

## Pay Campaign Weekly Update – 3/2/06

### Summary

- Campaign has been launched. Around the FC the focus has been on awareness of campaign issues and recruitment. Centrally, we held a meeting with Lord Clark this week, which whilst very positive was inconclusive.

### Central Lobbying

- Main news this week is our meeting with Lord Clark on Tuesday. The focus of the meeting was on the significant downturn in industrial relations as well as the specifics on pay. Whilst he was clear that it was not his role to directly intervene in an EB decision, he did express his strong support for the work of trade unions in the Commission, and agreed to look into some of the concerns which were raised. We shall be having further correspondence with Lord Clark over the coming days, and I hope to be able to say more about our discussions next week.
- The next key date centrally is the Departmental Staff Council on 21/2.
- Decisions on further actions including lobbying MPs/MSPs/AMs, petitions, letter writing campaigns etc will be taken after the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Further details of central lobbying plans will be sent out in a logbook asap.

### Local Activity

- Current focus is on awareness of campaign issues and recruitment.
- As at Wednesday night we had around 30 new members. This is excellent – thank you – but we need to build momentum: please do everything you can to recruit.
- **Posters & Recruitment forms.** These have been sent out and are available for download – please put ‘em about. If you’re having trouble printing the posters, please let me know and we’ll post some to you.
- **Noticeboard Headers** are available for download. If you can’t print it, shout and we’ll send you one.
- **Field Staff.** We’re getting strong feedback that field staff are not receiving campaign information. Please spread the word and put posters / recruitment forms in outstations, sheds, workshops, visitor centres, deer larders, etc etc.

### Other News

- **Core Group** met on Wednesday, and agreed that due to communication issues esp. with field staff, we would produce a briefing pack to facilitate **local meetings**. More on this asap.
- From next week our new campaign slogan will be **Fair Pay, Fair Play**; to represent the twin campaign issues of the unfair deal and the arrogance of its imposition.

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