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Support for the UNISON East Midlands Protect Our Jobs Campaign

This BLP/CLP notes that:

- Public service workers are living through unprecedented times. They have survived 10 years of austerity, cuts to public services, a reduction in real terms wages, and now they're supporting their communities despite all the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Many public service workers have been told by the Government they face either a less than adequate pay rise or worse, a pay freeze. Those workers delivering public services from the private sector do not expect high pay rises either.
- On top of concerns about their pay, many public service workers are extremely worried about job security.

This BLP/CLP agrees that:

- The threat of compulsory redundancies has a devastating impact on lives – causing financial anxiety, stress for workers and their families and poor mental health.
- Insecure work can lead to higher rates of sickness absence, reduced rates of productivity and can have a negative impact on morale.
- Redundancies in public services would have a negative impact on our community and the wider region.
- Public service redundancies have 'hidden costs' including reducing the spending power in the local economy and putting a strain on other services.

This BLP/CLP resolves to:

- Support the UNISON East Midlands **Protect Our Jobs** campaign, which is calling on public service employers to sign a Job Protection Guarantee – agreeing to make no compulsory redundancies for a set amount of time.
- Write to our MP, councillors and council candidates, asking them to support the campaign.
- Work with UNISON branches to support their local activities as part of the regional **Protect Our Jobs** campaign.