

Final Thoughts...

So the time has come to stand up for what we believe in. Safe transport for the public and jobs that we can feel safe in. Now is the time to Unite and fight against the Austerity cuts that only affect the poorest most vulnerable workers in this country while the rich and comfortable sit back rubbing grubby little hands at the prospect of larger profits

RMT

Are you prepared to take strike action?

Total Votes Cast...3727

Number Voting Yes...2810

Number Voting No...893

Spoilt Papers...24

(Yes vote is 76% of valid vote = approx. 3:1 majority)

Are you prepared to take industrial action short of a strike?

Total Votes Cast...3727

Number Voting Yes...3253

Number Voting No...449

Spoilt Papers...25

(Yes vote is 88% of valid vote = approx 8:1 majority)

TSSA

Voted 72.6% in favour of strike action with 27.4% saying no.

For action short of strike action, the voting was 88.7% in favour with 11.3% against.

I think the TSSA % is right but stand to be corrected

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STRIKE!!!!

Local Ballot

Right with all this proposed rosters fiasco going on many of you may of forgotten my threat to issue a local ballot for action short of a strike.

Well sorry to say this has not gone away and both Rostered and Reserve staff are being abused constantly.

The Ballot has gone to Branch been voted through as action short of strike and I have now had confirmation this has been passed to Bob Crow. Once I have further information on this I will let you all know

A Polite Notice

Please note your Reps no matter what Union they are from are NOT on call 24 hours a day and if they have their phone off then send an email or a Text Message. We will not tolerate being called at 6am whilst on Rest Day or Annual Leave.

If we are not on duty then send a text and if we are available we will contact you back.

The next mention of this will NOT be so polite

Ex-Metronet (maintenance and engineering) staff will begin their first 24-hour strike at 17:00 on September 6, with similar action also scheduled to begin at the same time on Sunday October 3; Tuesday November 2, and Sunday November 28.

Other LUL grades (including station and revenue staff, operational managers, drivers and signallers) will start their first 24-hour strike at 21:00 on Monday September 6, with similar action also set to start at the same time on Sunday October 3; Tuesday November 2, and Sunday November 28.

An indefinite overtime ban for all LUL members of both unions will start at a minute after midnight on Monday September 6. Timings and forms of action may also be varied.

Train Ops Call to Arms

Time to join the picket lines!

After months of talks, talks and more talks we have finally arrived at the point where our union is asking us to take industrial action in defence of jobs. This is not something that is asked lightly; but with a mandate for strike action from RMT members it is a question which can no longer be avoided and to which the answer must be emphatically in the affirmative!

Some Train Operators are asking what it has to do with us. They are saying these station job cuts have no effect on me and my family. They say that a global crisis of capitalism means we all have to share the pain. We shouldn't rock the boat (or the train!) These train operators are being misled by LUL into a false sense of security.

LUL management have been intent on splitting the workforce in an attempt to weaken us. It is no coincidence that they are doing away with team talk – they don't want us to see ourselves as a team anymore: we are trains they are stations, hang them out to dry is the message. You remember we had "Time to Talk"? Well now it's "Time to Shut Up and Listen." The recent Valuing Time seminars were nothing more than poorly disguised propaganda tools to soften us up for the coming assault on our conditions.

It's not just an ideological push by LUL, of course; though they have long been dismayed by the sense of solidarity and comradeship engendered by the RMT. But removing rostered team talks reduces the number of T/Ops needed across the combine. Following swiftly on from the reduction of pool sizes and slashing the number of rostered spare turns caused by the 2009 Agreement there are now close to 300 "excess" T/Ops on LUL. How long do you believe LUL can sustain that level of excess with TfL bean counters breathing down their necks?

We have a choice: we can allow them to continue their salami slicing down at 55 Broadway or we can tell LUL that they have already gone too far and that we will not allow them to go any further with their slash and burn tactics. They want to cut 800 jobs as if it is nothing at all; as if it will make no difference to the safety of the service we provide; but it will do. We were told first of all that no front line operational staff would be affected; then it was duty managers and ticket office staff who were under threat; then it was CSAs who carry out the SATS duties on the platform who are surplus to requirements. When will it be Station Supervisors? When will it be T/Ops? A senior safety rep is outlining some of the very real problems elsewhere on this leaflet. We cannot send our negotiators naked into the chamber – we have to give them a mandate to speak from a position of strength. We need to give an unequivocal and noisy response to LUL when, not if, we are called to take industrial action. The louder, the more aggressive, and the more militant we are on the very first day of action, the more willing LUL will be to sit down and enter meaningful talks with us.

It's time to join the picket lines!

From The Mouth Of Madness

Let's get the group and branch together it seems that people are hiding and hoping this will all go away. What we need now is a blitz spirit we need to unite no matter what we including myself have said in the past. .

There can be no equality or opportunity if men and women and children be not shielded in their lives from the consequences of great industrial and social processes which they cannot alter, control, or singly cope with. Together we must end the scourge of Industrialisation destroying the family and the way of life we have come to expect. We cannot continue to allow capitalism to dictate how we struggle whilst the bourgeois continue to get 6 figure salaries at the expense of the working class. The time has come for class war in a country where the concept of class was apparently abolished before

Thatcher we find we were misled and it was just repackaged and resold sadly capturing the population within its propaganda. So this said let's get together bring food bring drink and stand side by side irrelevant of grade race religion sexuality or even what planet you were born on. Let's let bygones be bygones put aside any differences any of us may have and fight for what we all believe in. It's not the case that we want to work it's the case of we have the RIGHT to work. Let us show the public that we fight this not only to defend jobs but to keep the Underground as safe as it is now and not plummet into the American system where there is no staff and crime is beyond a joke. This is a system where people are murdered raped and robbed on an hourly basis despite the fact of the armed police. Imagine that system in a country with very few armed police and those we do have this horrible habit of shooting the wrong people.

So we find ourselves in this fight to defeat tyranny. We are fighting against the kind of people who would throw a cat in a wheelie bin (Imagine the video you've seen on the news and put Boris in the evil old battle axes place)

We go to conquer. We will not falter against their tyranny. We are entering Industrial Action to free a people from the threat of the dole and an unsafe transport system. Show respect for the Public.

There are some who do not wish to go on that journey. Some that cannot afford the loss of money and I respect that but can they afford to have no job at all? As for the others I expect you to rock their world. Wipe them out if that is what they choose. But if you are ferocious in battle remember to be magnanimous in victory.

In years to come the public will know that the light of liberation in their lives was brought by you.

Management should be in no doubt that we are their nemesis and that we are bringing about the right result. There are many fat cats who have stains on their souls and they are stoking the fires of hatred to increase profit. Show them no pity.

The ones who wish to fight, well, we aim to please.

You will be shunned unless your conduct is of the highest for your deeds will follow you down through history.

We will bring shame on neither our uniform nor our Unions.

