

## Pay Campaign Weekly Update – 10/2/06

### Summary

- Focus around the FC remain on awareness of campaign issues and recruitment. Discussions are still on going with Lord Clark and the next main event will be the Departmental Staff Council on 21/2.

### Central Lobbying

- Following our meeting with Lord Clark last week discussions with him are still ongoing and I hope to be able to say more about this next week. Sorry I'd hoped to be able to say more by now.
- The next key date centrally is the Departmental Staff Council on 21/2, when we shall be seeking to clarify the Board's future intentions on pay. This meeting will be instrumental for the joint unions' meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>, when we shall decide whether or not to escalate the campaign.
- 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 later this week.

### Local Activity

- Current focus remains on awareness of campaign issues and recruitment. **Please see comment about field staff below.**
- We now have nearly 40 new members. This is excellent – thank you – but we need to build momentum: please do everything you can to recruit. Particularly well done to reps in England.
- **Posters & Recruitment forms.** These have been sent out and are still 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. Also **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.
- **Postcards.** In order to help raise awareness and visibility we are producing some postcards based on the current posters, with base campaign information on the back. These should be with you early next week (w/c 20<sup>th</sup>).

### Other News

- **Core Group** met on Wednesday, and agreed that due to communication issues esp. with field staff, we shall produce a briefing pack to facilitate **local meetings**.
- 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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