

# **PAY BALLOT FAQ** Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q. Why am I being balloted?

**A.** The Scottish Employers have imposed a pay award of 1% for the period 1 April 2014 - 31 March 2015. UNISON submitted a pay claim on your behalf, however the employers have simply ignored this and decided that they would impose 1% across the board. By doing so, they are acting outwith all the agreed bargaining machinery for negotiating these matters.

#### Q. Am I being asked to take strike action?

**A**. NO! This is a consultative ballot to seek your views on the employers actions. If this ballot delivers a positive vote we will ballot you again with a formal industrial action ballot.

#### Q. Does UNISON recommend a position?

A. UNISON's Scottish Local Government Committee are recommending that you vote YES in this ballot and reject the employers imposition of a 1% pay award for this year.

#### Q. Over what period is the ballot taking place?

**A.** The ballot opens on 9th June 2014 and closes at midday on 7th July 2014

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#### Q. Who is being balloted?

**A.** Only current members are entitled to vote. Retired members and student members are not included in the ballot.

#### Q. Can new joiners vote?

**A.** Yes if the member is covered by the ballot.

#### Q. If members join online can they vote?

**A.** Yes – if their employer is included in the ballot, a ballot paper will be sent to them automatically.

#### Q. What if members haven't received a ballot paper?

**A.** If members have not received a ballot paper by 17th June, they can request a replacement by doing the following: email to membershipteamscotland@unison.co.uk or telephone our RMS on 0131 226 0090

No replacement ballot papers will be sent after noon on 4 July 2014

#### Q. Can members vote online?

**A.** No – UNISON's consultation procedures do not allow for an online vote at this time.



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