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NIGHT TUBE DISPUTE UPDATE

RMT MAKE PROGRESS ON NIGHT TUBE DISPUTE WITH LUL MAKING AN OFFER



NIGHT TUBE STRIKE SUSPENDED FOR 12 WEEK REVIEW IN OCTOBER

After at least 20 sessions at ACAS, over the last twelve months, in an effort to break the deadlock on the Night Tube dispute, sufficient progress has now been made to allow the offer from LUL to be tested on the ground. At the core of this dispute was the RMT demand that Night Tube duties should not be imposed on our members and the service be run on a voluntary basis. This came following LUL ripping up an agreement with the other organisation's connivance that

effectively imposed these duties on our members.

As a result RMT members on the Victoria and Central Lines have been taking **sustained strike action every weekend since last November** and have recently been joined by our members on the Jubilee and Northern Lines.

Following this heroic effort and the fact that LUL have not once moved an inch from their position of imposing these duties on our members an offer was made last Friday. This came after intense talks with our negotiating team at ACAS. Extracts from this letter of offer from Nick Dent (Director of Customer Operations) are set out on page 2.

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RMT / LUL NIGHT TUBE OFFER EXPLAINED

1 RMT and LUL will agree a minimum number on each line who wish to preference Night Tube duties. This is the first time in over a year that LUL have agreed to actually assess which drivers and how many are actually happy to undertake these duties. This agreement will mean we will have confidence that once that number is reached no RMT member will be forced to work these duties.

2 A review will take place of the allocation of Night Tube duties under these arrangements against a list of those who have expressed a preference for Night Tube Duties. All drivers on all lines will now be asked to preference Night Tube duties if they want to work them. Syndicates, where they exist, will make sure these drivers get the night tube duties; or they will be facilitated by LUL (where they don't exist or where our members are not in the syndicate). On the whole, syndicates are best placed to facilitate the necessary changeovers and the whole process will be subject to monthly reviews.

3 We will review this further in practice and explore if this could enable more effective cover across the line, subject to reviews. It is envisaged this will enable NT duties to be covered by those who preference them across the line, in order to prevent RMT members being forced to work them, if there are insufficient drivers who have preferred them at a particular depot. This is similar to the Boxing Day agreement where insufficient volunteers are present at any given depot.

4 We agree that level one committees will monitor Night Tube working to ensure fairness of application. This means that your local reps will have complete oversight of who is working these shifts, to monitor any instances where our members are compelled to work them and to ensure the fair distribution of NT shifts to those who have preferred them.

5 Monthly reviews will take place at TFC to ensure it is working and a full review will take place after 3 months.



Working to make NT voluntary

This letter and its contents were discussed at an all Night Tube Line reps meeting with Head Office Officials in attendance including the General Secretary. It was the majority view that the strike action should be suspended to allow the contents of this letter to be fully implemented and reviewed.

This is a big step forward in ensuring that no RMT member is compelled to work Night Tube Shifts. This has been achieved by RMT alone without any help or assistance from the other organisation, who never once consulted with their members or cared if these duties were imposed on them or not.

As a consequence the RMT National Executive today gave notice that all strike action is suspended in this dispute until further notice.

The dispute is not over and if during/after the 3 months the members are not happy with how it is working then further strike action can be contemplated to progress this issue.

We thank all those members and non-members who have shown true trade union principles during these strikes and supported their fellow workers to achieve a fair deal.

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