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2011 PAY CLAIM LODGED

At a meeting of the full National Joint Council for Local Government Services yesterday (13 Oct) the TU Side presented the pay and conditions claim for 2011 (following the pay freeze in 2010). The new claim is for at least £250 and a review of outstanding terms and conditions improvements previously lodged by the TU side. An electronic copy of the claim is available and you can email me below if you want one. The employers will carry out their consultations over several weeks before responding.

I also took the opportunity yesterday of raising an issue that is becoming a serious problem : that is local authorities imposing detrimental changes to pay and conditions by issuing dismissal and re-engagement notices, effectively sacking people and re-employing them on worse terms. I said that this was totally unacceptable and GMB would be challenging it wherever it occurred. The employers spokesperson responded "we are not encouraging employers to use dismissal and re-engagement techniques to manage change. They should negotiate". So any local authority that tries to claim they are dismissing and re-engaging because of national employers advice can be told that actually their national advice is to get back round the negotiating table.

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