pension Indexation</u>	NW,BI
†	73.	Pensions	SC
†	74.	State Pension Payments	BI
	C4	(Motions 75,76) <u>State Pension Age</u>	SW,NW
	C5	(Motions 79,80,81,82) <u>Public Sector Pensions</u>	LO,MI,BI
†	83.	Action on Public Sector Pensions	YO

MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)
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EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Rights at work

†	84.	Trade Union Recognition	NO
†	C6	(Motions 85,86,87,88,89) <u>Employment Rights</u>	MI,LO,BI,YO
†	90.	The Right to Strike	NW
†	96.	National Minimum Wage	NO
	97.	Bogus Self-Employment	NO
†	99.	Armistice Day - A Public Holiday	MI
	100.	A Living Wage for all	MI

EMPLOYMENT POLICY: General

	101.	Terms and Conditions	MI
	102.	Future Job Funding	LO
	103.	Enterprise Partnerships (LEPS)	NO

INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: Commercial Services

	104.	Asda Stores	NW
	105.	Investment in the Gas Industry	NW
†	106.	Recruitment of Apprentices	NW
	107.	Carbon Capture & Sequestration (CCS)	YO
†	C7	(Motions 108,110) <u>Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Industry</u>	LO,LO
	111.	SIA Licence	SO
	113.	Northern Ireland Water Crisis	NW

INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: Manufacturing

	C8	(Motions 114,115,116) <u>UK Manufacturing Strategy</u>	SW,SO,NO
	117.	Credit	MI
	118.	Manufacturing	LO
	119.	Offshore Wind Farm Industry	NO
	120.	Strategic Defence Review	NO
†	121.	Hitachi - Coalition Government	NO
	123.	Siemens Plc	NO
	C9	(Motions 125,126) <u>Construction Industry</u>	NO,LO
	C10	(Motions 127,128,129) <u>Remploy Campaign</u> (Carried with a Statement)	YO,NW
	130.	York Disabled Co-Operative	YO

MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)
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INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: Public Services

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| 131. | Changing the Culture of Local Government (Carried with a Statement) | YO |
| † 133. | Staff Health and Welfare | SW |
| 134. | Local Government Redundancy Notices Section 188 | LO |
| 137. | Abolition of the SSSNNB (Carried with a Statement) | YO |
| † 138. | School Support Staff Contractually Forced to Administer Medication to Pupils | YO |
| 139. | NHS Public Services (Carried with a Statement) | LO |
| 142. | Value Care Staff | LO |
| 144. | Exploitation of Foreign Care Workers and theGangmasters Licensing Authority (GLA) | SO |

THE ECONOMY: The Banking System

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| 146. | Banks, Bonuses and the Economy (Carried with CEC Special Report) | YO |
| 147. | Hedge Fund Insider Trading (Carried with CEC Special Report) | NO |
| C11 | (Motions 148,149,150) <u>Bankers Bonuses and the Economy</u> (Carried with CEC Special Report) | LO,BI,YO |
| 151. | Executive and Director Bonuses | NO |
| 152. | Companies and Governance Act | NO |

THE ECONOMY: Taxation & Financial Regulation

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| 154. | Tax Avoidance (Carried with CEC Special Report) | YO |
| C12 | (Motions 155,156,157,158,161) <u>Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion</u> (Carried with CEC Special Report) | MI,NO,LO |
| † 159. | Corporation Tax | BI |
| † 160. | Tax Havens Put Under Bank of England Control | LO |

THE ECONOMY: Public Spending: Fight the cuts

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| 162. | Opposing the Government's Attack on the Public Sector - Alternatives to Cutting the Deficit. (Carried with CEC Special Report) | LO |
| † 163. | Public Services as Key to Economic Recovery | SC |
| 164. | Restoration of Public Services | YO |
| 165. | Coalition Cuts | SW |

MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)
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THE ECONOMY: Public Spending: Fight the cuts

†	166.	Equality Groups & Community Organisations	LO
	167.	Women and the Economy	SC
	168.	Public Spending	NO
†	169.	Resistance to the Cuts	LO
	C13	(Motions 170,171) <u>Campaign against Public Services Cuts</u>	NW,NW

THE ECONOMY: Public Spending: The Big Society

†	C14	(Motions 172,173) <u>Con-Dems and the “Big Society” Con</u>	SO,LO
	174.	Spending Deficit	NO

THE ECONOMY: Public Spending: Co-ops & Mutuals

†	175.	Social Enterprises	YO
†	177.	Keep the Public Services Public	MI

THE ECONOMY: General

C15 (Motions 178,179) VAT and Labour Party Policy (**Carried with a Statement**) NO,SW

C16 (Motions 181,182) Loan Sharking and Interest Rates BI, SW

POLITICAL: Labour Party

C17 (Motions 183,184) Labour Party Reform NO,YO

† **C18** (Motions 185,186,187) The Labour Party and Trade Union Links SC,NO,LO

188. Better Relationship between Unions and the Labour Party MI

† 194. Industrial Action Legislation BI

C19 (Motions 195,196) The Lawful Industrial Action (Minor Errors) Bill YO,LO

POLITICAL: Democracy & Constitutional Reform

199. Funding Of Political Parties NO

† 201. Regional Government NO

† 202. Local Government NO

† 203. Self-Governing/Administering Parish Councils SW

208. Prince Andrew Global Business Advisor LO

POLITICAL: European Union

210. Local Authority Offices in Brussels SO

MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)
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SOCIAL POLICY: Justice

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| † | 211. | Right to Legal Aid for Welfare Benefits and Debt | LO |
| | 212. | Legal Aid Reforms | SW |
| † | 214. | Legal Services - Jackson Report | YO |

SOCIAL POLICY: Education & Training

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| | C23 | (Motions 215,216) <u>Opposition to Academies</u> | YO,SW |
| | 217. | More Investment in School Sports Facilities | LO |
| | 218. | Free School Meals | NO |
| † | 219. | Trade Union Studies at Schools | BI |
| † | 222. | Education and Apprenticeships | NO |
| | 223. | Apprenticeships Training | SO |
| | 225. | Education | NO |

SOCIAL POLICY: General

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| † | C20 | (Motions 227,228) <u>Britain's Forests</u> | SW, LO |
| | 229. | Restructuring of Coastguard and Maritime Agencies | SO |
| | 230. | Privatisation of Royal Mail - Support for CWU | YO |
| | 231. | Royal Mail | NW |
| | 232. | A Fair, Objective Press (Carried with a Statement) | YO |
| | 233. | News International | LO |
| † | 234. | Supporting the BBC, not Sky's (Visual Mugging) | MI |
| † | 236. | Drug Dependency Reduction | LO |
| | 238. | Fuel and Energy Prices | NW |
| | 239. | Support to Communities | NO |

SOCIAL POLICY: Housing

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| | 242. | Housing | NO |
| | 244. | "Right to Rent" for Owners and Occupiers | LO |

SOCIAL POLICY: The National Health Service

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| | C21 | (Motions 246-251) <u>National Health Service Reforms</u>
(Carried with CEC Statement) | LO,NO,YO,MI,BI |
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MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)

SOCIAL POLICY: Transport

	252.	Unaffordable Public Transport Costs	LO
	253.	Apprentices	NO
†	254.	Reduced Car Parking Charges in City Centres	YO
	256.	Reduction of VAT on Petrol and Diesel	LO
	257.	Road Building	NO

SOCIAL POLICY: Welfare Rights & Services

	259.	Compulsory Work Placements	LO
	260.	Social	BI
	261.	Unclaimed Benefits	MI
	262.	Housing (Carried with a Statement)	LO

INTERNATIONAL

†	C22	(Motions 270,271) <u>Burma Campaign</u>	SO,NO
	272.	Colombia	SO
	273.	Workers' Rights	NO
†	274.	UN Security Council	NO
	275.	Support for Sex Workers' Unionisation at an International Level	LO
	276.	GMB and the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (Carried with a Statement)	LO
	277.	Torture and Rendition	NO

MOTIONS WITHDRAWN FROM FINAL AGENDA

5.	Union Democracy (MI)	Reported in SOC No 1
6.	Accountability and the NAU (MI)	Reported in SOC No 1
41.	Social (BI)	Withdrawn from floor after debate
200.	Workings of Parliament (NO)	Reported in SOC No 2
206.	European Court of Human Rights (SW)	Reported in SOC No 1

RULE AMENDMENTS WITHDRAWN

RA306	Rule 55	Funeral Benefit (LO)	Reported in SOC No 2
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MOTIONS LOST

28.	RMA (LO)	CEC Stance was Oppose
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RULE AMENDMENTS LOST

RA282	Rule 6	Appeals Procedure for members	BI
RA289	Rule 15	Electing a general secretary and treasurer	YO
RA307	Rule 55	Funeral Benefit	BI

MOTIONS RULED OUT OF ORDER (as reported in SOC Report No 1)
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21.	Regional Political Activity	YO
22.	Regional Political Forum	YO
23.	Branch Political Officers	LO
24.	Political	YO
26.	Reserved Seat for Equality On Regional Committees	YO
30.	RMA Conference	LO
140.	A&E Support Workers	LO
141.	A-E Support Workers	SO
143.	Fair Pay for all Southern Cross Workers	YO
205.	GMB Policy	SO

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

EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Health, Safety and Environment

56.	Asbestos	NO
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EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Rights at Work

92.	The Outlawing of Contractual Employment	MI
93.	Agency Labour	SO
94.	Protection of Agency Workers	MI

INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: Public Services

135.	Section 188 Notices	SW
145.	Private Finance Initiative (PFI)	NO

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

POLITICAL: Labour Party

189.	Labour Party	NO
190.	Thatcher's Children	MI
191.	Join the Labour Party	MI
192.	GMB Political Candidates	YO
193.	GMB Support for Elected Representatives	SW

POLITICAL: Racism & Fascism

209.	Far Right Groups	NO
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SOCIAL POLICY: Education & Training

221.	Apprenticeships	SW
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SOCIAL POLICY: Housing

240.	Social Housing	NO
243.	Social/Council Housing	YO

SOCIAL POLICY: Welfare Rights & Services

263.	Social Care	NO
264.	Social Care	NO
266.	Pensioners' Dignity	MI
267.	Fuel Costs	NO
268.	Provision of Free Dental Treatment for Pensioners	MI

INTERNATIONAL

269.	Burma	NO
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