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Local Government Finance (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Order 2020

Councils have done, and are doing, vital work during the Covid -19 crisis. They were struggling financially before the demands of the pandemic were placed upon them so this limited, but in all honesty, inadequate uplift is welcome. What is vital is that this money reaches councils - and crucially council staff - without delay.

As we tentatively begin to look beyond the outbreak, and consider life afterwards, the contribution of council staff should be borne in mind. Putting more money in their pockets is the right thing to do - both in terms of rewarding their effort and in aiding local economic recovery.

Advisory Group on Economic Recovery recommendations

In our submission to the Advisory group we made the case for focusing recovery plans on a core activities. By these we mean essential goods and services like housing, utility supply, health, transport education and care. This foundational economy of branches and networks provides the infrastructure of everyday life. These serve our essential daily household needs, keeping us safe and civilised. These can and should be at the centre of any future economic strategy. Investing in these sectors provides both longer term economic benefit and increased social resilience. Investing in these sectors can provide reliable incomes for workers, with returns that go into the community rather than offshore bank accounts. They are sectors less vulnerable to economic shocks and more reliable over the medium and long term Our submission [can be read here](#)

A graphic with the text "Coronavirus updates" in large white letters on a green background with a pattern of virus particles.	<p>Everything you need to know on Coronavirus and your rights at work here.</p>
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<p>UNISON - getting bigger</p> <p>UNISON Scotland's membership, already the largest of any trade union in Scotland, is going up, with more than 10,000 workers joining the union this year. There has been a surge of new members working in health and social care, particularly in April, prompted by UNISON's campaigning and negotiations on behalf of the workforce during the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>This membership climb has been reflected across the UK, where UNISON has seen significant growth across public services. More details can be found here and our new TV ad stressing that no worker should face these uncertain times alone can be watched here</p>
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Free Challenging Racism in the Workplace Webinar



Show Racism the Red Card in the workplace - Crowdcast

Register now for STUC Learning's event on Crowdcast, scheduled to go live on Tuesday June 23, 2020 at 2:00 pm BST.

www.crowdcast.io

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[NHS Members = Pay & Covid 19 Survey](#)

[Local Government Workers' Survey](#)



National news update for UNISON members working in British Gas

This is a national news update for UNISON members working in British Gas.

UNISON we will be consulting with our senior reps in the business on what next steps we take.

[CORONAVIRUS: Nursery schools need safety reps](#)



Every school
needs a
safety rep

Contact your local branch to get involved!



Join today: join.unison.org.uk

Work in education?

Help defeat COVID19 by becoming a health and safety rep.. [read more](#)



**COVID-19
response fund**

we're there for you



If you are a member and you are experiencing financial difficulties, whatever the circumstances, **There for You** can offer you support. We can provide one-off grants to those in difficulty due to coronavirus, or other financial assistance for those experiencing unexpected hardship.

UNISON members in Scotland who need advice during Coronavirus



 Please speak to your workplace rep first. If possible.

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When you call us you will be asked to leave a message, please do and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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PICK OF THE MEDIA

20/06/20 heraldscotland.com

"Unison is keen to secure a fair cash pay settlement for professional and support staff in colleges after years of suppression of wages" , Chris Greenshields, branch secretary of the Unison Scotland further education branch.

19/06/20 tuc.org

Trade union membership rises for third year running to 6.4 million.

17/06/20 jrf.org.uk

Nearly two-thirds of families on Universal Credit forced to borrow money during pandemic.

17/06/20 thecourier.co.uk

'Hugely concerning situation' as Scottish renewable energy jobs flatline since 2014, report claims.

16/06/20 dailyrecord.co.uk

Union leaders warn West Dunbartonshire schools return could pose "significant risk".

16/06/20 holyrood.com

Scotland misses 2018 climate emissions reduction target

15/06/20 unison-scotland.org

NHS staff are angry that Scottish Health Secretary has dismissed calls to re-open pay talks, says UNISON.

15/06/20 workerssafetyscotland.org

New STUC Health & Safety website ...packed full of guidance, our demands and advice.

15/06/20 morningstaronline.co.uk

Orgreave - **still no justice**

NHS Scotland's self-help guide on the coronavirus



Learning in Lockdown

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PUBLIC WORKS: TOOLKIT

Public Works is the UNISON Scotland campaign for jobs, services, fair taxation and a Living Wage... and against austerity. **This toolkit** provides branches with campaign resources to save our public services from the cuts driven by an austerity that is a political choice not an economic necessity.
