



# London Calling

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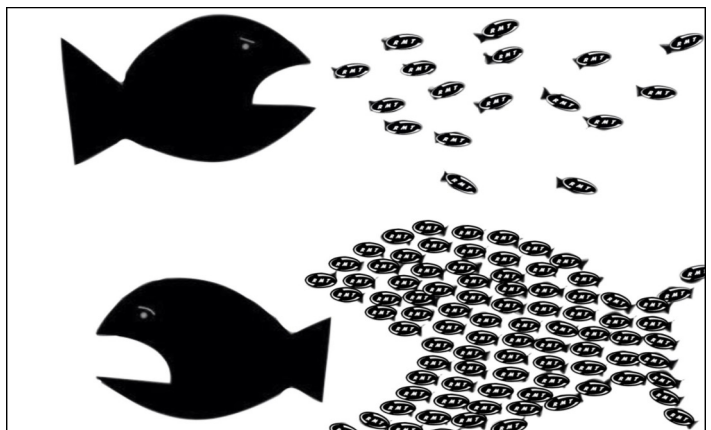
## Boris and LU When All Else Fails **JUST LIE**

LU has used the intranet to publish propaganda from the Tory mayor, Boris Johnson.

Johnson says he will meet Bob Crow if we cancel our strikes. For six years Johnson has refused to speak to RMT and now he demands we cancel our strikes just to get through the door.

RMT has been at ACAS for a week trying to resolve this dispute. The talks have been unable to reach a conclusion because LU insists that it will continue to implement its plans while we are talking. This makes any consultation a sham as the plans will be in place before we have even finished talking.

This means we must deliver a massive show of strength on Tuesday night through to Thursday.



**Support your Workmates**  
**Strike Against £4.2bn cuts across All Grades**



## **Fit for the Future will Hit All Grades**

It is well known that LU's proposals on stations amounts to only 6% of the cuts LU wants to make by 2021. No job, no conditions and none of our benefits including pensions and travel are safe.

## **LU is Lying about the Rest of its Plans**

LU tells us they have no plans for the rest of the £4bn of cuts after the stations programme. That's what they told stations functional reps about the stations programme as recently as last November. Either they drew them pretty quick or they are lying. Seeing as the final plan is identical to those contained in leaked documents two years ago the lying seems more likely.

## **LU held a Meeting of TOMS to discuss Fit for the Future Trains**

Management have not been able to deny this meeting took place, only stating that "No formal meeting took place". What does that mean? They didn't wear black ties! The leaked plans included the move to driverless trains and if they get away with tearing up contracts and agreements on stations they will impose flexibility and changes to grades on drivers too.

## **Service Control: Management already messing with Protection of Earnings Agreement**

LU averted strikes in Service Control after offering lifetime protection of earnings to members who were downgraded in a reorganisation on SSR. But already they are trying to exclude people from the agreement and sidestep their commitments. Further cuts to jobs and re-grading will follow throughout Service control if LU feels it can get away with it .

## **Engineering: 500 Job Cuts in Fleet and threat to Pensions is only the Start**

Fleet jobs will go if LU introduces its self-inspecting train systems as outlined in previous (leaked) plans. Similar technology will also prompt reductions in physical track inspections with jobs going as a result. In Tubelines, members have been told they can only have their LU staff travel benefits if they agree to close the pension scheme to new entrants.

## **TfL: Mayor demands ANOTHER £5bn of cuts on top of those to LU**

RMT members working directly for TfL have been offered a pay rise that is not pensionable. This would mean that come retirement the pension would be calculated on their earnings from last year! Massive cuts will be imposed on TfL if they are not stopped. RMT members in TfL will also be striking alongside all LU grades.

## **Pensions, Passes & Wages: Nothing is Safe for Anyone**

It will be impossible for LU to impose another £4bn of cuts without hitting our pay and conditions further. Threats to the pension scheme could lead to a contributions shortfall and then they will be back to cut pension payments themselves. If LU gets away with tearing up the contracts, pay rates and conditions of grades on stations then they will seek to do it anywhere. Don't fight alone. Unite all grades. Strike against Cuts.

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