

# Strike threat delivers bumper pay win at Gedling Borough Council



**GMB members at Gedling Borough Council have today announced an agreement has been reached to deliver a significant pay boost for staff at the Council.**

Staff across Environmental Services, including HGV Waste Drivers, Arborists, Street Cleaning Teams and Grave Diggers are all to receive significant boosts to their pay after the campaign pushed key workers up Council pay scales.

This is on top of agreements late last year to scrap 'poverty pay bands', those pay scales at the bottom end of the Council's payment structures and deliver a local one-off cost of living payment for all contracted staff.



**Paul Genders, GMB Rep at Gedling Borough Council, said:**

“With the solidarity of our GMB members, we’ve been focused from day one on making work better for our members, that’s what GMB union at Gedling Borough Council is here to do.

“It was a disgrace that Council workers were struggling to keep their heads above water and pay the bills; I’m really pleased our campaign and strike ballot has been able to deliver this win for them.

“Our members do essential work in the Borough, keeping communities safe and clean for local people. Luckily, we’ve been able to avoid strike action this time as it would no doubt have led to significant disruption across our area.

**Craig Thomson, GMB Organiser, said:**

“This is a significant increase in pay for key workers in Gedling; it’s right thing to do and I’m delighted our members have been able to campaign to deliver this win.

“Council budgets are being squeezed at an unprecedented rate due to this Government’s unwillingness to support the key services local authorities deliver, and it should never be the front line key workers who pay the price for this”.

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