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Workers Memorial Day

Rochdale UNISON will be holding a lunchtime event to remember those who have been injured or died as a result of their work on Friday 27th April at 1.00pm at the memorial gardens opposite Rochdale Town Hall.

This is part of an international event to remember workers who have suffered workplace injury and the role unions play in preventing these incidents from occurring.

Please come and join us if you can.

UNISON ACCEPTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY OFFER

UNISON has accepted the Local Government Association's two-year pay offer, covering the period April 2018 – March 2020.

The key features of the pay offer are:

- 16% pay increase for those currently on the lowest scale point (SCP) 6, over two years.
- Pay increase of between 15% and 4.3% for those on the current SCPs 7 28.
- 4.04% increase over two years, for those above the current SCP 29, including those above SCP 49.
- A new pay spine from 2019, with new scale points 1-43 and even 2% pay gaps between SCPs 6-28.

What does this mean for you?

The offer will need to be applied to your local situation because each employer has their own grading structure. Your UNISON branch activists and UNISON staff will ensure that every employer fully implements the offer.

What happens next?

UNISON has met with the other unions (GMB and Unite) and now the offer can be for-

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Rochdale Boroughwide Housing

Rochdale Boroughwide Housing (RBH) came out of the NJC back in 2016 and have not received a pay rise for many years. Negotiations have now took place with the employer and recognised Trade Unions and out forward an offer as follows:

The offer is:

- To not to continue with the requirements for colleagues to take two days unpaid leave annually and thereby remove the associated deduction from salary every month
- 1.5% increase to all colleagues on or below Spinal Column Point 25
- 1% increase to all colleagues on or above Spinal Column Point 26
- Travel Expense rates to remain at current levels

This equates to a 2.3% increase on current take home pay for colleagues on or below Spinal Column 25 and 1.8% increase for those at Spinal Column Point 26 or above.

This offer has been overwhelmingly rejected by the members, however, management will not improve on this offer. The Trade Unions have been holding joint meetings with employees to discuss this and possible next steps.

THE NEXT MEETING TAKES PLACE TOMORROW, THURSDAY 19TH APRIL AT ROCHDALE TOWN HALL. 1ST MEETING IS AT 12PM AND 2ND MEETING IS AT 1PM. WE ENCOURAGE ALL RBH MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY ATTENDED A MEETING, TO COME TO ONE OF THESE DROP IN SESSIONS.

Stand Up for Public Services

12 May 201811:00am-4:00pm

London: Victoria Embankment to Hyde Park

The TUC has called a national demonstration on Saturday 12 May in London. This is going to be a key moment in the fight for public services. We'll show decision makers we're scared for the public services we love – and the public are on our side. We won't take the cuts and pay freezes lying down.

This march is set to be a big one. UNISON, the TUC and other trade unions are putting considerable support behind it. You'll join thousands of like-minded people under the banner, Step up for Public Services.

it's a march with a serious message but it'll have a fun, family-friendly feel. Dig out your UNISON colours and let's turn the streets purple. Plus there will be activities to keep your energy bubbling throughout the day.

Make sure you're there!

If you are interested in attending please contact Rochdale UNISON 01706925951/2

Following on from this years AGM meetings — our Branch Officers for 2018/2019 as are follows:

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