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- **LABOUR COUNCILLORS: *bombarded*** Thousands of residents have taken part in our email action, emailing councillors and candidates to tell them: get your act together and sort the strike. **Spread the QR code to make this massive!**

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We are all Unite! We don't discriminate. Full-time or agency, we are all Unite members.

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Recent campaign events

- **JOANNE RONEY EVENT: *cancelled*** The council's managing director, Joanne "missing-in-action" Roney, was due to give a talk to business admirers. But when workers protested outside, she turned tail and cancelled.
- **LABOUR PARTY GALA: *washed out*** Home Secretary Shabana "aren't I mean" Mahmood was headline speaker at the party's £1500 a table dinner. A noisy crowd of bin workers and supporters got their attention.
- **MAJID MAHMOOD: *rattled*** Mumbling Majid "cricket tickets" Mahmood didn't like his ward being covered in posters and estate agent boards backing workers. He got his few minutes of local TV fame after he was filmed ripping them down.



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Fair pay! Stand up to the bullies! Time to win!

- Fair deal for all drivers and loaders
- End bullying and dangerous conditions
- In-house contracts for agency staff



General Secretary visit: JOIN THE RALLY!

THURSDAY 19 MARCH – 7.30AM

ATLAS DEPOT : 170-172 KINGS ROAD,
TYSELEY, BIRMINGHAM B11 2AS

SHARON GRAHAM, GENERAL SECRETARY.

AND NEW WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL
SECRETARY, MATT JONES



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Last Wednesday 11th of March was the Anniversary of the All-Out Strike and Unites Executive Council Voted to reduce the Labour Affiliation Fee by 40%. And still the Labour council and government are dithering about agreeing a deal.

So on Wednesday Unite made it clear Labour's actions against the bin workers will not continue to be tolerated. The union announced that the affiliation fee will now be cut by £580,000 per year.

And the union will now formally consult with members on whether we should stay in Labour at all. Under the union's rules, the decision must be voted at the Rule Conference next year.

Unite general secretary Sharon Graham said:

"Unite members are coming to the end of the line as far Labour is concerned."

"Workers are scratching their heads asking whose side are Labour on, who do they really represent, because it certainly isn't workers. Workers and communities are paying the price."

"Labour needs to wake up and smell the coffee. The cut in affiliation fee shows the anger of Unite members. Stop taking workers for granted, spine up, do your job and be real Labour."



One year all out. 100% solid!

Last week marked the one-year anniversary of the strike going all out.

We've also now been joined by JOB&TALENT agency workers, over 50 of whom have gone on strike since December, and more joining the action all the time.

After 12 months, our action is still rock solid. In the ballot in February, both in-house and agency workers voted 100% to extend our strike mandate until September.

Of course, we hope it won't go on that long. There are plenty of signs that the Council is starting to budge, and JOB&TALENT too has approached members asking to talk.

But we will be here as long as we need to. With 100% backing from our Union too.



We are the cutting edge

This strike is top priority for our union nationally. Because this is the front line for workers all across the country.

Why? We all know, if a "Labour" council like Birmingham gets away with cutting wages, it won't stop there. Who will they come for next? Councils and companies across the country would like to do the same.

So they have used every dirty trick in the book to try and break us. Fire and hire. Blatant threats of blacklisting. Millions spent on agency strike-breaking. A sinister "persons unknown" injunction to clamp down on supporters protesting.

A Labour Council, throwing everything they can to attack workers.

We won't let them win.

Pressure point: we're going to shake up their 7th May election

7 May is the date. Every Birmingham City Councillor is up for election, in 71 wards across the city.

All the signs are clear: Labour is going to get smashed. But will they hold on to a rump of seats? And who will pick up the pieces?

We have been making sure the bin strike is a number one issue on all the candidates'

minds. Now we are going to ramp up the pressure in every ward.

We've started with door knocking and actions in the high streets of Majid Mahmood and other Labour cabinet members (see photos). Now we're spreading the action across the city.

The candidates need to know it. When they go out canvassing, we will be there. In the high streets, their meetings and in the neighbourhoods. When they knock on doors, residents are going to demand: "what are you doing to resolve the bin strike?"

Our message to candidates of all parties is: time to back the workers or lose our votes in May.

To make this threat real, we need you. The more strikers come out and help the campaign, the more the Council will feel the pressure. Your depot Organising Committee is organising actions every week from now until May. Get involved.

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