

Local Authority Model Motion: Blacklisting



This Council

1. Notes and welcomes campaigning by trade unions to end the scandalous practice of 'blacklisting', which has been shown to cause physical and mental deterioration, including premature death.
2. Shares the serious concerns of Unite the Union of the potential for continued 'blacklisting' activity within the construction industry.
3. Notes the damning findings of the interim report of the Scottish Affairs Select Committee.
4. Notes the Welsh Assembly procurement guidelines which, within the law, bar blacklisters from winning public contracts.
5. Believes that no company that uses blacklists should have benefit from any public procurement.

Therefore, this council resolves to only award contracts to companies who:

1. Give a commitment to no blacklisting.
2. If a known blacklister, has compensated all those they are known to have blacklisted.
3. Have taken steps to ensure any past blacklisting does not reoccur, showing evidence of disciplinary action against, including dismissal of, known contacts for The Consulting Association.
4. Will give access to trade unions to workers on site for organising purposes.
5. Will recognise trade unions' rights to negotiate on behalf of members without forcing the Central Arbitration Committee process.
6. Will honour recognised construction industry agreements such as BATJIC, NAECI, PMES, or appropriate agreements for the relevant sector.