



To: Simon Cameron, COSLA SJC Joint Secretary
Cllr Katie Hagmann, COSLA Resources Spokesperson

c.c.: Humza Yousaf MSP, First Minister
Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Deputy First Minister
COSLA Leaders

Date: 18th October 2023

- sent via e-mail –

Dear Simon, Katie,

SJC Pay 2023

Further to our letter of 16th October 2023 we write to inform you that today we have served notice of further strike action on the following local authorities - Glasgow City, Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde local authorities. Strike action by members working in schools, and EY establishments linked to schools, in these authorities will take place on 1st November.

This notice is the first part of a rolling programme of action that will take place over the forthcoming weeks with further strike dates and local authorities being announced in due course.

As always we remain committed to reaching a resolution to this dispute as soon as possible and would urge all parties to get back round the negotiating table with us to explore every avenue to reaching a negotiated settlement.

COSLA Press Comment

We note that the press release issued by COSLA following the closure of all TU consultative ballots states that “When you extrapolate the votes across all unions it shows that only around one local government worker in five (excluding teachers) has voted to reject the strong pay offer presented”. The figure quoted is simply factually incorrect and we trust you will seek to correct the record.

It is disappointing to see the employer seek to minimise the level of anger that has been expressed by UNISON members – a membership that has continued to increase significantly over recent weeks. It remains the case that UNISON is the largest trade union in local government by far and the mandate our members have given has been both consistent and clear and one that we will continue to act on.

Regards,

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