

## Vote 'YES' for action to defend your pension First day of action November 30th, 2011

The government wants you to:  
**Work longer**  
**Pay 50% more**  
**Get 50% less**

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If the government gets its way those of you contributing to public sector pension schemes working in local government services will be forced to work longer, pay higher pension contributions and get a poorer pension in retirement.

While the union tried to negotiate a fair settlement, the government would not listen. We now have no option but to ballot members working in local government for industrial action commencing on November 30th.

### Get ready to defend your pension – **Vote 'YES'**

Unite is opposed to the changes to your Local Government Pension Scheme because :

- 1:** Local government pensions are not gold-plated – the average pension is £3,048 a year with the average for women only £2,870. The government's plans could see members lose a quarter of the value of their pensions over the next 25 years.
- 2:** Many local government workers are low paid even though they provide vital local services –70% of local government workers earn less than £21,000 a year.
- 3:** Asking for a 50% increase in contributions from these workers may lead many to 'opt-out' leaving them with no pension at all.
- 4:** The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) is a funded scheme with investments in UK and overseas business generating returns to the scheme.

Your Unite ballot paper will be sent to you during October.  
Make sure you vote for the national day of action on November 30th.

**How to get ready to VOTE 'YES':** Log onto 'My Unite' at: [www.unitetheunion.org](http://www.unitetheunion.org) and make sure you provide the following details: your employer's name, your workplace and your job title.

