

The latest news and announcements from Derbyshire UNISON

Local government pay 2024/25

Thousands of social workers, teaching assistants, planning officers, caretakers and other school and council staff are to be asked if they're prepared to take strike action over this year's pay offer



Council and school workers to vote on strike action

The move follows a recent consultation concerning the 2024/25 wage rise for local authority and school workers. In this vote 81% of the workers who took part opted to reject what they'd been offered.

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The pay offer from the local government employers was for £1,290. The wage rise was due in April. The offer has been accepted by the GMB, but not by UNISON or Unite.

Ballot papers will now be sent to around 360,000 UNISON members across England and Wales, with Northern Ireland to follow later. The ballot will open on 4 September and close on 16 October.

UNISON head of local government Mike Short said:

"Council and school staff were asked what they wanted to do about the employers' pay offer. A majority of those who took part opted to reject the £1,290 increase.

"Now the union's committee of leading activists has decided to conduct an industrial action ballot to try to secure an improved pay offer.

"The legal threshold required is a hard one to

meet, and so everyone who wants to take action must be sure that they and all their colleagues return their ballot papers. The local government employers should come forward with an improved pay offer.”