

# NJC PAY 14 bulletin

Campaigning for a fair deal for local government workers

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## Sing Up for Local Government – Strike a Chord on 18 December

The UNISON Centre 'choir' will be limbering up over the next couple of days to strike a chord for local government pay at the Local Government Employers' headquarters in London. Have you got your branch ready to serenade your employers or councillors? There's still time! You can download the NJC carols at [https://www.unison.org.uk/upload/sharepoint/Briefings%20and%20Circulars/22024\\_NJC\\_Songsheet.pdf](https://www.unison.org.uk/upload/sharepoint/Briefings%20and%20Circulars/22024_NJC_Songsheet.pdf)

Happy carolling!

Give us feedback on how your event went by emailing us at [njcpay2014@unison.co.uk](mailto:njcpay2014@unison.co.uk) Remember to video your carol singing on a smartphone and upload it to our facebook page - [facebook.com/UnisoninLocalGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/UnisoninLocalGovernment)

### Our claim is affordable

Don't let anyone tell you that our claim is not affordable. In Bulletin 7 we outlined new research for us by the New Policy Institute on how much the government would save by meeting our claim on taxes, national insurance, in-work benefits and from higher spending by local government workers. This money could easily be re-cycled by the Treasury to local government and would mean that councils would only have to meet 45% of the cost of our claim. We know that many members are anxious about cuts and redundancies, but if local government pay falls even further behind, many will not be able to live on it and we will never regain what's been lost. We will be sending the report to MP's and councillors so that they will have the arguments to make in their councils. Now's the time to fight for a decent pay deal!

### Organisers Guide on Using our Campaign to Recruit

The organisers guide on how to use our campaign to recruit is now ready to order – stock number 3365. This accompanies the new campaign recruitment leaflet stock number 3358.

## **New Campaign leaflet for Women**

Local government is the UK's largest employer of women. We are producing a women's leaflet for the campaign setting out the reasons local government pay is a women's issue and why women need to be active in our campaign to demand a better deal. The leaflet will be in stock in the New Year but branches can place advance orders now – stock number 3366.

## **Campaigning in 2014**

This is the last campaign bulletin for 2013. Our first bulletin in 2014 will focus on developing our campaign into February and March.

Season's greetings to all our branches and members.