



Title: Motion to reverse the Sun boycott pending the outcome of further consultation

Notes:

- Council passed a motion to boycott The Sun on 18th November 2013
- Council has a duty to represent the views of Hull University Union members and act according to their interests
- Hullfire writer Chris Hopkins wrote of the decision “there is an underlying feeling that Councillors who voted, and Sabbatical Officers who supported the motion, did not consult properly with students”.
- The Tab Hull’s Facebook page received a wide range of comments from Hull University Union members both against and in favour of the decision (see appendix figures 1-8)
- The Tab Hull’s poll asking ‘Should HUU reverse its decision to ban the sale of The Sun?’ received 629 votes, with 58.51% voting in the affirmative. Whilst it cannot be guaranteed that all participants were members of Hull University Union, this could be considered a good indication of the mood across campus. (see appendix figure 8)

Believes:

- There is enough evidence to warrant further investigation into the views of Hull University Union students regarding boycotting The Sun
- It is not currently clear as to whether or not the decision to boycott The Sun was a reflection of the overall views of Hull University Union members

Resolves:

- To resume selling The Sun in Hull University Union Shop immediately
- To begin an online consultation with Hull University Union members – similar to the recent RAG poll - with the objective of determining whether or not members are in favour of boycotting The Sun.

- To discuss the results of the consultation at the next Union Council and a member to propose a motion to boycott The Sun if necessary

Appendix:

Figures 1-8 – comments on The Tab Hull’s Facebook link to article reporting Union Council’s decision to boycott The Sun

Figure 9 – the poll ran on The Tab’s article asking ‘Should HUU reverse its decision to ban the sale of The Sun?’

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