

## After Snap General Election called What Next For Public Services?

We have now endured 7 years of austerity. Over a thousand jobs have been lost in Sandwell Council. Those that remain are working at breaking point. Yet the cuts continue. The pressure is now showing on the so called protected areas – in our schools and hospitals.

The election will not just shape the terms of Brexit but will decide the direction of public expenditure for another 5 years. What public services will survive another 5 years of cuts? What state will the services we provide be in? How much further will public sector pay be devalued by? What further attacks will there be on our pensions?

Austerity is a political choice, not a necessity. Despite several public announcements the tax avoiding and evading of the super rich and multinational companies continues. They are failing to pay the taxes they should, even though their tax rates have been cut.

The public services we provide, from social care to educating our children, cleaning our streets to running our parks, are vital for the prosperity for the communities where we work and live.

On 8 June make sure you vote for a government that will invest in our public services.



UNISON Steward Ross Perkins hands over the UNISON Apprentice pack, including the £25 one4all gift card to another apprentice Gregg Richards. For just £10 for the year Apprentices can get all the benefits of becoming a UNISON member.

### Extra 8.3% on overtime payments

Following a legal case there is now a duty for an employer to give additional recompense for annual leave of those that undertake **regular** overtime. The Unions have negotiated the additional payment from an initial 7.7% to 8.3%, which we have been informed will become payable on **all** overtime payments with effect from 1 April 2017.

If you do work regular overtime and you believe you may have a claim on your pay in relation to leave taken in the last three months, please contact the Branch Office on 0121 569 5996.

### Twenty Twenty Cricket Trip Worcestershire Rapids v Warwickshire Bears

Friday 7 July

At Worcestershire Cricket Ground

Tickets are £22. Free Coach for UNISON Members  
Additional £5 for non-UNISON members

Coach leaves Oldbury 2:30pm

Returns 10:15pm prompt

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