

# Sunderland bus strike ends in massive win for drivers



**Sunderland's long-running bus strike has ended in a massive win for workers.**

Three quarters of Sunderland's Stagecoach drivers have today [Wednesday 4 Jan 2022] voted to accept a double digit pay rise of 11 per cent – with a £150 bonus – backdated to 1 December.

Almost 200 bus drivers have been taking industrial action since October in the pay dispute.

But today's result means the strike has officially come to an end.

**Laura Maughan, GMB Organiser, said:**



"After a gruelling couple of months, Sunderland's bus drivers have won themselves a double digit pay rise – the least they deserve.

"GMB Union would like to thank the people of Sunderland for the support they've shown their drivers during this dispute – it means the world to them.

"And Stagecoach deserves credit for eventually realising drivers' worth and negotiating with them to reach a deal."

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