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£3,500,000 for local Authority Service Charges  
£2,000,000. Alteration to original Proposed Estimate RESOURCES  
Reductions in Provisions for wages, salaries and overtime.

£5,500,000 Shortfall. F.R. Say they will make L/G more efficient - Unemployment  
F.C. that 5% Decrease in Work Force  
F.F. Total Solar Energy.

Resolution No 4. Recognise that Dull City Council for example is  
predominantly made up of teachers,  
The Self-Employed Drs, Solicitors, Shopkeepers,  
Full time Politicians - T.Ds, Post Masters & Builders.  
There is only a handful of Working Class Members,  
all of whom seem to be in reserve in their Role as Public  
Representatives.

It seems that the Role of local Government  
Representatives is so poorly thought out that there is  
no simple legislation to even facilitate Councillors to  
attend at Council Meetings which are all held during regular  
working hours EXCEPTING THE ONCE A MONTH FULL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

If you will accept the tremendous amount of  
work expected from diligent & dedicated local Councillors  
it would be easy to accept a call for Making  
the City Councillors Full time Public Representatives.

Given my own experience of difficulties  
encountered - even as a public sector Employee, my heart,  
and sympathy goes out to a Factory Worker, or Building  
worker <sup>or Bus Worker - Railwayman</sup> who might be employed in the private sector and  
who is elected as a local Public Representative.

As things stand at the moment in  
the absence of any legislation he or she does not stand  
a chance of survival. There is nothing to force the Employer  
to facilitate him/her. He might quite happily sack that  
Employee

Need for Political Campaign to have the  
Statutory Instrument Forbidding ME - a Building Worker - From holding Both  
MY JOB and that as City Councillor

## Electoral Reform.

### Emergency Resolution: . addendum

That in the light of the recent decision by various bodies to disqualify Workmen Party Councillors from holding ~~the~~ joint positions as ELECTED PUBLIC Representatives and Employees of local authorities [or as Trade Union Representatives]

This Ad Hoc Fleet Resolves to Campaign for an amendment to the Statutory Instrument affecting the Employment of our Councillors by local authorities and calls on the I.C.T.U. to prepare guidelines Regulations <sup>allowing</sup> for Elected Trade Union officials to

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### Addendum to Resolution 13

and Resolves  
This Ad Hoc Fleet condemns recent moves to Debar Workmen Party Public Representatives from ~~jointly~~ representing their constituents, ~~and training & living~~ by arbitrary decisions & the use of statutory instruments.

Job losses.

Cut Back in Services.

Reintroduction of Service Changes.

£3,500,000 = Local Authority Changes.

£2,000,000 = Alteration to original Proposed Estimate REPRESENTS  
Reductions in Provisions for wages & salaries.

£5,500,000 Shortfall

F. & L. instructed 5% cut in workforce.  
By 1987.

F.F. Total Emply. on jobs.

F.F. Councils say No to Service Changes.

They will not be required <sup>by the House of Commons</sup> they will make up  
the savings by efficiency. By stopping needless spending.

Dublin Corporation is on a tight-rope  
it cannot be cut back any further.

F.F. Must Be EXPOSED.

They are only now exposing to the public  
for the first time their Right Wing Economic  
Policies.

Addendum to Resolution 13 p. 55. Electoral Reform

Thrs. Mr. Fheis' Condems Recent moves to Debar and REMOVE <sup>ELECTED</sup> Worker Party Public Representatives from Representing their Constituents by arbitrary decisions and the use of Statutory Instruments.

I THINK UNDER "ELECTORAL REFORM" IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE SECTION TO TAKE OUR CONCERNS AND DEMANDS

It must be viewed with alarm by this and Fheis that there would appear to be a concerted attempt over recent months to create difficulties for W. Party Elected Representatives to adequately

We must note the conditions attached to the Employment of our Former <sup>DUBLIN</sup> Co-Councillors as a Trade Union official which debarred him from holding onto his Seat on Dublin County Council.

We will Remember the conditions applying to our Colleagues in the I.P. 26.0.0 that where new Regulations were formulated not only debaring successful Union officials from Remaining in Employment but it would seem even preventing them from getting leave of absence.

I myself have been given the ultimatum by my Employer - seemingly at the Behest of the Dept of Education to "Resign Forthwith Either

(a) as a member of Dublin Corporation.  
or

(b) as an officer of the C. of Dublin V.E.C.

I Believe it is time that we inform those Public at Large <sup>concerned</sup> Employers or Unions that we will not be picked off one at a time

Like ping pong balls and that we will use all the might at the disposal of our Party and including legal action as required to fight to retain our Democratic Right to REPRESENT our constituents and to hold onto our living. We should, if necessary, formulate Bills in the Dail To Remove Discriminatory legislation like the Stat. Instrum.

We must further, in seeking ELECTORAL REFORM, Demand legislation ~~to~~ that will <sup>already</sup> ~~conserve~~ all public Representatives - From all Parties - adequate time off work and Facilities to adequately Represent their Constituents at local Government level.

In Conclusion I would like to thank my union the Loc. Gov & Pub Service Union for the support - both Moral & Legal - that they have given me to-date in my Fight FOR JUSTICE.

(1)

Can the City Manager please say when work will start on the Repavement of the Parkland Road Flats and the if he can say if he has Department of Environment Sanction to commence work on this site which includes New Housing and a Senior Citizens Development all of which are badly needed.

(2)

Can the City Manager please say if he intends to purchase the Old Apollo Cinema site in Walkerton for the purpose of building a Senior Citizens Complex, and if he is satisfied that it can be purchased for an agreeable sum. Can the manager please give a full report on negotiations / Developments with the site owners.

(3)

Does the Manager agree that the major landowner holding approx. 16 acres of land in the Handsdown Valley, is which is presently under C.P.O., is willing to settle on an agreeable price with Dullin Corporation, Will the Manager now instruct his officials to immediately purchase this land at the agreeable price and ~~not~~ does he agree that the Handsdown Valley ~~lands~~ offers ~~to~~ Dullin Corporation's Parks Dept. one of the most <sup>exciting</sup> ~~valuable~~ <sup>they have had</sup> prospective developments in recent ~~years~~ <sup>in recent years</sup>.

(4)

Can the manager please say how many families and individuals have had to be Reaccommodated by Dullin Corporation as a result of C.P.O.s and Demolitions Resulting from the Building of the Luncan Target Road.

Can the City Manager please

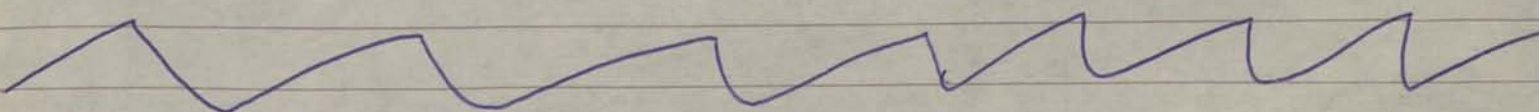
state:

(1) The criteria for the provision of digital all weather ~~foot~~ all purpose pitches in Inverclyde City Flat Complexes.

(2) How the criteria for the provision of Community Buildings within Inverclyde City Flat Complexes

with ~~Ball~~ <sup>Fitter</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>also</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> facilities ~~and~~ ~~the~~ with relevant listings.

(3) How ~~many~~ to list all complexes, Why O'Brien Road has been so neglected given the no. of flats ~~existing~~ and density therein.



Can the Manager please state how much money he envisages it will cost to complete the plans drawn up for the six Inverclyde Flat Complexes for the Repurposing Unit. Can he give a rough estimation of costs for each complex and will he please state when he intends to start the Repurposing of Parkhead Road Flats.

