100s of Sunderland workers ready to strike over equal pay



Hundreds of Sunderland City Council workers have said they are ready to take industrial action over equal pay.

More than 250 council workers voted in favour of industrial action during a consultative ballot.

GMB Union are now opening a full, legal strike ballot - the dates of which will be announced in the coming days.

The equal pay claim centres around structural pay differences between members of staff working in roles staffed predominantly by women - such as teaching assistant - and those roles carried out mostly by men - such as refuse collection.

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Joyce Guthrie, GMB Organiser, said:

“This vote sends a clear message that Sunderland Council workers are fed up with the way they have been treated.

"Women working in vital roles across council services have waited far too long for this issue to be resolved.

"If the council continues to ignore these concerns, it faces the prospect of industrial action from a significant portion of its workforce.

"Sunderland must stop delaying and finally address this injustice.”

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