

# Time to come clean on plan to end Birmingham's 'eye-watering' equal pay liability, says GMB.



**Councillors will meet next week to discuss options to end the council's budget crisis.**

GMB union, Birmingham City Council's largest staff union, has today called on the Council to urgently set out its plan to settle the £760 million equal pay liability.

The call comes as the Council's leadership consider options to balance the books ahead of an emergency budget meeting planned for Tuesday 12 December.



Council bosses have so far ignored demands from GMB to enter into meaningful settlement talks to settle the outstanding equal pay liability being faced by the authority.

**Megan Fisher from GMB union said:**

“Council bosses are repeating the mistakes of the past; the very mistakes that caused this crisis in the first place.

“Birmingham City Council owes its low paid women workers hundreds of millions of pounds that have been stolen from them over years of discrimination.

“Those workers are facing another Christmas of uncertainty, not knowing when they’ll get the money that they deserve and have worked so hard for.

“At next week’s budget meeting, the council must provide a concrete commitment that it will finally settle its eye-watering historic debt to those women.

The council has a responsibility to present a plan that delivers pay justice, while protecting the services that the people of Birmingham depend upon”.

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