

Unite the union , Scottish Local Government Regional Industrial Sector Committee - Passed May 2026

Unite the Union policy (as established at 2023 Policy Conference and subsequently 2025 Policy Conference) supports BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanction) campaigns in relation to Palestine.

However, we must recognise that Local Government pension funds use Local Authority workers deferred pay to invest in a diverse array of investment devices and that some Local Authority pension fund investment portfolios may contain investments that conflict with our union's policy.

Accordingly, we recommend to:

1. Examine all Local Government pension fund investments to identify any investments that may conflict with Unite policy
2. Where investments are identified as conflicting with Unite policy develop and initiate a plan for lobbying of pension fund committees and boards for the purpose of divestment and boycott
3. Where investments are identified as conflicting with Unite policy develop a plan for informing Local Authority members of this conflict, and initiate where appropriate
4. Identify and work with various relevant groups to achieve the Unite policy goal of supporting BDS in Local Government pension funds.