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You have been offered a pay increase of 0.5% for 2009–10 by local government employers, who represent your council.

They say councils can't afford any more – yet we know that most local authorities have budgeted for a pay increase of between 1.5% and 2%.

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Not only is this offer a new low from the employers, they say we have to agree to it by 1 June or they will withdraw it completely! These are the same employers who sent us the offer in a letter, five days after the due date of your pay settlement and three months after we submitted the claim!

We think the employers are in denial and angry about the ACAS award. They don't want to look closely at higher pay rates and pay settlements elsewhere in the public sector, because they know they risk losing essential staff and harming services.

We know that job security is probably the number one priority for you at the moment, but we also know that times are tough, with food, transport and energy costs running high. So this offer of 0.5% cannot be right. With an extra 3 pence an hour offered on the lowest pay scale, it doesn't add up to much extra at the end of the month.

The NJC unions have told the employers that we can't recommend the offer. We have got them to agree to negotiations, starting 22 April. We will keep you up to date, but we really want to know what you think about the employers' offer.

Let us know by emailing us at NJCpay2009@unison.co.uk or contact your branch officers.

Talk to friends at work and keep an eye on our website to make sure you get all the up-to-date information. And don't forget to recruit non-members. They need UNISON more than ever before!

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