



21 June 2011

SR10 Implementation Plan – Next Steps

A meeting of FCTU England and Departmental Committee was held on 16 June 2011, at which we took stock and discussed the way forward for our members in England being affected by SR10. To best deal with the implementation plan and decisions being made locally, the FCTU agreed to press forward with creating a fully constituted **Local Staff Council** structure, reflecting the proposed boundary changes in England. Steve Holdsworth, FCTU Chair and I will be coordinating this.

The FCTU will be submitting a response to the call for views from the **Independent Forest Advisory Panel**, as well as be publishing guidance on submitting evidence on the [FCTU website](#) and [Save Our Forests](#) site, which now has the endorsement of Unite, Prospect and GMB (maintained by PCS). Representatives to prepare the submission to the panel were noted*. The constituent unions although contributing to this will also be submitting their own response and be encouraging members to do so. Robert Beaney and I have also been invited to meet with Bishop James Jones chairing the panel to put our case forward.

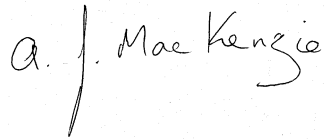
Our request to increase the **Voluntary Exit Scheme** tariff to two months for every year of service was rejected and at this meeting we agreed that we could therefore not support it. However, there is still a role to ensure that members have the right information and advice available and that the process is fair for our members we will have an observer on the panel.

There is a great deal of **Parliamentary** activity among the unions and it is clearly having an effect. All we have to do now is ramp the campaign up to a level we are all comfortable with. The full time officers and campaign officers within the unions will be keeping in contact and I will be coordinating and overseeing this activity.

We will be striving to increase member activity at a local level, encouraging people write to MPs, writing to the press and keeping local campaign groups informed.

We will be meeting with the Director General this month and following endorsement from this meeting be stating that the FCTU are utterly opposed to any compulsory redundancies and are prepared to consider industrial action if we have members being forced out of their jobs. Our members want to keep their jobs; they want to stay in the jobs where they work and live; they do not want to be forced anywhere else and certainly do not want to be pushed into the private sector.

*Unite – Robert Beaney, PCS – Steve Holdsworth, GMB – Roy Laird, Prospect – Paul Cody

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