

GMB NEWSLETTER.

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News headlines:

Cambridge 2 in 2016

Tim Roache elected as GMB National general Sec/Treasurer

Cambridge City Council / SCDC services update.

Trade Union Bill.

GMB CAMBRIDGE 2 BRANCH.

South Cambs District Council.

Shared waste services between Cambridge City Council and SCDC started on Monday 9th Nov at the new Waterbeach site.

The branch would like to welcome our newly joined members and we look forward to working with you in the future.

GMB National Secretary & Treasurer elections.

Our independent scrutineer's report of voting, which closed on Wednesday 11th November confirms Tim John Roache as the elected National Secretary & Treasurer.

Cambridge City Council.

Consultations for Business Support and Future Management Structure are nearing the end of there 30 day consultation period. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposals should do so either directly in writing or through their GMB representative ASAP.

Housing Services Restructure Consultation is launched on 30th November until mid January 2016. The consultation paper includes proposals to restructure both to meet savings targets and to adapt to a changing operating environment. Comments are encouraged directly or via GMB and these will be considered for the final report.

Trade Union Bill.

In response to the proposed trade union bill, GMB are organising around this to ensure that or members are transferred from 'check off' (payment of membership via wages) on to direct debit. (via our Switch to Direct Debit Form).

We will be visiting every member who is currently on check off payment with a direct debit pro-forma to sign to authorise the transfer. This is a simple process that will only take a minute or two to complete.

We are looking forward to this process as it is also an excellent opportunity to meet face to face with our members and discuss any issues they might have.

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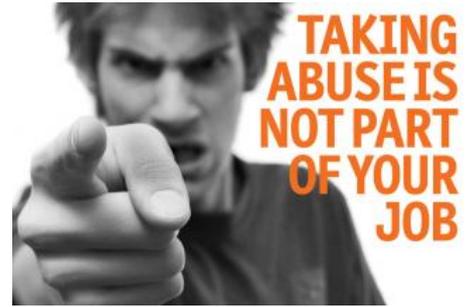
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GMB Cambridge 2, What is happening?

Like all other workplaces our Cambridge 2 branch is changing to meet members needs, whether it's extra resources or improved ways we work you can be sure we are in the best place to support you.

Every year we are asked to set out our organising plan to ensure we improve and develop our membership services, some plans for 2016 are as follows:

- Uniformly recognisable, updated notice boards.
- Utilising our extra 50% facility time for members within Cambridge City Council, with the new Convener position (Lee Hillam).
- Launching a completely new website with local details for members: www.gmbcambridge2.co.uk including the introduction of E News.
- Quarterly Newsletter available to all members.



Cambridgeshire County Council.

There has been more bad news for local government following the chancellor's autumn statement, the GMB continues to work with Cambridgeshire County Council to minimize the effects on our members and service users.

We are currently consulting members within the management pay bands on proposed changes to their terms and conditions. We will be consulting further with the authority in the New Year regarding implementation of the living wage. At a national level pay talks are continuing, please see our national website for details www.gmbunion.org.uk.

Schools & Academies.

We are currently visiting as many schools as is possible at the moment to talk about the living wage and pick up any members issues or questions. If you would like us to visit your school please contact Kevin or Lee on 01223 458208. Our organising team have written to another 150 schools and Academies to arrange visits, we will be bringing along our Switch to Direct debit form as mentioned above (see Trade Union Bill).

Over 610,000 working people in the UK have decided to join GMB. 40,000 of them in the last three years alone. GMB is Britain's quickest growing trade union.

GMB is a campaigning trade union. Its job is to get the best deal for GMB members at work and is committed to building a strong organization in every GMB workplace and so help make every workplace safer. Whoever you are, wherever you work: joining GMB is the right decision.



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