

# North Somerset bin strike: final talks are 'do or die time'



## GMB members need action now from North Somerset Environment Company to combat rising living costs

GMB union is calling on North Somerset environment company (NSEC) to make an offer that recognises the unprecedented cost of living crisis hitting members right now.

The calls come as North Somerset refuse workers reject a revised offer which failed to give members a real pay rise this year, **despite rampant inflation hitting 9 per cent.**



“ Soaring petrol costs drive inflation to 30-year high <https://t.co/DvsQyhdf0T>  
— BBC Business (@BBCBusiness) April 13, 2022

Bosses imposed a 1.75 per cent pay deal against the wishes of union members last year, which has seen members struggle to make ends meet.

If talks fail on Monday, more than 100 workers will walk out of recycling centres and refuse collection services run by North Somerset Environment Company.

The failure of talks will affect the refuse and waste collection of around 88,000 homes across Somerset.

“ Planned strike action by North Somerset bin and recycling site workers this week has been called off - but a revised pay offer has been REJECTED. <https://t.co/t2JZWKIHPI>  
— Weston, Worle & Somerset Mercury (@WSMERCURY) April 21, 2022

**Tim Northover, GMB Regional Organiser, said:**

“So far all the every offer has amounted to a real-terms pay cut in the midst of a cost of living crisis.

“Our members also need a pay rise that properly reflects the hard work they put in every day.

“The council need to come back with a plan to rectify it on Monday, or we’ll be forced to issue new strike dates.

“It’s do or die time for these talks now really, this can’t go on forever.”

“ The council has described the move as 'disappointing'. <https://t.co/Zvrq33jmCJ>  
— Bristol Live (@BristolLive) April 22, 2022



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