



Six guarantees from our local election candidates

What TUSC councillors will do

The Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) is an inclusive umbrella alliance with its banner available to be used on the ballot paper by every working-class fighter prepared to stand up to the capitalist establishment politicians at election time.

Every trade unionist, anti-cuts campaigner, community or social movement activist, and socialists from any party or none who want to see a working class alternative to the establishment parties, can become a TUSC candidate – free to also campaign, if they wish, for policies beyond our six policy guarantees below.

But as a minimum commitment for local council elections – the TUSC core policy platform for our council candidates – voters should know that any councillor elected under the TUSC banner will:

1. Oppose all cuts and closures to council services, jobs, pay and conditions. Resist the privatisation of services or their transfer to social enterprises or 'arms-length' management organisations which are the first steps to their privatisation.
2. Reject council tax, rent and service charge increases for working-class people to make up for cuts in central funding.
3. Vote for councils to use their reserves and prudential borrowing powers to avoid making cuts in their 2026-2027 budgets and demand from the Labour government the additional funding needed to make up any future shortfall.
4. Refuse to co-operate with any commissioners or 'envoys' appointed by the government to attempt to impose cuts on local services.
5. Support only democratically debated local Climate Emergency plans that create new employment, build flood defences, reduce emissions and improve air quality and the local environment, while protecting the jobs, pay and living standards of all workers.
6. Fight for united working-class struggle against racism, sexism and all forms of oppression, including against refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. Back all workers' struggles against government policies making ordinary people pay for the crisis.