

# Durham Local Government UNISON Bulletin

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## **UNISON Teaching Assistant Bulletin:**

We hope you have had the opportunity to read yesterday's UNISON bulletin, which provided clarification on a number of key issues that we have been discussing with you over the last couple of weeks.

By the end of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, a UNISON representative will have visited all affected schools in Durham to discuss the Council's offer with you. We have also held a number of cluster meetings this week - supported by UNISON Teaching Assistant representatives - in order to specifically address UNISON members who may be at risk of financial loss at the end of the 2 year compensation period and discuss potential solutions.

We are now sharing the details of UNISON's consultative ballot on the Council's final offer. Ballot papers will be sent out today and the ballot period will be:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October (ballot closes at 1pm)**

As we have previously stated, UNISON believe the deal on offer is a significant improvement to what has previously been proposed, and will allow a solution to be found for every Durham Teaching Assistant. That is why UNISON Teaching Assistant representatives are backing an ACCEPT vote in this consultative ballot.

UNISON has the largest membership for Durham teaching assistants and it is very important that you take this opportunity to have your say. During the ballot period, if you feel you would like a further school visit, please let us know.

Additional communications and updates will be sent out during the ballot process.

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