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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Coventry UNISON responds with anger to news of Council Underspend – as staff to join national strike action over Local Government Pay**

The biggest trade union representing workers at Coventry City Council has reacted angrily to news that the council recorded an underspend of over £7 million during the last financial.

Sarah Feeney, branch secretary of Coventry City Unison said

*'At a time when our members who provide vital public services are being told by the Council leadership that there will be more redundancies on the way and local services being cut, to hear that the Council underspent by £7.2 million is an act of injustice to our members and the people of this city. Money shouldn't be put away for a rainy day when there is a deluge pouring down on us. Across the country council reserves have risen, surely this money should be used to defend services as demand for them continues to rise. It is sickening to think that our members are having to resort to strike action in an attempt to win a pay deal that would keep up with the cost of living, whilst money is stuffed away in the council coffers.'*



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Planned industrial action will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

For details of the pay campaign and future events, visit the national Unison Campaign page via <http://www.unison.org.uk/our-campaigns/unison-campaigns/worth-it/home/> or contact Coventry Unison via the above address or visit on the web via [www.coventryunison.co.uk](http://www.coventryunison.co.uk), our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/coventry.unison>.

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