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*** IMPORTANT: Strike ballot open

Strike Ballot for Council workers

The ballot paper should be coming through your door now. If it has not arrived by **Monday 23 March**, please ring the UNISON office on 0208 359 2088.

It is your democratic right to Vote in this ballot. There is a lot of national media attention on trade union strike ballots in particular the percentage of our members who vote.

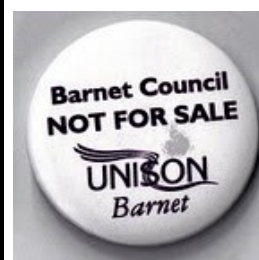
The branch is advising our members to **vote YES** in the strike ballot and to make sure you post it back immediately.



Meeting Dates—March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1. Budget – Bad news for Council workers

It is really bad news for local government workers (and for our members working for contractors) everything the branch has said about massive cuts, outsourcing will all happen if the proposed Austerity Budget is implemented. The branch will deal with the implications locally but this is a fight that needs to be addressed nationally by the whole of the trade union movement. It is not enough simply explain how bad things are, it is time to show leadership and build a movement that opposes the growing inequality and the social upheaval that Austerity brings before it is too late.

2. Unified Pay update

We are still working on the grading of the jobs. The focus is now on school job descriptions. UNISON is concerned that the Teaching Assistant job description we have before us is the same one graded in 2005 a decade ago. If you are a teaching assistant have you seen your job description and have you agreed to the content. If you need help please contact the branch on 0208 359 2088 or email contactus@barnetunison.org.uk

3. March to Save Barnet Libraries

Save Barnet Libraries campaign which is supported by Barnet UNISON has launched an exciting opportunity for library workers, supporters to join together and take part in the **“Grand Tour of Barnet Libraries”**.

There are a series of four marches walking through Barnet to all of our Libraries starting on **Saturday 28 March, 11 am outside Edgware Library**.

For more details see the flyer [here](#)

UPDATE: Nursery Schools restructure: St Margaret's, Brookhill and Hampden Way Nursery Schools.

This restructure has massive implications for our members and the future success of the service. All three nursery schools are outstanding Ofsted's. The Council decided that the funding for the schools had to change which has led to the proposal we are consulting on. At the opening consultation meetings at all three schools our members were **very direct** about what they thought about the proposals. They were unhappy about being downgraded, made redundant, made to take on more responsibility for less money, de-skilled (one role was named unqualified). UNISON has been holding weekly meetings (NUT & GMB included) with the members and within a week a number of the proposals changed e.g. all 3 care takers are now safe, grades pushed back up, job title changed, no implementation of Unified Pay through the back door. There is still much to do, but it is great to see local reps and members taking part in the process more later....

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