



LANCASHIRE UNISON CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT OUR PENSIONS

SIX WEEKS OF CAMPAIGNING TO SAVE THE LGPS!



The next six weeks are going to be absolutely crucial to the future of the LGPS. The LGA and the Employers are pushing for a worse scheme for higher contributions despite saving money already by removing the

85 Rule and introducing the 25% lump sum commutation. And neither they or the Government have yet agreed to more protection so...**every single UNISON member covered by the scheme is being asked to**

campaign for its life over the next six weeks, until the draft Regulations outlining the proposed LGPS for the future are published. Read on to find out what you must do.



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LGPS MASS LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT 22 NOVEMBER

As a culmination of the next phase of our campaign, UNISON has decided to hold a **rally and mass LGPS lobby of Parliament on 22 November**. This date has been chosen because it hopefully falls before the draft Regulations on the new scheme appear, and even if we have them by then, will provide the opportunity to let MP's know what we want in terms of protection and the new scheme from 2008

POLITICAL ACTION IS THE KEY

Political action is going to be key to winning this dispute. MPs and the Government have to be made to realise that we will not accept an increase in employee contribution for reduced pension benefits and that our fight for full protection goes on. Local Elections and the National one in Wales in May 2007 provide an important focus for our political campaign. UNISON members hold the balance in many marginal constituencies, so let's make our numbers felt!

Further details of the lobby will be issued shortly. We will be producing a lobby pack which will include a briefing for you to use when lobbying your MP or LGA member. In the meantime please inform all members of the date – 22 November 2006.

All travel and accommodation (for the night before 21.11.06) costs will be paid by the Branch should anyone need it and this will be booked centrally.

Members need to let the Branch Office know by no later than 31.10.06 whether they intend to attend the Lobby and what travel/accommodation arrangements they require.



**Please circulate to non-members and encourage them to join.
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