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Dear

RE: 30 November Pensions Strike

I am writing with regards to the planned Pensions strike this week. I am sure you recognise that this is a national dispute and not a local dispute which is why I am writing to make the following unusual request.

It is my understanding that a number of our members will be taking strike action and therefore your organisation will be making deductions from their pay. As this will be an unplanned saving to your organisation's budget I am requesting that all monies deducted as a result of strike action are donated to a local charity. As you know Charities are also finding the economic climate difficult and many have had their funding cut or stopped completely.

Whilst the decision of which Charity to choose is yours to make I would suggest as your organisation is providing services in Barnet, the Mayor's Charity would be an appropriate choice. The Mayor's Charity this year is supporting the following Charities

- Barnet Young Carers And Siblings 'BYCAS' provides services to support young carers aged 5-17 years living in the London Borough of Barnet
- The Outward Bound Trust – To unlock the potential in young people through discovery and adventure in the wild.
- The Alzheimer's Society – Leading the fight against dementia

Details on how to pay into these Charities can be found on the web site here http://barnetmayor.co.uk/?page_id=45

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JOBY".

John Burgess
Branch Secretary
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