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GMB SEEKS LAST MINUTE PAY TALKS

With one of the biggest strikes ever now set for next Thursday, 10 July, GMB and the other trade unions have written to local authority leaders to offer further talks to try to find a peaceful resolution. We have been seeking to re-open negotiations over the 1% pay offer for some time, which the employers have so far refused, so we have formally requested a meeting with the political leaders of local government. We believe it is our duty to ensure that we leave no stone unturned in trying to resolve our dispute through negotiation rather than industrial action.

I hope the local authority leaders will respond positively to our offer to meet and talk. But they have shown such little regard for their workforce and they don't seem to care that the strike on 10 July will cause massive disruption and inconvenience throughout the very communities they represent. So I'm not holding my breath.

Please keep an eye on the GMB website for any further developments. In the meantime we stand firm together in our preparations for 10 July, let's make it a day to remember.

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