

National Employers for local government services

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Dear Ian,

CRAFTWORKER PAY 2020

Thank you for your letter of 23 April.

I am able to clarify the Employers' position on additional funding, however, I should be clear that the National Employers' offer, as set out in our letter to you of 16 April will not be revisited.

The National Employers' final pay offer of 2.75 per cent is not conditional on the response from government to any request for an additional amount to be awarded to employees in recognition of their response to the COVID-19 emergency. The National Employers have recommended this be considered by the LGA, WLGA and NILGA and that discussion has now moved to those organisations. Your request to make a joint submission with the national LGA bodies has been passed on and is being considered and it will be for them to decide the process, format and timing of any approach and I shall keep you informed of developments.

The National Employers again urge you to move to consult on, and hopefully accept, the final offer as soon as practicable so that employees can receive their pay award as soon as possible while appreciating the challenges the current situation poses for consultation processes.

You will be aware that the task facing local government in the months and years following the current pandemic will be hugely challenging and the National Employers would like to ensure the maximum time for engagement with JNC unions to ensure the best possible approach.

Yours sincerely,

Naomi Cooke

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cc Karen Leonard, GMB