



For council and school workers

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Pay Up Now for council and school workers – gear up for the 2020 campaign!

Employer Pay Briefing Dates

The Local Government Association (LGA) is consulting councils on our pay claim and holding a series of regional meetings in September and October as follows:

Date	Region	Time	Location
Monday 2 September	North East	1300	Gateshead
Tuesday 10 September	Northern Ireland	1030	Castlereagh
Wednesday 11 September	North West	1300	Preston
Thursday 12 September	East Midlands	1300	Melton Mowbray
Mon 16 September	East of England	1400	Cambridge
Tue 17 September	West Midlands	1000	Birmingham
Wednesday 18 September	London	1000	London
	South East	1330	
Thursday 19 September	Cymru/Wales	1100	Cardiff
Friday 27 September	South West	1000	Exeter
Tuesday 8 October	Yorks & Humber	1030	Leeds

Make sure your elected members and senior officers attend their LGA regional pay briefing. Your Region will also be organising a lobby of the pay briefing.

Model Council Motion on NJC Pay

It is crucial we maximise political pressure on local employers – as well as national - during this period. Given the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding, we want councils to call on the LGA to make urgent representations to Government for additional funding to meet our claim.

A Joint Trade Union Side model council motion on NJC pay has been drawn up for you to get councillors to discuss and support. We want you then to feed back their views to your region.

Build up our Campaign

Aside from the employer briefings, the first stage of our campaign is to build awareness of the NJC pay claim at local level with members and councillors.

Attached to this bulletin are:

- Branch campaign template for this first stage of our campaign
- Powerpoint presentation with briefing notes for stewards to explain the campaign to members
- Trade Union Side model council motion on NJC pay
- Feedback form for you to report councillor views to your Region

And don't forget to tell the press – get in touch with your local press and radio. Let them know what you are up to and win some coverage.

Order your campaign materials now!

The following campaign materials are available from UNISON's online catalogue to help you plan your campaign:

- Members leaflet. Stock no 4104 Bilingual Welsh/English version stock no 4109
- Campaign poster Stock no 4105 Bilingual Welsh/English version stock no 4107
- Campaign stickers stock no 3785
- School Members leaflet stock number 4108 Bilingual Welsh/English version stock no 4112
- Schools Campaign Poster 4106 Bilingual Welsh/English stock no 4113

PDFs of the leaflet and poster together with **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** about our claim are posted on our campaign webpage under resources at <https://www.unison.org.uk/our-campaigns/fair-pay-now-council-school-workers/>

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Twitter @

Make sure you ask non members to join UNISON and our campaign.

Share your campaign ideas with us at njcpay2020@unison.co.uk