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To: Harry Honnor
Cc: Naomi Cooke; Poulter, Jason; Rachel Harrison (EU); Public Services Section Team
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Local Government Craft Workers Pay Offer 2025

Dear Harry

Thank you for the letter dated 22nd April 2025 detailing a pay offer of a 3.2% increase on Local Government Craft Workers' salary and allowances for the year 2025/26.

GMB members have considered and REJECTED this offer by way of an indicative ballot that closed last Friday

In rejecting the offer members were mindful that:

- The offer of 3.2% is below the level of inflation and thus represents a cut in real terms pay
- The offer falls below other offers in the public sector including the NHS 3.6%, Civil Service 3.75%, Prisons 4%, Teachers 4%, and the Armed Forces 4.5%
- The offer does nothing to restore pay levels which in real terms are substantially lower than a decade ago
- The Employers have not met or negotiated with trade unions as part of the process.

I therefore request a meeting with the Employers in order to explain why GMB members have rejected the offer, and to seek an improved offer.

Would you please pass this letter on to the Employers as a formal request, and if you can, recommend that they meet with us.

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