



## Barrow faces bin strike as GMB ballots refuse collectors

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Barrow faces a bin strike after GMB Union began balloting members for industrial action today [25 January 2022].

More than 20 refuse collectors working for FCC Environment will vote on whether to walk out. The ballot closes on 7 February.

If the strike goes ahead, more than 33,000 households in Barrow could be affected.

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

“Despite inflation running above seven per cent, all Barrow’s refuse collectors are asking for is a three per cent pay rise, so they can keep their heads above water.

“Bosses can’t even give them that.

“The last thing they want to do is inconvenience the people of Barrow by not emptying their bins, but FCC have backed them into a corner.

“GMB urges management to negotiate and properly value what these keyworkers do, before they are left with no choice but to go out on strike.”