

BARNET NEEDS YOU!

Barnet UNISON branch is facing mass privatisation and for some weeks now **some 400 members of staff have been taking industrial action short of strike action** in order to remain as Council employees (identity of the employer).

Our negotiations have gone nowhere, so far, and the employer has withdrawn from the negotiating table.

Dave Prentis general secretary message to Barnet UNISON.

“To the 400 UNISON members taking strike action: UNISON members across the country are standing shoulder to shoulder with you as you challenge this council – a council that refuses to listen to its workforce, a council that refuses to listen to logic or sense, a council now embarking on a **reckless gamble**”

“Last week our union commissioned a report on the impact of outsourcing on the council’s pension scheme. The report gave a **damning assessment** of the serious **financial risks** to the **pension scheme** as a direct result of One Barnet programme.

Our members are facing **daily intimidation** from the employer and taking this stance is certainly not easy for them. The employer is putting considerable resources (including paying for **3 Assistant Directors** to stand at the gate to monitor the 5 strikebreakers go into work on a Saturday!) into breaking the will of our members. Our members need to know you support them.

Barnet UNISON needs to see evidence of members standing shoulder to shoulder with us. **After the London Pensions Briefing come to the rally:**

Tuesday September 13th 5.30 – 7.30pm

Hendon Town Hall

The Burroughs NW4

Nearest tube: Hendon Central (Northern Line)

Send messages of support to: john.burgess@barnetunison.org.uk