

# Cumbria packaging workers in strike vote



Workers at a Cumbria packaging firm will vote on strike action after rejecting an 'insulting' pay offer.

More than 100 workers at Futamura, in Wigton, turned down the company's 1.2 per cent pay offer by a majority of 94 per cent.

GMB is demanding a 3.8 per cent pay increase, in line with inflation, to ensure members do not suffer yet another real-terms pay cut.

The union has engaged with conciliatory service ACAS to help bring the company back to the table.

Futamura makes cellulose film for packaging.



**Michael Hall, GMB Regional Organiser, said:**

"This 1.2 per cent offer is nothing short of an insult.

"GMB members have spoken loudly and clearly: enough is enough.

"Futamura workers deserve a fair pay rise that simply keeps up with the cost of living.

"The company should be listening — not digging in."

"GMB has been patient and our members have been patient.

"But Futamura has refused to make a fair and reasonable pay offer.

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