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LOCAL GOVERNMENT NJC 2012 PAY CLAIM

The formal claim for next year's pay negotiations has been lodged by GMB, Unison and Unite as follows:

"A substantial increase on all pay points that recognises the financial hardship being suffered by NJC workers - in particular the lowest paid - as a consequence of inflation and the failure of the Local Government Employers to award £250 to those earning below £21,000, as embodied in government policy".

The document setting out the background to the claim for supporting arguments is being put on the GMB website at www.gmb.org.uk.

The employers are due to start carrying out their consultation with local authorities and have issued the attached letter, which you may find interesting, signed by the leaders of all the political groups in local government. In their wishy-washy way they seem to be suggesting a multi-year deal involving "modest" pay increases in return for "changes to the national pay framework" - whatever that means.

I would say they should come off the fence and show a bit of leadership. They know council workers deserve a decent pay rise and they should say so unequivocally.

I will keep you informed when negotiations begin.

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