Equal Pay

Birmingham workers back strike vote

Birmingham City Council have voted overwhelmingly for industrial action to end the equal pay crisis.

Strike action was backed by 87 per cent of GMB members voting in the council-wide consultative ballot.

Workers in Birmingham City Council schools will now be asked to proceed with a formal strike vote, with strike dates anticipated for later this spring.

Alice Reynolds, GMB Organiser, said:

“This is a major escalation in GMB’s campaign to end the pay discrimination faced by women workers at Birmingham City Council.

“We’ve been calling for the Council to set a timetable for settling equal pay claims for months. Now their inaction means Birmingham faces the threat of industrial action in our schools this spring.

“Council bosses have outlined drastic cuts to spending; yet not one women worker has been re-paid the wages that have been stolen from them.

“Our members are sending a loud and clear message that they refuse to pay the price for a crisis they didn’t create.

"We are consulting with members and Reps about next steps and and will be announcing dates for a formal strike vote in the coming days."

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