

Urgent Motion by the SNP Group

Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee– 23

August 2022

Industrial Action

Notes the ongoing strikes by Unite and GMB members of the waste and cleansing department, and the subsequent impact on the streets of Edinburgh.

Notes that COSLA met on the 12th August and agreed an offer of 3.5%, which the council leader voted for, despite there being an alternate proposal of 5% on the table.

Notes that on the 19th August COSLA met again and this time agreed a 5% offer.

Requests an urgent briefing for GRBV members covering:

- 1) The information and advice that was provided to the council leader in advance of the COSLA meeting on the 12th of August
- 2) The subsequent information and advice provided to the council leader in advance of the COSLA meeting on the 19th of August
- 3) Details and minutes of any meetings the council leader had with the trade unions ahead of both COSLA meetings
- 4) Details and minutes of any meetings the council leader had with COSLA officials ahead of both COSLA meetings
- 5) Details and information provided to council leader by council officers on the affordability of a 5% pay offer and whether a 3.5% pay offer would have spent all of the available resources Edinburgh Council had in its budget, as well as those additional funds secured from the Scottish Government by COSLA to help meet an increased pay offer

Moved by Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by Councillor