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Council and trade union hold equal pay meeting

North Lanarkshire Council and the UNISON trade union have met to discuss equal pay, with the talks described as ‘constructive’.

The meeting between senior elected members, council officers and UNISON officials took place yesterday (Monday December 8) to discuss issues surrounding the current equal pay dispute.

Councillor Jim McCabe, Leader of North Lanarkshire Council, chaired the meeting. He said: “I thought it was important that elected members meet with UNISON officials so that both the council and the trade union could achieve a better understanding of the current position on equal pay.

“I am pleased that the discussions were constructive in nature and that we were able to provide clarity around the current offer to what are known as second wave claimants. We are not yet in a position to reach a settlement but I thought the meeting was a positive step forward.

“I would wish to see this dialogue continue in the future and I welcome the spirit in which UNISON approached this meeting.”

John Mooney, branch secretary of the North Lanarkshire branch of UNISON, said: “We were happy to have an opportunity to discuss matters with elected members, and welcome their involvement going forward. We hope that this leads to better and swifter negotiations with us and our colleagues and that our members can receive the payments they deserve.”

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