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NJC Pay Claim 2012 - 2013

This circular accompanies the joint NJC Trade Unions Side pay claim for 2012-13. It was formally lodged with the Local Government Employers today, Friday 28 October. Our claim is for “A substantial increase on all pay points that recognises the financial hardship being suffered by local government workers – in particular the lowest paid – as a consequence of inflation and the failure of the Local Government Employers to award £250 to those earning below £21,000, as embodied in Government policy.

The NJC claim for pay for 2012-13 was formally lodged with the Local Government Employers on Friday, 28 October. Its contents were outlined to the Employers at the NJC AGM on 25 October.

The claim highlights the following:

- NJC employees have fallen further behind other equivalent groups of public sector workers as a consequence of below-inflation increases for a number of years, followed by a two-year pay freeze, without the Chancellor's promised £250 compensation
- Many are struggling to make ends meet as inflation, local attacks on pay and conditions and frozen car allowances combine to push our members further into poverty

- The Office of Budget Responsibility has predicted economy-wide pay increases of 2.2% in 2012 and 3.8% in 2013
- Our members are doing much more for much less, as redundancies soar. 57,000 jobs were lost in the second quarter of 2011 alone. The LGA forecasts a 10% loss of jobs, which is likely to be exceeded

Please ensure that its contents are made widely known to activists and members.

Best wishes,

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