

June 2014

GMB@ PUBLIC SERVICES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BALLOT 2014



VOTE “YES” FOR STRIKE ACTION IN THE GMB BALLOT

GMB is carrying out a strike ballot after members massively rejected this year's pay offer from the local government employers. The other unions, Unite and Unison, are balloting to join us.

The employers' offer is a miserly 1% for most people, with some extra for the very lowest paid. We need to show that we are prepared to take action if we are to get an improved offer.

WHY WE SHOULD ALL VOTE “YES” IN THE GMB BALLOT:

- We've barely had a pay award in years. Enough is enough!
- 1% wouldn't cover the rising cost of gas and electricity, childcare and other essentials.
- We have to show the employers we are serious about wanting a better offer.
- RPI inflation is running at 2.5%. RPI is the most important measure of inflation for pay settlements.
- Set against inflation, and taking increased pensions contributions into account, local-government pay has been cut in real terms by 18% since 2010.
- The local government employers have refused to negotiate on the 1%, or to use any other means of resolving disputes. Only a strong “Yes” vote for strike action can change their minds.
- We are fed up of being treated unfairly. The employers keep asking us to do “more for less”. But there is a limit, and we have reached it!
- The employers say they are holding down pay to save jobs and services. But our pay has been held down for years, and jobs and services have still disappeared!
- We have had enough of being under-paid. The employers need to realise they can no longer get away with it.
- The employers shouldn't treat us just as numbers to balance the budget. It's time they showed us some respect.

Let's stick together for a better deal, backed by the strength of the union and the protection of a legal strike ballot. If you are not already a GMB member, join today. There is a membership form on the back, or join online at www.gmb.org.uk/join.

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GMB—EXPERTS IN THE WORLD OF WORK

It can be as simple as a new manager, or a new way of working that causes you a problem at work. Guard against that day by joining GMB now. Over 612,000 workers have already joined. Only GMB members get GMB help. **IF YOU WORK YOU NEED GMB@WORK**

Join now at www.gmb.org.uk/join or fill in the form below

then hand the form to your local GMB representative, or post it to:

Freepost RSTL-ULCH-JBET GMB, 22 Stephenson Way, LONDON NW1 2HD (you do not need a stamp).

If you have any questions contact GMB: email info@gmb.org.uk or visit our website www.gmb.org.uk

FOR GMB USE ONLY	Section <input type="text"/>	Branch number <input type="text"/>	Membership number <input type="text"/>	Date of joining <input type="text"/>
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GMB membership application form PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

1 TELL US ABOUT YOU

Surname <input type="text"/>	First name <input type="text"/>	Title Mrs / Miss / Ms / Mr <input type="text"/>	Date of birth <input type="text"/>
Home address <input type="text"/>	Postcode <input type="text"/>	Home phone number <input type="text"/>	Mobile number <input type="text"/>
We ask for your ethnic origins as part of our equal opportunities policy of improving services to all members		Email <input type="text"/>	
Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> / Black African <input type="checkbox"/> / Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> / Black British <input type="checkbox"/> / Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> / Indian <input type="checkbox"/> / Irish <input type="checkbox"/> / Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> / White <input type="checkbox"/> / Other: <input type="text"/>		National Insurance number <input type="text"/>	
I agree to abide by GMB rules		Signed <input type="text"/>	
		Date <input type="text"/>	

2 TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOB

Employer <input type="text"/>	Your job <input type="text"/>
Address where you work <input type="text"/>	Postcode <input type="text"/>
How many hours a week do you work? <input type="text"/>	Pay number <input type="text"/>
Work phone number <input type="text"/>	Pay date <input type="text"/>

3 PLEASE SELECT WHEN YOU WOULD LIKE THE DIRECT DEBIT TO BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR ACCOUNT

If you are paid monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st day of the month*	<input type="checkbox"/> 15th day of the month*	<input type="checkbox"/> Last day of the month*	* or next working day
OR if you are paid 4 weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Friday

4 INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY TO PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT



Please fill in the form below and send to: Freepost RSTL-ULCH-JBET, GMB, 22 Stephenson Way, LONDON NW1 2HD

Service User Number

Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society branch

To the Manager of <input type="text"/>	Bank/Building Society <input type="text"/>
Address <input type="text"/>	Postcode <input type="text"/>

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society: Please pay GMB Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with GMB and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s) <input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>
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Name(s) of account holder(s)

<input type="text"/>

Bank/Building Society account number <input type="text"/>

Bank/Building Society Sort Code <input type="text"/>
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For GMB official use only. This is not part of the instruction to your Bank/Building Society. If your A/C number is not available fill in your address below.

Banks or Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account

Reference number (GMB use only) <input type="text"/>
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