



GMB @ Durham County Council

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to your
Summer2015
Newsletter!

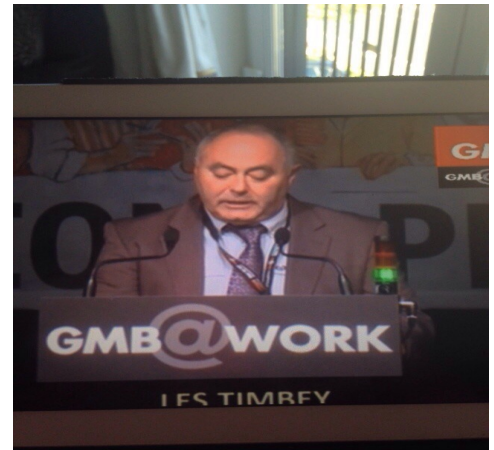
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GMB Congress 2015 Dublin

Les Timbey and David Clegg were Durham
County L.A. Branch Delegates



It was a great honour that Les and David carried the GMB
National Banner into congress



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL STAFF - NEW PAY CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Following on from the agreement between GMB and the other local government unions to open the 2016/17 pay round as early as possible, the trade union side of the National Joint Council has agreed a joint claim which has been formally submitted to the national employers as follows -

1. Deletion of NJC and all local pay points which fall below the level of the UK Living Wage (and deletion of GLPC pay points below London Living Wage) and a flat rate increase of £1 per hour on all other pay points.
2. Retention and protection of Green Book Part 2 terms and conditions.
3. Fair treatment for school support staff through a joint review of term time working.

The first item is the headline pay demand and in effect it means 'pay the Living Wage or give a £1 an hour pay rise, whichever is greater'. This is consistent with our claim for last years' negotiations and since GMB began its Living Wage campaign in 2013 nearly half of all Councils now pay it. The official Living Wage is £7.85 an hour (£9.15 in London).

The second item is to establish a base line that makes clear our national agreement is not up for grabs. As well as the overwhelming majority of Councils, there are thousands of other employers like academy schools, charities, housing associations and contractors that use the Green Book - it is the essential set of terms and conditions for the whole of the local government sector.

The third item is specific to school support staff whose term-time contractual arrangement has long been seen as a disadvantage compared to other groups - pay is reduced for term time workers on the grounds that they have longer holidays but on the other hand they have no choice over those holidays. It's high time this was sorted out properly and fairly.

In submitting our claim we are very aware that local authority budgets are tight and we hope that by initiating discussions early it will give all employers time to plan to meet our claim. I expect we will get a response next month and I will communicate this to you along with the next steps in our campaign.

Brian Strutton

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National Secretary - Public Services Section



Football Season Nearly Here

Football Season Tickets

Sunderland and Newcastle



**GMB Durham County LA Branch has two pairs of season tickets
For both Sunderland and Newcastle for the 2015-16 season.**

**Any GMB member who would like to put their name forward to
go in the draw to attend a game can contact the Branch Office
on 03000 268 135 or by e-mail at gmb@durham.gov.uk
Draw winners will be contacted before the start of the season
With their allocated game.**

**Please be aware that dates of games can change and it is your
Responsibility to collect and return the tickets.**

Miners Gala 2015

**Come along and join GMB with
the Leyburn Brass Band**

**To March down from Durham
Market Place to the Racecourse
with Durham County LA
Branch Banner**

**We will be meeting at 8.30am in
Durham Market Place
On Saturday 11th July 2015**



Miners Gala Social Night

**Durham County LA Branch Miners Gala Social
Night**

**Will be held this Year
At the Radisson Blu Hotel Durham
Saturday 11th July 2015
7.00pm - 12.00am**

Come along and Enjoy the Night

**Admission is strictly by Ticket only from
Branch Office**

**Contact the Branch on 03000
268135/268136**

Or e-mail gmb@durham.gov.uk



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Section 188 and Restructures

With all the ongoing Section 188 notices and restructures

Please call the Branch office if you are affected and need representation

03000 268134/268135

E-mail gmb@durham.gov.uk

Branch Meetings 2015

The GMB Branch Meetings are held at 5pm in County Hall Durham

27th August 2015

25th November 2015

Membership Details

Please contact the Branch office if you have moved house or changed your name it is important we have all your correct information

Keep up-to-date with GMB

Please like the GMB Durham local Authority facebook page to keep up to date with Local and National activities.

You can also visit the branch website and Durham County Bulletin Board for all the latest information.

GMB Whitby Trip

On Saturday August 29th 2015

GMB members £5.00 Non Members £10

(Two Non Members per GMB member)

To book your seats contact GMB office on

03000 268135

Or e-mail gmb@durham.gov.uk

Bus Leaving County Hall at 8.00am returning

from Whitby 5pm

Quiz and Bingo en route



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Easter Draw Winners



Tracy Metcalfe And Jimmy Jamieson
Drawing the Winners



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With all the cuts facing Local Governments

Now is the time to Join GMB

**Contact Branch office on 03000 268135 or
e-mail gmb@durham.gov.uk**

**Also forms can be downloaded at
www.gmb.org.uk/join**

**And returned to GMB Office 4th Floor
County Hall Durham DH1 5UY**