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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY

# £500 OR 2.5% UNIONS SUBMIT CLAIM FOR 2010

At a meeting of the National Joint Council for local government yesterday GMB and the other trade unions laid down the pay claim for 2010. The claim is

"A £500 flat rate increase or 2.5% - whichever is the greater."

The claim is for one year only and by submitting it early we hope that negotiations can conclude in time for the due date of 1 April 2010. An additional claim concerning terms and conditions will be lodged before Christmas.

As Chair of the TU Side I told the employers representatives that local government workers deserved a fair deal. We have had below average pay rises for years and it is time to redress some of the balance. This claim, for 2010, is reasonable and affordable. The employers said they would be consulting with local authorities about what level of offer to make and they hoped to be in a position to respond to the TU Side claim either just before or soon after the Christmas/New Year break.

I will keep you informed.

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