

Trade Union Facility Time Report –Central Function April 2023



City of Westminster

Further to the Local Government Transparency Code and the Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017, the council is required to publish information on trade union facility time. The following includes details of the total number of staff who are union representatives, the names of trade unions represented in the Council, percentage of time spent on facility time, and percentage of pay bill spent on facility time.

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As at 1st April 2023 Westminster City Council has a total number of 37 members of staff (non schools) who are elected as Union Representatives, including general, learning and health and safety representatives.

The council has 2 union representatives that devote at least 50% of their time to trade union duties, and 35 elected representatives who, through the council's facilities time agreement, have the possibility to work up to a maximum of 15 hours per month, subject to agreement.

The Council recognises the following trade unions:

UNISON

NEU

GMB

NASUWT

UNITE

ASCL

NAHT

UCU

VOICE

BMA

CYWU

MIP

However, as in line with the required membership levels, as per the facilities time agreement, Unison, GMB and the NEU are currently the only unions within the Council that are afforded facilities time for a Branch Post. For the purposes of this report however, we are only reporting on non-schools based employees.

The data reported below is indicative to the reporting period of 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023.

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Table 1:

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the period of 1 st April 2022 – 31 st March 2023	Full Time equivalent employee number
36	33

Table 2:

Percentage of time spent on facility time	No of Employees
0%	0
1-50%	33
51%-99%	0
100%	3

Table 3:

Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time:	0.8%
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Table 4:

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours;	9.1%
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