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WELCOME TO THE THIRD

Branch NJC Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

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The Branch needs you to be a Pay Contact in your Workplace.

The Branch is still looking for Pay Contacts in all Teams and work places. Pay Contacts are essential in the running of your pay ballot by the Branch. You will form part of an essential Team of activists and volunteers in your Union, ensuring that the Branch gets a maximum turnout. The last Newsletter outlined the anti-trade union laws and the importance of returning your ballot paper, your role will be to share information and encourage others to vote. If you can do this for your Branch, email us at: unison@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Election News in Cambridgeshire

More than 100 Local Authorities across the Country saw voters turn out with I.D. in their hands. It was a good day for Labour across the Country and closer to home, they remained in control in the City of Cambridge with 25 seats. Before voters headed to the polls this week (Thursday, May 2) Labour was the largest party in the City with 25 councillors, followed by the Liberal Democrats with 11 councillors. The Green Party had four councillors ahead of the election and there was one Conservative councillor and one independent councillor. Following the election results, Labour remains with 25 councillors, Liberal Democrats have 10 councillors, the Green Party have five councillors, the Conservatives continue to have one councillor and there remains one independent councillor.

The election of Hugh Clough for the Green Party in Newnham is of particular significance. **Read more over:**



Polling Stations across our County saw voters turning out to cast their votes in Local Elections and for the Police and Crime Commissioner job.

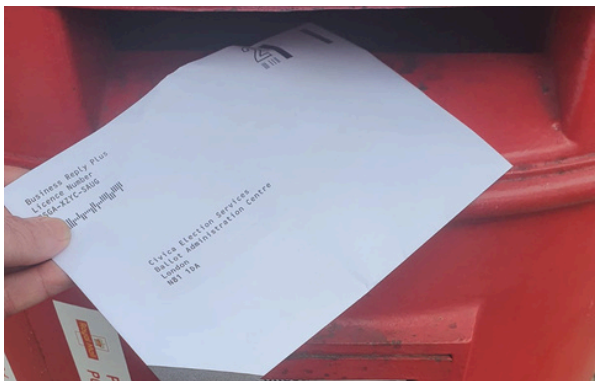
Cont. Local Election news

as Hugh ousted one of the Lib Dems big hitters, Lucy Nethsinga, leader of the County Council. The Greens gain takes them to 5 seats and a growing influence. Unison believe that the increasing Green voice, shows how much issues such as Climate Change has at a local level and how these politics resonate with young voters.

The lack of Conservative gains was reflected nationally as they were the biggest losers, losing 474 seats nationally.

UNISON'S SERVICE GROUP BALLOT CLOSES MAY 17: VOTE NOW

All members in Schools and NJC Local Authorities will by now have received ballot papers for the SGE Elections. You should have an email from ''Civica Election Services'' and a postal vote, please use one of these methods and make your vote count and return before the deadline.



The Branch nominated our Branch Secretary, **Rob Turner** for the **General Seat in Local Government.**

If you want more information on the Service Group ballots, email the Branch at:
unison@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Branch Social Media Outlets

Following the Branch, liking and sharing is a great way to keep up dated and spread the message of support.

https://www.facebook.com/cambsunison/

https://twitter.com/unisoncambs

Things can only get worse

The latest edition of Labour Research, a news and information magazine for Trade Unionists, has highlighted the significant cuts that Local Authorities have endured and what is to come.

The Local Government Association (LGA) reports that Councils in England are facing a funding gap of £4 billion, Cambridgeshire have already announced their gap of over £20 million! The LGA survey revealed that one in five council executives believed their chief finance officer would need to issue a section 114 notice -bankruptcy- by the end of this financial year due wholly to lack of funding.



That figure rises to 51% of councils going bust in the next parliament, if the Tories keep to their fiscal plan. Only 4% of the respondents had confidence in the sustainability of local gov. finance.

Unison's deputy head of local gov. Ruth Levin says the scale of the crisis is ''absolutely astronomical and hugely depressing''. Ruth added ''It's been growing since 2010 when the austerity programme started. Whilst demand for services has grown, Unison points to a massive 41% cut in government funding for councils in the decade from 2013.

It is no surprise that the result for those left working in Local Gov is huge caseloads, increased stress and enormous risks to workers registration. Councils need funding is the message to Sunak.

Why the pay claim is affordable

Wasted on unlawful Rwanda Deal £140,000,000
Spent on the cancelled HS2 £2,300,000,000
Annual Gov Consultancy fees £911,000,000