

**NASUWT** THE  
TEACHERS'  
UNION



**SUPPLEMENTARY  
AGENDA**

## 2b MOTION

### **Fully Fund our Schools, Colleges and Public Services**

*Mover – Dan Lister*

*Seconder – John McGill*

Conference condemns the policies of austerity pursued by the Conservative-led Westminster Government between 2010 and 2024 which have resulted in a profound crisis affecting all public services and the staff who work in them.

Conference notes with serious concern the harm caused by more than a decade of substantial real-terms cuts which continue to impact adversely on children's life chances and on the living standards, morale and wellbeing of teachers.

Conference asserts that at the 2024 General Election, the country voted for real change and to ending the policies of economic austerity.

Conference is deeply dismayed by the Westminster Government's decision to cut financial support for vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, whilst sticking doggedly to damaging fiscal rules agreed prior to the General Election.

Conference further asserts that real-terms cuts to spending on our public services and welfare system will inevitably reduce opportunity for our children and young people, further damaging life chances, and hit the poorest hardest.

Conference condemns those individuals and organisations that continue to exploit public services for profit.

Conference calls on the Westminster Government to use the 2025 Spending Review to reject the pursuit of damaging and regressive fiscal rules and instead prioritise:

- (i) real-terms investment in our public services and welfare state;
- (ii) fully funding our public services to ensure that schools, colleges and other frontline services can recruit and retain the staff needed to deliver the high-quality services that the public expects;
- (iii) removing the opportunities for CEOs and corporations to exploit our public services for profit and to line their own pockets;
- (iv) cracking down on tax avoidance and tax evasion and
- (v) implementing a progressive programme of wealth taxes to ensure that those with the broadest shoulders pay the most.

Conference further calls on the National Executive to step up its campaigning to secure fully funded real-terms pay awards for all teachers in 2025-26.

Conference mandates the National Action Committee to reject any pay award that is not fully funded and to move immediately to ballot members for industrial action.

*(Executive)*

