

Executive Council resolution on pensions (20/06/13) following letter from Brandon Lewis

FBU conference in May debated developments in relation to pensions. This was followed by a series of discussions with government representatives.

On 19 June the FBU received a letter from the CLG Fire Minister setting out proposals. This letter sets out what the Minister states is his 'final offer.' This letter was copied to the relevant Ministers in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The 'final offer' is made on the condition that it should be agreed by the FBU membership.

The Minister seeks a response to his letter by 12 July 2013.

The proposals do not adequately address the concerns set out by the FBU, concerns which are supported by significant research and evidence presented over the past two years.

Having considered all the details, the Executive Council cannot recommend agreement of these proposals.

This decision rests with members and the 'final offer' shall therefore be circulated for consultation through the union structures.

The Executive Council will reconvene during the week commencing 8 July to consider the outcome of this consultation.

In the meantime the union will continue to seek improvements to the position. This will include discussion in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Executive Council acknowledge the patience and determination of members and ask that all members participate in the consultation on this issue over the next two weeks.

Recommendations:

1. The Executive Council recommends that the proposals from CLG should not be agreed.
2. Following consultation, if the situation remains unacceptable, the Executive Council will act on the authority outlined in the Emergency Resolution on pensions.