



## Barry grave diggers ballot for strike action

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Grave diggers in Barry are set to ballot or strike action after the council tried force them to work longer hours for no extra cash.

The council of Wales' largest town has walked away from negotiations with GMB union and served notice to six cemetery workers to impose a unilateral change to Terms and Conditions of employment, without their consent.

The Industrial action ballot is set to run from tomorrow (Tuesday 13 July) until the 20th July.

GMB is urging the council to return to talks or risk facing strike action.

**Nicola Savage, GMB regional organiser said:**

“Let’s be clear the council is trying to force our members to work until 7pm.

“We’ve asked them to provide evidence that the public wanted this, and instead they just left the talks.

“We even offered members clocking off and returning later to lock up, and the council still refused.

“Our members are sick and tired of being run roughshod by people who have no interest in being a responsible employer, and that’s why they’ve been driven to ballot for strike action”