

# Cleaning review - UNISON wins progress at last

You may have recently read in the Evening News that UNISON had expressed concerns at the Finance and Resource committee of a crisis in the cleaning service and a forthcoming review that still required cuts of £1.3 million, proposals to cut 200 cleaners and a move to a 3 day clean in schools and council buildings.

Thankfully, following the UNISON deputation to the committee, the councillors approved the recommendations to remove the cuts directly attached to the cleaning service and start the review without delay.



**Gerry Stovin, UNISON, at the Finance and Resource Committee**

Although there may be some reduction to the service, it will be a fraction of what was proposed and UNISON will ensure that these vital early morning and late afternoon cleans stay in schools 5 days a week. You will know all too well that investment is needed, not cuts.

Now that cleaning

jobs are secure, we will meet with FM management to get the permanent recruitment started to fill the vacancies that are crippling the service.

With the review starting soon, we really need members to help give us feedback on what the proposals mean for you.

It would also be really useful to act as a contact for your school, to pass on any comments from your colleagues and put up newsletters about the review.

If you can, please contact the branch office below and leave your details.

**Gerry Stovin, Service Conditions Officer**

## Keep in touch

The quickest method to get in information to members about the review is by email. If you have not already provided your email address, please either call the office on 0131 558 7488 or email the [branchoffice@edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:branchoffice@edinburgh.org.uk) to register your email address.

## Remember

- put this newsletter on your noticeboard at work to let as many people as possible know what is happening in the review.
- encourage non members to join us in UNISON.

## Thinking of becoming a rep?

In these times more than ever, it is important that we have as many reps as possible to speak up for our members.

UNISON'S organisation depends on its network of workplace stewards and contacts. If there is something you may be interested in please contact the branch office and we can speak to you about what it involves and send you some information.

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