

# ABC bin strike suspended as workers vote on pay deal



# This deal goes some way to helping the lowest paid council workers face the cost-ofliving crisis

The long-running Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon (ABC) bin strike has been suspended while GMB members vote on an improved pay deal today.

More than 1,000 local government workers from GMB, Unite and Nipsa have been on strike for 6 weeks, leaving more than half a million bins uncollected.

Workers sought a cost-of-living payment, wage harmonisation across the borough and a percentage point pay increase.



Intense negotiations with ABC bosses have now produced a new offer, which union members will vote on in the coming days.

### Alan Perry, GMB Regional Organiser, said:

"GMB members have fought hard for what was right and should be rightly proud of themselves, they now have a deal on the table winning a deal which will help to feed their families.,

"They want to thank the public for their support during the industrial action, which has been a struggle for everyone.

"If accepted, this will go some way to helping the lowest paid council workers face the cost-of-living crisis and a hard winter ahead.

"While welcome, this award from the council will not reverse the real terms pay cuts our members have suffered over the last two decades."

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