

A photograph of a street on a foggy day. A black bin is visible on the right side of the road. The background shows streetlights and buildings obscured by the fog.

## Adur and worthing bin strike dates announced

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GMB Union has announced the Adur and Worthing bin strike will begin on Monday 14 March.

Industrial action - set to last at least 14 days – will continue until March 27.

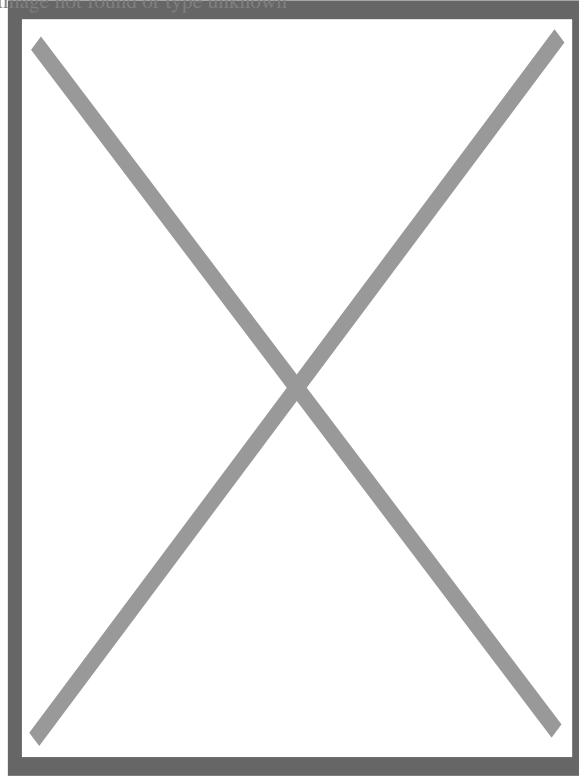
The council's Chief Executive and Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources now have three weeks to avoid disruption to 82,000 homes, the union says.

More than 60 refuse, streets and recycling operatives and drivers will walk out after their demands for a pay increase, increased rates for overtime and shift patterns, plus a review of operating and management practices were ignored by management.

GMB Union, which represents the largest portion of staff across the service, says the dispute has escalated because of the council's non-engagement.



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**Gary Palmer, GMB Organiser, said:**

“Strike action is always our last resort, but GMB members are ready.

“It’s up to the officers at Adur and Worthing Council which way they want to play it.

“Adur and Worthing’s elected councillors should think about pressuring their directors and executive to formally speak with us GMB sooner rather than later.

“If we see a prolonged dispute, the decision not to speak with GMB may come back to haunt elected officials come election time in May.

“If residents are unhappy with rubbish on the streets and on their doorsteps, they can let their councillors know how they feel.”