

**P-04-651 To Work to Protect Local Government When Determining the Budgets this Autumn. Correspondence – Petitioner to the Clerking Team.
11.01.16**

Thank you Jessica, please see below comments for the committee.

Back in September 2014 UNISON Neath Port Talbot Branch called for the Welsh Government to reconsider the proposed budget cuts of up to -4.5% to Local Government funding via the petitions committee. We would like to commend the Minister for Public Services for listening to our campaign and the settlement that followed for Neath Port Talbot Council and other Local Authorities.

However, we wish for the local government settlement to remain the same moving forward to next year and we would not want any Neath Port Talbot settlement being top sliced and we ask the Welsh Government to do more (much more) by including grants into the settlement – as the Scottish Government did over 7 years ago.

Regards

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