



Industrial Action Update

Day of Action, 30th November 2011

UNISON members will be taking action on 30th November to defend their pensions after they voted overwhelmingly to join the TUC co-ordinated day of action.

Pressure from UNISON, including the ballot of more than a million members, has seen the government move significantly from its original proposals.

But at the moment, all the government has spelled out is outline principles - **there are no detailed offers for the different public service pension schemes that members can make a decision on.**

UNISON will continue to negotiate on our members' behalf right up until 30th November and we will consult members when any firm offer is received.

Until we have a firm offer we need to keep up the pressure and proceed with our plans for action on 30th November alongside other public sector unions and the TUC.

Unison has sanctioned us to take action on the 30th based on an 81.39% yes vote. The LAS Unison branch formed a Industrial Action Committee at the Branch Committee meeting on Tuesday 8th November and is as follows;

Eric Roberts: Branch Secretary (Lead Industrial Action Organiser)

Eddie Brand: Branch Chair

Sarah Hardy: Vice Chair

Rob Sydney: Communications Officer

Mark Lione: Senior Sector Rep Central East

Dave Smith: Senior Sector Rep North East

Tim Stephens: Senior Sector Rep Central

Pete Hannell: Senior Sector Rep North West

Gary Edwards: Senior Sector Rep West

Dave Lamey: Senior Sector Rep South West

Richard Chow: EOC

Phil Thompson: UNISON Regional Organiser

The Industrial Action Committee will provide to the LAS an appropriate level of emergency cover, still to be decided, and in time will instruct members rostered on duty that day how we will provide that cover. As soon as formal meetings have taken place next week, plans for emergency cover will be sent out. Some members will be exempt from striking and may donate their days wages to the hardship fund if they so wish. All other members rostered on the 30th are expected to take action and support picket lines or an appropriate event. Details of the day's arrangements will be advertised as soon as they are available. We ask all other members not at work to come and support those taking action where they are able to and show our strength as a Union.