



## Scotland's Local Government JOINT PAY Campaign –

# STEWARDS BRIEFING 1

The Pay Campaign Group (PCG) has been established by all three unions to plan and coordinate our pay campaign. This is the first time in many years that the three SJC trade unions are united in rejecting the employers offer on pay - giving us the opportunity to campaign jointly wherever possible.

While this on its own sends out a powerful message to the employers, it is essential that we build on this by engaging our members and activists in support of our claim and the campaign.

Members in all three trade unions are being balloted during July on industrial action in pursuance of an improved offer. We need to use the time before then to get the message out to all TU members of the need for a strong 'YES' vote on these ballots.

To assist branches and stewards in building our campaign towards the start of the ballot and through the ballot period the PCG agreed to issue;

- **w/c 2 June – national press releases to keep the pressure on the employers**
- **w/c 9 June – members bulletin highlighting the increased cost of living**
- **w/c 16 June – local press releases for use by branches**
- **w/c 23 June – members bulletin highlighting low pay. A further members bulletin urging members to vote 'YES'.**

Posters urging members to vote 'YES' to strike action will also be available to branches, and further branch/stewards briefings will ensure you are kept up to date with any developments.

The ballot period will take place in July and the type of action that is being proposed is;

- **a one day all out strike across all of Scotland**
- **a national rolling programme of selective action**
- **further days of action if required**

### ACTION FOR BRANCHES

Branches should now start to identify occupational groups of members who would be prepared to take selective action. Each trade union will advise their branches separately on this.

Branches should also arrange joint union meetings locally to discuss tactics and joint campaigning, they should also encourage joint workplace and where appropriate, mass meetings.

Every branch and every member needs to work hard to deliver a 'YES' vote and give us a clear mandate for strike action.

# YOU DESERVE A FAIR DEAL – VOTE FOR ONE!