

Pay Campaign Weekly Update – 17/2/06

Summary

- Not much change on last week. 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

- Unfortunately progress on discussions with the Chairman has been slower than anticipated and we are still having to push to establish his position on the imposition of the pay deal. More on this as soon as I get it.
- The next key dates remain the Staff Council next week (21st), and the joint unions meeting on the 28th. The outcome of these meetings will determine the next stage of the campaign. My anticipation is that we shall wish to increase our level of activity and switch from simply raising awareness to more proactive lobbying. Decisions on further actions including lobbying MPs/MSPs/AMs, petitions, letter writing campaigns etc will be part of these decisions.
- 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; though this will be reassessed later this week as outlined above.
- **Postcards.** Postcards based on our popular 'acorn' posters will be available later this week from the printers, and will be sent out to you. Please look out for these and use them to make sure that everyone knows what's going on. We also have some **wristbands** on the way that should be with us late this week. Hopefully these will be sent out along with the postcards.
- Recruitment is still edging upward but has slowed down over the last week or so. I know it can be hard work, but please keep chipping away on this.
- **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.
- **Meeting Packs.** We are currently working to producing meeting packs to help those that wish to organise local meetings about the campaign. These should hopefully be available early next week.

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