

# Peterborough Council to bring waste services back in-house



GMB Union has reacted to news that Peterborough City Council will transfer hundreds of staff working in waste, passenger transport, streets and cleaning services teams from Peterborough Limited, bringing them back in-house.

Peterborough Limited, a private company owned by the council, was at the forefront of an industrial dispute last year, which saw essential council workers represented by GMB threaten to take strike action over pay.

Strikes were averted following an improved pay award and the council agreeing to insource some workers.



The transfer is due to take place on 1 April 2026.

**Adrian Lukasiewicz, transferring council worker and GMB Branch Secretary, said,**

"When you think where we were a little over a year ago: on the verge of industrial dispute, calling for the council to properly look after the people delivering some of the most important frontline services.

"Now we are on the verge of being council employees again, with council terms and conditions.

"There is still lots of work to ensure the transfer goes smoothly and GMB will continue to ensure that our members voices are properly heard when we are in the council."

**Gordon White, GMB Regional Organiser, said:**

"This transfer has been a year in the making, with GMB working alongside the council and Peterborough Limited to ensure as smooth a transition as possible.

"GMB is committed to continue working with those services which are remaining in Peterborough Limited to ensure equivalent terms and conditions are secured for all colleagues working to deliver council services, whether in-house or contracted."

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