

# Durham Local Government UNISON Bulletin

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## Schools Edition

### Important change regarding UNISON strike pay

Following further consideration we have made a slight amendment to the process of receiving strike pay.

Payments will now be administered through a direct transfer to your account. This has the advantage of being a quicker method of transfer than clearing a cheque and means you would not have to physically go to the bank.

As a result, please could members attending the cluster meetings previously publicised also bring their bank account number, sort code and account name. This will be held securely and used for the transfers. The information will only be held to as long as it is required and then deleted.

A small number of cheques will be available if you would prefer to receive support in this way.

Once again, if there are exceptional hardship circumstances that mean you need access to hardship support more urgently, please email the branch office as soon as possible.

### \* \* \* Negotiation Update \* \* \*

Yesterday, a UNISON delegation, which included a teaching assistant steward, met with the Council to begin the process of the joint review. We felt the meeting was positive with the Council giving a clear commitment to work with UNISON in a constructive manner to ensure good progress. A schedule of meetings is being arranged starting with another next week.

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