

Pay Campaign Weekly Update – 3/3/06

Summary

- Unions' Council has agreed to maintain the current work-streams for another month, but to also begin preparations on an external political lobbying campaign. Preliminary, informal discussions aimed at exploring ways for resolving the dispute may begin later this week.

Central Lobbying

- **Joint Unions' Council:** Council met on the 28/2 to agree the current position and way forward with the campaign. Overall view is that the campaign is going well, and members expressed gratitude to everyone for their hard work. However elements of the campaign are taking longer than anticipated to organise and it is important that momentum is maintained – particularly with recruitment.
- **Staff Council:** We are still awaiting a response to the specific questions which were put to the EB; however this may be dependant on possible informal, preliminary discussions aimed exploring ways for resolving the dispute which *might* begin later this week.

Local Activity

- The Unions' Council agreed that the current actions plans (awareness, posters, recruitment, postcards & wristbands) would continue for another few weeks supplemented by workplace meetings where desired. Preparation will also begin on preparing a petition and on planning a letter writing campaign directed at MPs, MSPs and AMs.
- **Postcards & Wristbands:** Everyone should now have these; if not then please let me know. The postcards are designed to highlight the issues behind the campaign so please distribute them and put them up in your workplace. In particular please hand them out to non-members as part of the on-going recruitment drive. The **wristbands** are primarily intended for union members but again please use them wisely. We have tried to divide the cards and bands as evenly as possible, but if you need more then please let me know. Also if for whatever reason you are not going to use many of the items, then please can you return any unused items to me in Silvan House in order that we can reallocate them.
- **Recruitment:** I know it's hard work, but please keep chipping away on this.
- **Posters & Recruitment forms.** These are still available for download. If you're having trouble printing the posters, please let me know and we'll post some to you. Also **Noticeboard Headers** are available for download. If you can't print it, shout and we'll send you one.
- **Meeting Packs:** Nearly ready.

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