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Eastbourne bin strike ends in 'massive win for workers'

A long running Eastbourne bin strike has ended today [January 18] in a 'massive win for GMB members'.

Refuse collectors in the town had already taken six days of strike action including today and were set for eight more walk outs in the coming weeks.

But GMB members this morning formally accepted an improved, above inflation pay offer of almost 19 per cent from the council.

The offer includes a minimum rise this year of 11 per cent and a guarantee their hourly rate will reach a minimum of £13.50 per hour in April 2023 – a 19 per cent rise in total

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In October, GMB refuse collectors in nearby Brighton won an above inflation pay rise after long-running strike action.

Gary Palmer, GMB Organiser, said:

“GMB members have flexed their industrial muscle and got the above inflation pay rise they deserve.

"The people of Eastbourne have backed them all the way – despite the inconvenience they've had to face.

"Other employers should take note, GMB members know their own worth and are not scared to take bosses on.”

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