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LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYERS IMPOSE ANOTHER PAY FREEZE

At a national Joint Secretaries meeting today the employers said that following consultation their response to the TU claim for a pay rise is - they will not be making an offer. Not even the £250 promised by the government for the low paid.

This is another despicable insult to local government workers, already suffering huge job losses and attacks on conditions and pensions.

I expressed my complete disgust at the employers decision which I do not accept. The TUs demanded a full NJC meeting to argue the case and this will be arranged soon.

Local government employers clearly have no respect for their workforce whatsoever.

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Dear Heather, Brian and Peter

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY 2011

I am writing to respond formally on behalf of the Employers' Side to the 2011/12 pay claim submitted by the Trade Union Side at the meeting of the National Joint Council on 13 October.

The Employers have now considered the claim following extensive consultation with councils. Meeting it would increase the local government pay bill by £265 million and add significantly to the funding gap of £6.5 billion facing councils in 2011/12 (the difference between the amount of money councils will receive and the cost of maintaining services at their current level).

The choice for the Employers has been a difficult one but they believe that the protection of services, and consequent mitigation of job losses and redundancies, should take priority over any increase in pay and, while they acknowledge this will make it the second successive year without a national pay increase, have decided that they are unable to make an offer for 2011/12.

The Employers recognise that their decision will be received with disappointment by the Trade Union Side but believe it is the right choice in the current circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

**Phil White
Assistant Employers' Secretary**