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Next week our **YCB care workers** are taking strike action next Thursday & Friday in response to the 9.5% Pay cut they had imposed last April 2014. You can find out why by clicking [Here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)

Are Mutual and Social Enterprises the answer to Austerity?

There has been a lot of [talk](#) about Mutual's & Social Enterprises as an alternative to in-house service

"Maude said recently that almost all public services, including hospitals and fire services, could be handed over to mutual companies owned by employers and other non-state bodies. This is part of government plans to cut public services by a further £20bn and shrink the state back to the size it was in the 1930s."

<http://www.theguardian.com/public-leaders-network/2014/dec/22/francis-maude-wrong-public-services-mutuals>

UNISON gave evidence to the Communities and Local Government Committee

You can read our submission here <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmcomloc/112/112we21.htm>

"Have there been any examples of public service becoming Mutuals?"

The best example would be Bus companies that used to be under public ownership and control. However in 190's Bus Companies were outsourced and became Mutuals.

What happened?

In London they were taken over by private sector companies. On Tuesday 13 January the **27,000** bus workers are taking strike action.

Its not hard to see why....

"Wayne King, London regional officer for Unite, said: "London's bus operators have raked in millions in profits while driving down pay and refusing to tackle pay inequality on the capital's buses.

"As bus company directors enjoy lottery style salaries, bus drivers doing the same job on the same route are being pitted against one another on different rates of pay."

Make sure you come to the next branch meeting to discuss outsourcing and implications for the workforce.

"Is it true Adults & Communities are considering outsourcing?"

YES, it is true read it in the minutes of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee, Thursday 20th November, 2014 [here](#)

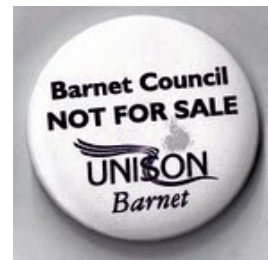
"The Committee noted that any future options appraisals to evaluate alternative delivery models would include consideration of the service remaining in-house."



Meeting Dates—January 2015

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Assemble 12 midday 31st January
St Mary's Churchyard, Newington Butts, SE1 6SQ (Elephant and Castle tube/rail)

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