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## **The Big Push for 2020**

UNISON at every level is launching a big push to secure as much support as possible for the extension of full protection to 2020.

### **Briefing for Employers, Councillors and Pension Funds**

Supportive employers/councillors and pension funds are going to be the key to winning 2020. We are mailing out a detailed briefing to employers and councillors in England and Wales demonstrating clearly that 2020 will not result in an additional cost to taxpayers and employers. This briefing expands on the case we set out in Campaign News 64.

### **What we need Branches to do**

- It is vital that branches urgently meet with their employers to put forward our case. To help you with this lobbying attached is the actual briefing that we will be mailing out. This means contacting every employer affected by this including universities, colleges, police authorities, PTEs and Environment Agency.
- Branches should also get members to lobby their local councillors using the arguments in the briefing. We need councillors to ensure that their authority submits a supportive response to the statutory consultation. You can find your local councillor's contact details by visiting [www.councillor.gov.uk](http://www.councillor.gov.uk)

### **Representatives on Pension Boards/Committees**

Representatives need to ensure that every member of the board/committee sees our briefing. Make sure that you have a full discussion on your funds response to the consultation and lobby hard for the response to be supportive of 2020.

The mailing to employers will be despatched during next week and the councillors one will follow later. In the meantime don't delay in making contact with your employers and councillors using the attached briefing.

**The deadline for responding to the CLG statutory consultation is the 1 October 2007.**

Responses should be sent to:

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Finally please let us know what response your employer/council and pension fund intends to make to the statutory consultation. Email copies of the responses to the UNISON LGPS Campaign Unit [LGPS@unison.co.uk](mailto:LGPS@unison.co.uk)

Good luck