

## Birmingham Bin Strike Action Newsletter



**Stand up to the bullies! Join the strike!**

- End bullying
- Permanent in-house contracts



# STRIKE TOGETHER STRIKE TO WIN

Join the Rally Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
8.30 am Smithfield B5 6HX

**Protests start at Perry Barr at 6 am  
to highlight bullying behaviour**

First they tried to take £8,000 a year from WRCOs' wages. Then they did the same to the drivers. Then they bullied and overworked the agency workers they relied on to keep collecting the bins. Now we've all had enough!

Birmingham City Council and Job&Talent have shown complete contempt for their workers. Instead of listening to us and trying to find a solution they have bullied, blocked and blanked us. But now the net is tightening.

**Their excuses and lies have been shown as just that. Expert advice reveals that the council:**

- Is not exposed to equal pay claims worth millions if it negotiates a settlement
- Is spending vastly more council taxpayers' money to break the strike than it would cost to settle it – £17 million and counting!

The strength and determination of council workers, and now agency workers, means that

management has nowhere left to hide. Announcing the recent ballot results, Unite official Onay Kasab told a packed meeting that the decision was 'historic'.

*"Name one other dispute where the agency workers, brought in to break a strike have been balloted and voted to join the strike", he challenged the news reporters.*

The vote wasn't just historic it was also hugely powerful – 99% of council workers and 100% of agency workers backed the strike. That is massive! The decision we took was reported on Sky, BBC, ITV, radio stations and newspapers in Birmingham and the West Midlands, around the UK and as far away as China. It was even raised again in the House of Commons.



## Now let's see this through and win!

On our own we cannot make our voices heard when we stand together ...

## The union makes us strong

- Together we can stand up and beat bullying.
- We can beat overwork.
- We can beat pay cuts.
- We can beat threats and blacklisting.
- We can win Permanent contracts.

If you are not already a member, join Unite today by scanning the QR code below.

If you join the union, you can join the strike – with full legal protection and support.

Every person who joins makes us stronger and brings victory closer. Everyone who delays, stays outside the union or keeps working when they could join make us all weaker. Join Together

**Unite has your back. Together we are strong. Support your union**

We have the backing of our union, residents and the local community. Unite has knocked on the doors of over 16,000 homes in Birmingham, contacting over 6,500 residents. Of which 90% have agreed to display a bin sticker or poster in support of us bin workers. Over 150 businesses, faith and community groups have also pledged their support.

**The Labour Council is isolated. It is high time they:**

- Negotiate in good faith with decision makers in the room.
- Take on board the new legal advice.
- Return to the deal supported by all sides during the July negotiations



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AND JOIN  
UNITE  
TODAY**



## ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

**It's time to stand together  
and win permanent jobs  
and good conditions.**



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more on  
the strike**

