



**GMB**



**UNION**

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## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SCHOOLS PAY UPDATE**

The Local Government Association Board made up of elected councillors have done a U-turn on a key part of the Local Government Pay Offer. In the pay offer letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020 the employer said:

***‘Employer side to make representations to government in order to seek funding for an additional amount to be awarded above the tabled 2.75% to employees in recognition of the exceptional hard work’.***

However, in a letter recently received on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 the LGA Board made up of councillors have informed us they will not be approaching the government for any more resources to award to employees in recognition of their response to the COVID-19 emergency.

GMB alongside sister unions have written to the employers setting out our disappointment and seeking reasons of this U-turn.

### **JOINT UNION LETTER**

It's important to stress the LGA Executive Advisory Board - which is made up of elected councillors have decided to override the view of the National Employers hence why it will be really helpful if you could write to your councillor asking why this is the case.

GMB launched a campaign to lobby councillors details of which can be found at it's not too late we need to keep the pressure up:

### **LOBBY THE CHANCELLOR! – LOBBY YOUR COUNCILLOR!**

We are more than angry that elected officials from political parties are potentially suppressing the case to Government to boost the **2.75%** pay offer. We know how disappointed members will be of this disregard particularly at a time when our members are working so hard fighting this pandemic.

The vital contribution of our members comes on the back of 10 years of austerity during which the value of many employees' pay has dropped by 20% in real terms.

**IN GMB ALL MEMBERS HAVE A SAY ON THEIR PAY SO MAKE SURE DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE**

### **MY GMB DETAILS**