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Commonwealth games face strike disruption over equal pay

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GMB union has today warned delays to resolving equal pay claims by GMB members at Birmingham City Council could lead to strike disruption during this summer's Commonwealth Games.

Claims lodged by staff at the council relate to systematic inequality in pay faced by women workers employed by the council.

GMB's 7,000 members at Birmingham City Council work in services across the city, including refuse, adult social care, education and administration.

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The union has so far urged its members not to sign any settlement agreement after significant new information emerged surrounding problems with the council's job evaluation scheme.

Michelle McCrossen, GMB Regional Organiser, said:

"The Commonwealth Games are a huge opportunity for our city to showcase the best of Birmingham, but risks being overshadowed by the brewing equal pay crisis faced our members.

"GMB won't stand by as our members concerns are ignored; we're 100 per cent committed to fighting for a solution.

"The eyes of the millions worldwide will soon be on our city and we're urging the council to act now before our members are forced to consider taking action in the interests of their pay and rights at work.

"This is a matter of basic justice; women workers are being consistently underpaid by Birmingham City Council and GMB won't stand by and let that be forgotten."

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