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Newsletter for RMBC Employees Only

December 2008

UNISON MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

UNISON PAY & GRADING MEETINGS		
Date	Venue	Time
Monday 15 th December	Great Hall Rochdale Town Hall	12.15 – 1.15pm & 5pm – 6pm
Tuesday 16 th December	The Old Bar Middleton Swimming Pool	12.15- 1.15pm & 5pm – 6pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Conference Room Heywood Civic Hall	12.15 – 1.15pm & 5pm – 6pm
Thursday 18 th December	Room 5 Littleborough Community Campus	5pm – 6pm

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On Thursday night (20th November) we held a mass lobby of the Council Cabinet outside the Town Hall, I would like to start by saying a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended. Estimates ranged from the conservative 250 up to 10,000, so it could be said that the best guestimate was around the 400 mark. A big Thank You to Sam O'Brien for keeping up our spirits and our voices.

We were also joined by a number of elected members of the Labour Party who were there to show their support for us and to voice their concerns about how the review was being conducted.

The Lobby then culminated in a rousing speech by John Rhodes (UNISON Regional Officer). In his speech he explained that even though many employees may not lose income because their pay would either stay the same or be raised, everybody would lose because Terms and Conditions have been slashed. John went on to say that Rochdale Council's handling of this whole review has been shambolic and that in those authorities where employers have worked alongside the unions, the reviews have been undertaken more constructively. John finished the night by requesting that each and everyone of us should next time bring more friends and colleagues with them to further planned protests.

Our next Lobby of Cabinet will be **26TH JANUARY 2008 FROM 5.00PM ONWARDS**. We wish to create a ring of dissatisfied staff around the Town Hall in Rochdale to show those Councillors who make decisions that we will continue to fight their Proposed Pay & Grading Package.

If you want to put anything in this newsletter please
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To: All UNISON Members

Dear Colleague

Re: Pay & Grading – UNISON to Lobby Local Councillors

We are arranging to lobby our Councillors as we feel it is important to ensure they hear your views and opinions about the Pay & Grading review. To make them fully understand the impact it will have on us all, especially the 25% of the workforce whose pay will be cut and the changes to all our terms and conditions.

Could you please complete your details below if you are willing to attend a Councillors surgery in the Ward where you live, we will provide support you won't be there on your own.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

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UNISON Branch Secretary

Name in full	Daytime Telephone	Ward you live in

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