

## **Pay Campaign Update – May**

### **Summary**

- Workplace meetings have now been completed.
- The 2006 pay claim is being drafted.

### **Central Lobbying**

- Following the issue of the joint statement some month ago, most of our effort has been directed towards the workplace meetings.
- However following a meeting with HR last week we have begun the process of drawing up the pay claim. The timetable and process for this are as follows:
  - First draft completed by 1<sup>st</sup> June
  - Discussion and agreement by individual unions: 1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June
  - Ratification of final draft at joint unions meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June
  - Submission to management in time for EB meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June
- I'll keep you updated if there are any changes to this timetable.

### **Local Activity - Workplace Meetings**

- We have now completed our series of meetings around the country. A total of eleven meetings were requested and held, and the feedback from these has been both positive and helpful.
- The various points raised at the meeting will now be taken forward in two ways. Suggestions and comments regarding the pay claim will be taken forward by individual unions and will be used to inform their current discussions on the pay claim. The many helpful comments and suggestions about the campaign will be taken forward to the joint unions' meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, when we shall be agreeing both the claim and the way forward with the campaign.

And finally...

With the completion of the workplace meetings it is probable that our level of campaigning activity will decrease pending the submission of the claim and gauging the level of cooperation received in the associated discussions with HR. However if you do have any discussions with members, can you please emphasise that this in no way represents an end to the campaign or the dispute, but rather is a reflection of the progress which we have made to date, thanks to the excellent effort which all of you have put in so far. Once the 2006 claim has been agreed it is probable that the Council may wish to undertake a further round of 'campaigning' to raise the profile of the claim and how it relates to the campaign issues.

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