

# Sunderland stagecoach drivers to vote on strike action



**Unless Stagecoach addresses the below inflation pay deal, workers will walk out and bring Sunderland to a halt**

Almost 200 Stagecoach drivers in Sunderland will be balloted for strike action in a pay dispute.

GMB members working for the company are angry after being offered a massive real terms pay cut of just 4 per cent, with 2 per cent to follow later in the year.

The ballots opens on 12 September and closes on 26 September

Any strike action would take place October.



**Stuart Gilhespy, GMB Organiser, said:**

“Stagecoach drivers in Sunderland worked throughout the pandemic, transporting essential workers to their place of work.”

“They put their lives at risk during the pandemic to serve their communities – with some drivers catching the covid.

“This offer from Stagecoach falls far short of reflecting any commitment to their employees.

“GMB is calling on Stagecoach to respect their employees and put a decent pay rise, in line with inflation, on the table for our members.

“Unless they do, workers will walk out and bring Sunderland to a halt.”

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