

Local Government Service Group Executive REPORT



2007/8 Pay Dispute

This Committee welcomes the majority vote in the ballot by members for strike action in the current pay dispute.

However, in all the circumstances, including the narrowness of the majority and the size of the poll, this result does not constitute the basis for viable industrial action to break the Government's pay policy.

We therefore agree:

1. To conclude the 2007/8 pay deal as soon as possible based on the Employer's offer made on 24 August
2. To pursue further coordination with other public service trade unions regarding claims and campaigns for the next pay round in 2008
3. To start a campaign for 2008 based on securing fair pay and conditions improvements for our members and on defeating the Employers' plans to attack our national conditions and negotiating machinery.
4. To consider the process and formulation of the claim for 2008/9 at the 28 November meeting of the UNISON NJC Committee with a view to submitting the claim as soon as possible thereafter.