Argyll & Bute Council Branch

UNISON
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SINGLE STATUS UPDATE.

NEGOTIATIONS.

You will be aware that the trade unions were meeting with representative of the Senior Management Team on 9 July.

The outcome of the discussions was that there was movement on various issues surrounding Clerical Job Overviews, Pay & Grading, Terms & Conditions and Quality Assurance. A meeting has been arranged for 12 July to update Councillors on the progress made to which the trade unions have been invited. At this stage the trade unions have decided not to release detailed information until after the meeting. It is our opinion that the discussions on the 9 July were constructive and were good stepping stones to progress to a future agreement.

A further update will be issued shortly after 12 July.

APPEAL PROCESS.

A letter has been issued to members outlining the following information:

"Members will be aware that for various reasons the lodging of completed appeals has been extended to 31 August 2007. Previously members indicated to the branch that they had lodged an initial appeal with the Head of Personnel Services.

As a UNISON member you do have the right to seek advice and support from the Branch and to allow for this process a number of surgeries have been organised as follows:

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LOCATION	DATE (2007)	TIME
Islay High School, Islay	24 & 25 July	11.00 – 18.00 (24), 09.00 – 15.30 (25)
Rothesay Pavilion, Bute	30 & 31 July	10.00 – 17.00
Queen's Hall, Dunoon	1, 2 & 3 August	10.00 – 17.00
Campbeltown CEC, Campbeltown rm5	6 & 7 August	10.00 – 18.00 (6) 09.00 – 17.00
Lochgilphead CEC, Lochgilphead	8, 9 & 10 August	09.00 – 17.00
Commodore Hotel, Helensburgh	13, 14 & 15 August	10.00 – 17.00
Western Isles Hotel, Mull	16 & 17 August	10.00 – 19.00 (16) 09.00 – 15.00 (17)
Corran Halls, Oban	20, 21 & 27 August	10.00 – 17.00

Should you wish to participate in this exercise, **even if you did not lodge an initial appeal but now feel, given the current developments you believe that you have a right to appeal**. I would be obliged if you could complete and return the attached slip in the enclosed envelope by 20 July 2007.

Please note that you should choose the venue nearest to you, which may or may not be the venue nearest to your workplace. The timetable has been devised with the closing date for appeals being 31 August 2007.

Once the programme has been finalised you will be advised of your appointment and you should bring with you all relevant paperwork/information to prosecute your appeal."

Following on from yesterday's meeting we can at this stage see no reason to alter the above programme and again you will be kept informed of any developments.

Donald Brown
Chairperson