

<b>COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Motion 7 in the name of Councillor Britton to be seconded by Councillor Bell	
<b>Key Decision</b>		Item No.
<b>Ward</b>		
<b>Contributors</b>	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: November 27 2013

“This Council notes the illegal practice of blacklisting of employees within the construction industry which has been highlighted by UNITE, UCATT & GMB, the trade unions in that industry, a campaign which has resulted in claims for compensation from those kept out of work as a result of this activity.

This Council further notes that this only came to light when the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) seized a Consulting Association database used by 44 companies to vet new recruits and that as a result the ICO confirmed that 224 construction workers around the UK had been victims of blacklisting.

This Council believes this incident shows the importance of regulation and scrutiny of business activity and notes that Government cuts including the dismantling and weakening of some public oversight bodies will limit our ability to control bad business practice.

This Council deplores this illegal practice within the construction industry and urges all companies who have been involved in it to take all necessary action to compensate victims affected and to comply with the regulations which have been introduced to prevent any recurrence of this abhorrent practice.”