

NOTICE OF MOTION

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE STRIKES

To amend the Green Group Notice of Motion as shown below in ***bold italics***

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- ***The 'Raise the Rate' campaign that has joint-union support, and seeks increased funding for sixth form education;***

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Proposed by: Cllr Knight

Seconded by: Cllr Wilkinson

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Supporting information:

[1] The strike ballot for sixth form colleges closed on 16 September. 84 per cent of members voted Yes to action and Yes to saving the sixth form sector. Demands of the strike include securing the funding needed to sustain fair pay, conditions and employment at sixth form colleges - including by reversing job losses, class size increases and cuts to teaching time and curriculum provision.

[2] The National Education Union represents many teaching and further education college and university staff. Details from The National Education Union: <https://neu.org.uk/sixth-form-colleges-ballot-and-strike>