

BITTER BLOW AS EMPLOYERS SAY "NO PAY RISE"

This morning local government employers told GMB and the other local government TUs that they would not be offering a pay rise for 2010. This applies to the NJC (Green Book), Craft and Chief Officers. The statement from the employers came out of the blue as there has been no discussion or negotiations since we submitted our claim for 2.5%/£500.

I am shocked at the arrogance of the employers and their total disrespect for council staff. The employers plead poverty but are not able to produce any evidence to back up their claims. I simply do not believe that they cannot afford any pay rise at all.

GMB and the other TUs will be holding urgent meetings over the next two weeks to determine our plan of action.

I will keep you informed.

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