

## **Executive Accountability**

This Union notes:

1. That one of the roles of Union Council is to hold the Executive Committee to account.
2. That both full and part-time Executive Officers and members of Union Staff are available individually through e-mail, their pigeon holes and in person to answer questions between Union Council meetings.
3. That constitutionally the Communications Officer has “overall responsibility for Union Communication”, “the administration of Union policy” and for co-ordinating both the Executive Committee and the Union’s campaigns.

This Union believes:

1. That it is essential for the well being of the Union as a whole that elected Executive Officers are able to work as a team.
2. That the Executive Committee should initially be responsible for holding individual Officers to account.
3. That Union Council should nevertheless be able to ask individual Officers questions regarding the issues with which they are connected.

This Union further believes:

1. That it is important that the Executive Committee produce a regular, clear and honest report for Union Council detailing their activities.
2. That individual reports from the Executive Officers encourage a culture of elaboration and one-up-man-ship and take up time that could be better spent doing their elected jobs.
3. That compiling a joint Executive Report encourages teamwork, communication and co-operation within the Executive Committee.

This Union resolves:

1. That the Communications Officer collate a report in time for Union Council meetings on the activities of the Executive Committee.
2. That this report be detailed enough to satisfy Union Council.
3. That each item on the report is followed by a clear indication of the Officer/s involved in that activity.
4. That Union Council as a whole has the right to ask the Executive Committee to provide to a future Council meeting a more detailed report on any issue raised in either the Executive report or in Council itself.

5. That Union Council be allowed to put questions to any individual Officers so long as those questions pertain to the role of the Officer within the duties of the Executive Committee.