



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **UNION BALLOTS FOR INDUSTRIAL ACTION IN HOUSING COMPANY**

The North's biggest general trade union has served notice on a housing company, of the Union's intention to ballot its members on industrial action.

The GMB in the Northern Region is in dispute with the Home Group who are one of the biggest registered social landlords in Cumbria.

The GMB has a range of members operating in front line repairs and maintenance as well as in other areas of the Home Group's housing operations.

The dispute covers pay and the Home Group's proposals to freeze pay.

Kevin Young, GMB Organiser said:

'Home Group has the audacity to blame the new Government for their proposals. The GMB is no friend of this ConDem coalition. But for Home Group to offer that up as an excuse is risible.'

The GMB said that discussions had been on-going for months over pay and the Company had only come to the table after the GMB had threatened a ballot previously.

Mr Young said:

'Our hard working members deserve a pay increase. They do jobs that help the Company grow. In a previous ballot our members overwhelming rejected management proposals. GMB members are in no mood to play games, this is serious and management need to wake up and smell the coffee'.

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Notes to Editors

The ballot commences on Monday 12 July 2010 and closes on Friday 23 July.

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