

**Welcome
to your
Spring 2018
GMB
Newsletter**

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Happy Easter from all branch officers and reps

**We will be holding our annual Easter Egg draw on
Tuesday 20th March 2018**

**The raffle will be drawn at random using membership
numbers and all winners will be contacted by the
branch**

Local Government Pay Award



9th March 2018



GMB MEMBERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SCHOOLS VOTE "YES" TO TWO YEAR PAY OFFER

GMB's full postal ballot of all members in councils, schools and most academies closed today 9th March with a big majority in favour of accepting the offer from the Employers.

94% of GMB members have voted to accept the pay offer.

The turnout for the ballot consultation is one of the biggest we've had for some years so a huge thank you to all the GMB post-holders and members who have helped achieve this.

The Trade Union Side will meet in the coming weeks to discuss next steps so further details will follow.

Full details of the offer can be found at:

<http://www.gmb.org.uk/campaigns/local-government-pay/overview>
or contact your local branch or GMB representative.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rehana Azam'.

Rehana Azam
GMB National Secretary
Public Services Section

Local Government Pay Award



After a full postal ballot 
OF ALL MEMBERS
affected by the local government pay offer

THE RESULTS

are in...

94%

VOTED TO **ACCEPT** THE OFFER

GMB



Contact the branch for more details

Local Government Pay Award



We just wanted to say a huge
THANK YOU
to the thousands of you who

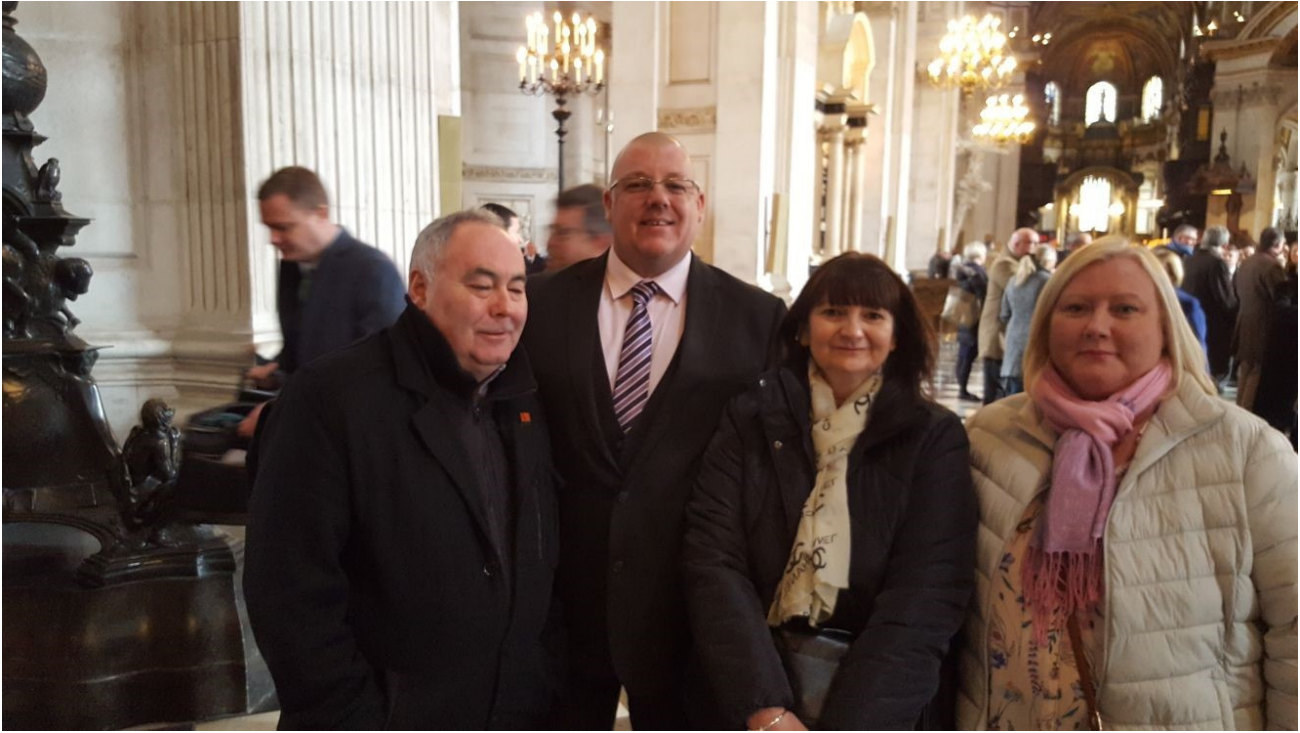
**HAD YOUR SAY
ON YOUR PAY**

GMB



Contact the branch for more details

Mary Turner's Memorial Service



Branch Officers attended the Memorial of GMB President Mary Turner at St Paul's Cathedral on 27th February 2018

Leyburn Brass Band played some very moving music to mark the occasion



As expected, the turnout to remember Mary was exceptional, which is a testament to how respected Mary was by colleagues and members throughout the country

Social Events



Each year the branch organises a number of social events for our members.



These include a Summer trip to the seaside town of Whitby in August and a Christmas shopping trip to York in November

There is also the yearly gathering at Durham Miners Gala where we carry the branch banner through the City until we reach the Racecourse where we have a marquee set up for members



If you have any suggestions for ideas for future social events please let the branch know as we are always keen to hear new ideas from our members.



GMB Benefits



UIA—Home Insurance Offer

Just one phone call to us today could cut the cost of your home insurance, so what are you waiting for?



- Great Value
- Interest-free monthly payments
- Extra 10% discount on Combined Buildings & Content policies
- Get up to £50 towards any switching costs your current insurer might charge
- 97% of people would recommend us**
- 100% UK-based call centres
- A dedicated, highly experienced Claims Team from the start to finish of any claim

Just call 0800 072 9922 (0143 876 1651 for mobile users)

GMB Road Traffic Fund



If you drive as part of your work then the Road Traffic Fund is ideal for you.

For just an additional 10p per week to your GMB contributions, the fund offers a variety of benefit for those who drive as part of their work, including the payment of speeding fines (conditions apply)

Joining the Road Traffic Fund couldn't be easier.

Contact the branch for more details



Highly rated insurance from LV=

Good news... GMB members are entitled to exclusive discounts on a wide range of LV= insurance products through your union membership.

5 Star rated cover – awarded by Defaqto, the independent financial researcher, for the 11th year in a row for being one of the best quality car insurance products on the market. With our comprehensive cover we offer features and benefits including accidental damage and personal accident cover.

LV= also offer caravan insurance as well as discounted rates to GMB members on the following insurance cover:

Classic car insurance – our comprehensive car insurance policy offers you protection for your pride and joy in case something should ever happen.

Motorcycle insurance – motorbike lovers can enjoy our motorcycle insurance with full cover of helmet and leathers and can protect their no claim discount if they have 4 years claim free for the life of their policy.

- Accidental damage to your car
- Uninsured driver promise – no loss of No Claim Discount and no excess to pay
- Misfuelling cover if you accidentally fill your car with the wrong fuel
- New locks and keys if your keys are lost or stolen
- Unlimited cover for factory fitted phone, audio and sat nav equipment
- A new-for-old car replacement if yours is less than 12 months old
- £10,000 personal accident cover – if you or your partner are injured
- Replacement child car seats
- £200 cover for personal belongings in your car

Contact the branch for more details

Social Media



Please follow the GMB
Durham Local Authority
Branch on Social Media



@durhamgmb



@GMBDurham



@durhamgmb

Or visit our branch website

www.durhamgmb.info



Keeping in Touch



Section 188 Redundancy Notices and Restructures

Please contact the Branch if you receive a Section 188 notice or your service is going through a restructure.

03000 268135

or

gmb@durham.gov.uk

GMB Bulletins

Please note: up-to-the minute information for members is posted onto the Durham County Council bulletin board

Remember — You're better off in the GMB

GMB APPLICATION FORM

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

GMBNORTHERN
REGIONFOR UNION USE ONLY Section Branch No Membership No Date of joining

Please return your completed application form to: Membership Department, GMB Northern Region, 1 Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1YE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname First Name Title Date of Birth

Home Address

Home Tel Mobile

Postcode Email National Ins. No.

I agree to abide by GMB rules* Signature

Date

We ask for your ethnic origins as part of our equal opportunities policy of improving services to all members

Bangladesh ☐ Black African ☐ Black Caribbean ☐ Black British ☐ Chinese ☐ Indian ☐ Pakistani ☐ White ☐ Other ☐

* The GMB Rulebook is available online at www.gmb.org.uk or via your GMB office

YOUR EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

To ensure that the service you receive is up to the standards you expect please include as much information as possible regarding your employment.

Employer

Address where you work

Postcode

Job title How many hours a week do you work?

Department Pay No

Work Tel Pay Date

WHAT YOU PAY Rates as from October 1st, 2017

Grade 1 Full-time (working more than 20 hours per week)
£3.05 per week ☐ or £13.22 per month ☐

Grade 2 Part-time (working between 10 and 20 hours per week)
£1.78 per week ☐ or £7.72 per month ☐

Working 10 hours or less per week
£1 per week ☐ or £4.34 per month ☐

Apprentice Rate ☐ Non Working Student ☐

£2.00 per month ☐ £1.00 per month ☐

Please tick the appropriate box to indicate how often you are paid:
Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Four Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐

ADDITIONAL PROTECTION

To join the Road Traffic Fund and/or Sick and Accident Society, please tick the relevant boxes:
Road Traffic Fund ☐ Sick and Accident Society ☐

Important - Please read "Additional Protection" on page 10 for further information before deciding to join.
Funds subject to rule - copy of rules will be sent out upon joining

CHOOSE EITHER AUTHORISATION OF DEDUCTION OF YOUR TRADE UNION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUR PAY

Section 68, Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidated) Act 1992 as amended

- I authorise my employer to deduct from my pay each week/month the sum of*

£

or other amounts as may be fixed by the GMB from time to time.

* Only available if your employer operates this scheme

Your information will be recorded by the GMB and used to send you relevant publications, ballot forms and mailings.

If you do not wish to receive information from GMB, excluding items which must be sent by rule/law, please tick here ☐

- Please start the deductions immediately and pay the amounts to the GMB.
- I note that this agreement may be cancelled by one month's notice in writing.
- I give permission to my employer to notify the GMB of any future change of address.

Signed Date

OR INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY TO PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT



Please return to: GMB Northern Region, 1 Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1YE

Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society branch

To the Manager of Bank/Building Society

Address

Postcode

Name(s) of account holder(s)

Bank/Building Society Account Number

Bank/Building Society Sort Code

Reference number (Office use only)

Service User Number

For GMB official use only. This is not part of the instruction to your Bank/Building Society.
If your A/C number is not available fill in your address below.

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society.

Please pay GMB Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with GMB and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society

Signature(s)

Date

Banks or Building Societies may not accept instructions for some types of account