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RMT reject LU pay/NT /FFFS offer - strikes are on - 3 days named, more to follow!

RMT announce strikes over pay, NT and 'Fit for the Future'

The RMT has announced three further strike dates on the tube, and a 'week of action' on stations in ongoing disputes involving pay, Night Tube and the introduction of 'Fit for the Future' on stations, where bosses are trying to cut over 800 frontline workers and rip up agreements.

On pay and night tube ALL grades called out follows;
Fleet grades not to book on for any shifts between 18.30 hours 26th January 2016 and 18.29 hours 27th January 2016. All other grades not to book on between 21.00 hours 26th January 2016 and 20.59 hours 27th January 2016
Fleet grades not to book on for any shifts between 18.30 hours 15th February 2016 and 18.29 hours 16th February 2016. All other grades not to book on between 21.00 hours 15th February 2016 and 20.59 hours 16th February 2016
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Mick Cash said "RMT supports the principle of a properly worked out Night Tube service introduced through agreement with the unions but the abject failure to work through the detail has led to a comprehensive breakdown in the negotiations and has forced us to name a programme of further industrial action.

"This whole situation could have been avoided if London Underground, under direction from the Mayor, had dealt with the Night Tube professionally from the off instead of resorting to ultimatums and imposition."



Every job matters /Fit for the future station job cuts programme

All station staff grades to take a week of action from the imposition of the rosters and new operating model on Sunday 7th February through to Saturday 13th February – the nature of that industrial action to be confirmed in due course.

The current over time ban on stations remains in place until further notice.

RMT STATIONS GRADES NOT TO WORK ANY OVERTIME from 05:30 hours on Sunday 3rd January 2016 until further notice.

During strike days the over time ban has to be lifted - apparently some anti trade union law means you can't instruct members not to do over time - whilst they are out on strike?

We have laid out our demands on all the issues and told the company that unless good progress is made the strikes will take place and further industrial action could be called.

Support the overtime ban
 Support the strikes

Tube workers to be balloted in defence of Glen Hart



The RMT have advised LUL that a dispute situation exists over the continued suspension and threat of disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, against RMT Rep Glen Hart. Also that this dispute situation will remain in place until this matter is resolved to our members' satisfaction and Glen Hart is reinstated to his full substantive role.

The ballot papers will be posted out to all London Underground members on Thursday 21st January and the closing date for this ballot is Thursday 4th February 2016.

Ballot papers must be returned by 4th February

RMT balloting over 'Section 15' possessions

Less than 24 hours after talks broke down with LUL regarding Section 15 Possessions, there have been two further incidents underlining the warnings that the RMT gave that the whole process has casualised safe track access to such a point that serious injury or death was becoming inevitable.

LULs stance that these possessions could continue and that their 'robust' response to previous incidents meant they did not feel the need to suspend Section 15 Possession. This reply is now shown to be aspirational and this remains purely an example of cost cutting over safety. We now know, as we warned at the meeting, two further incidents occurred that saw staff on the track with traction current on and in a further incident, staff on the track with a train master unaware they was there.

Ballot papers to be returned by 28th January 2016.



Tube Lines members to be balloted

Members are being balloted over pay and the introduction of Night Tube. The long running issue of pension parity with LUL staff is also a matter of dispute.

Ballot papers to be returned by January 28.

Doors open between stations on Piccadilly Line train -

Despite legitimate concerns that were raised LUL tried to play down the incident and insist drivers work as normally. When drivers refused to work under the grounds of H&S -LUL first tried to intimidate drivers by threatening to send them home and stop their pay.

Drivers stood firm against this and a special service was put in - LUL tried to kid the public by saying it was due to "lack of available operators" Suffice to say no driver was sent home or lost any pay.

"RMT pays tribute to the swift action of union safety reps who once again have proved that they are the front line when it comes to safe operation of services for passengers and staff alike"



Geoff Revell 1942 - 2016 RIP

Geoff sadly passed away last Wednesday January 13th at the Willen Hospice

Our thoughts and hearts are with Geoff's family at this difficult time.

A massive influence in the RMT who served as an EC member and was highly effective in the London Transport region.

A great comrade who will be sorely missed.

Viva Geoff Revell

Viva RMT

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