

Eastbourne bin strike set to spread across Sussex



The Eastbourne bin strike is set to spread across Sussex as GMB Union launched a consultative ballot for drivers in Adur and Worthing.

Refuse collectors in Eastbourne are to take their third day of industrial action tomorrow [10 January] in a dispute over pay and conditions.

Further strike dates have now been announced from January 14 – 28, which will see up to 50,000 household affected.

Meanwhile a consultative ballot for refuse collectors in nearby Adur and Worthing will close on 19 January.



GMB refuse collectors in Brighton successfully won improved pay, terms and conditions after a long-running strike at the end of last year.

Mark Turner, GMB Branch Secretary, said:

"Refuse collectors across the South Coast feel angry and unappreciated.

"They do a dirty and difficult job and should get the respect and pay they deserve - that's all GMB members are asking for.

"No one seems to notice refuse collectors until they find their bins unemptied and the streets strewn with rubbish. Unfortunately, that's what is about to happen.

"Adur and Worthing council would do well to listen to the concerns of our members, rather than fight the inevitable like neighbouring Eastbourne Council."

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